

UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme

1 April 2022 - 30 June 2022

Highlights

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Azerbaijan, 10 June 2022: The Under-Secretary-General of UNOCT, Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, and the Chairman of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Safar Mehdiyev, signed an MoU, formalizing their partnership.



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sierra Leone, 13 May: UNOCT and the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone, represented by the Office of National Security, formalized the signing of a MoU to strengthen co-operation in preventing and countering terrorism.



First Meeting of the West Africa Regional Informal Working Group (IWG), 11 May: Organized by UNOCT and UNODC, and hosted by the Government of Sierra Leone, the in-person meeting on API and PNR provided a forum for border law enforcement, security, and civil aviation agencies from 17 regional countries.



Full-Return of In-Person Activities

Over the second quarter of 2022, there were 14 activities and events at which the CTPP participated in-person with an in-person CTPP activity being held every week in both May and June



April: Sensitization and capacity-building workshop on UN CT Travel Programme (API and PNR) for the Government of Kenya. Setting out the aims and objectives of the UN CTPP on Maritime border security, and data exploitation.

May: First meeting of the West Africa regional IWG, Sierra Leone in-person coordination, BSM Regional Workshop in Rabat, CTPP Mission to CARICOM, Regional CTPP-INTERPOL Workshop for Africa, Azerbaijan in-person training.



June: CT Travel-EU Steering Committee visit to Brussels, Kenya Workshop, Philippine's study visit to the UK, training course for Ghana, participation in the EU-IWG, all pillar coordination meeting in Botswana, and launch of the Southern Africa regional IWG.



Capacity Building

Training: Training courses were delivered for Azerbaijan, and Ghana in in-person format with 96 participants, and with the contribution of international experts from Germany, Australia, and the Netherlands PIUs.

Operational: Three in-person operational working groups. Q3 will see UNODC/AIRCOP fully staffed for CT Travel Programme.

Technical: 36 technical working group meetings, one MS entering pre-production, two IT trainings delivered, and 17 IT support tickets resolved.

Transport Industry: There were five Pillar 3 working group meetings; drafting sessions of National Implementation Guides for three countries; and one connectivity meeting.

Legal: Ten legal working group meetings with eight beneficiary countries, and three pieces of legislation were reviewed.

About CT Travel

The objective of the UN CT Travel Programme is to build Member States' capabilities to prevent, detect and investigate terrorist offenses and other serious crimes, including related travel, by:

- Collecting and analyzing travel information such as passenger data, namely Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR);
- Improving the use of international databases with known and suspected terrorists and criminals, such as the databases of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL); and
- Enhancing international information exchange, in line with UN Security Council resolutions [2178](#), [2396](#), and [2482](#).

The detection capabilities, commonly referred to as Passenger Information Units (PIUs), that the Programme helps establish are in charge of processing passenger data provided by the transport industry using the UN 'goTravel' software solution, based on solid legislation and regulations established with the Programme's assistance.

CT Travel Strategy

The Programme provides assistance to Member States across four key pillars of work:

Pillar I

Legislation support for API and PNR

Pillar II

Operational support for Passenger Information Units (PIUs)

Pillar III

Transport industry engagement

Pillar IV

Technical support for goTravel

CT Travel: 2019 - Present

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Beneficiary Members States



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Members States assessed



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Roadmaps developed



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Countries testing goTravel



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Ensuring an 'All-of-UN' Approach to Programme Implementation

MS Coordination

- **Master Implementation Plan:** National Implementation Sites have now been developed and agreed for a further four Member States (Kenya, Eswatini, Namibia, Morocco).
- **Internal Coordination:** Five PMTs on implementation for 14 MS, on 7 April the PMT held a coordination meeting with IOM Field Operations in Nairobi and Abuja to discuss ongoing implementation in Kenya and Nigeria, and to ensure that CTP activities are coordinated and build upon the existing work of IOM on the ground; on 21 April to coordinate on CARICOM, Iraq and France; On 28 April to coordinate prior to the West Africa IWG for Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone; on 26 May to coordinate on CARICOM (post mission), Philippines, and the Anglophone MS in West Africa, Gambia, Ghana, Sierra Leone; on 9 June focused on post West Africa IWG Francophone, Benin, Cote D'Ivoire, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Togo.

Bilateral Member State Coordination

- **Bilateral Coordination:** CT Travel held 21 bilateral meetings with 12 Member States to progress implementation and support coordination efforts.

Developing Training Structures

- **CT Travel Training Structures:** In close cooperation with the programme partners and donor countries, including certification, online training platforms, train-the-trainer (ToT) modules, etc.
- **CT Travel Training Delivery:** Two training courses, three Member States enrolled for e-learning. CT Travel Programme interactive training course for officials from Azerbaijan, interactive training course for officials from Ghana, and e-learning modules for Moldova.
- **CT Travel Training Development:** Development of new eLearning and microlearning modules, on (i) Maritime, (ii) Human Rights, (iii) goTravel, and (iv) Security Environment, all translated into UN official languages.

Regional Informal Working Groups (IWGs)

- **West Africa IWG:** In-person meeting took place in Freetown, Sierra Leone in May, gathered 86 participants from 17 countries, and also elected Sierra Leone as the chair, with Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, The Gambia, and Nigeria serving as the thematic vice-chairs on legal, operational, carrier engagement, and ICT domains respectively. UNODC/AIRCOP are acting as the Secretariat.
- **Southern Africa IWG:** Launched in June, with Botswana as the main chair, including the other beneficiaries of CT Travel, such as Eswatini, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, and Tanzania. Therefore, the first in-person meeting is planned before the end of the year.
- **Eastern Europe IWG:** Launched in 2020, with first meeting taking place in Q3 2021, chaired by Kyrgyzstan, with Mongolia, Albania, Montenegro, and Georgia as sub-working group chairs, and OSCE acting as the Secretariat.

Upcoming Activities

July:

- Consultation with Nigeria on the establishment of an API and PNR System
- CT Travel Training with Moldova

August:

- CT Travel Maritime Pilot Test in the Philippines

September:

- CT Travel Training with Togo
- Rules-based Targeting Training with Norway
- Consultation with Niger on the establishment of an API and PNR System

Training Approach

CT Travel Programme has designed a week-long online blended learning course that covers all aspects of the training syllabus, which are:

- The threat environment;
- An introduction to the CT Travel Programme;
- International legal and regulatory framework related to API and PNR data;
- The operationalization of a Passenger Information Unit (PIU);
- State and industry engagement;
- Technological support and the 'goTravel' software; and
- Maritime passenger data.

Participants will be able to engage through a mix of live sessions and prerecorded lectures at their own pace and even come back to the information once the course is finished. Every video also offers a PDF file for reference after the course. Recently, a new legal case study was added to the programme. Each training is preceded by a pre-training week, 3 hours of self-study, where we explain the terms API and PNR.

Here is the [link](#) to the brochure on the website.

51 Beneficiary Member States

Azerbaijan		Kazakhstan		Sierra Leone	
Benin		Kenya		South Africa	
Botswana		Kyrgyzstan		Sri Lanka	
Côte d'Ivoire		Mali		Sudan	
Djibouti		Mauritius		Switzerland	
DRC		Moldova		Tajikistan	
Eswatini		Mongolia		Tanzania	
Ethiopia		Morocco		The Gambia	
France		Namibia		The Maldives	
Ghana		Niger		The Philippines	
Iraq		Nigeria		Togo	
Israel		Norway		Vietnam	

*CARICOM (representing 15 Member States)

