Newsletter

UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme

1 July 2022 - 30 September 2022

Highlights

Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement (MoU-A) with Norway, 7 July: UNOCT and the Kingdom of Norway signed an MoU and an MoA formalizing their partnership in preventing and countering terrorist travel and serious crimes through the United Nations goTravel software.

Norway goLive with goTravel and Launches its New Passenger Information Unit (PIU), 30 September: Organized by UNOCT and UNOICT, and hosted by the Government of Norway, becoming the first member state to achieve this milestone and to utilize the United Nations software solution "goTravel".

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Gambia, 06 September: UNOCT and The Gambia, formalized the signing of an MoU to strengthen co-operation in preventing and countering terrorist travel and serious crimes through the United Nations software solution "goTravel".

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Togo, 07 September: UNOCT and the Republic of Togo finalized an MoU to strengthen the collection, processing, and the use of API, and PNR data, which are essential tools for combating terrorism and transnational organized crime.

Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with OSCE, 20 September: USG of UNOCT, Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, and the Secretary-General of OSCE, Ms. Helga Maria Schmid, signed a partnership agreement to strengthen regional cooperation on the use of passenger data to prevent terrorist travel in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Arrangement on Cooperation (AoC) with WCO, 22 September: UNOCT and the World Customs Organization (WCO), signed an Arrangement on Cooperation (AoC) today to further strengthen their partnership and advance their joint initiatives to counter-terrorism.

Capacity Building

Training: Three countries enrolled for the Foundational e-learning course, two interactive CT Travel training courses for Moldova, and Togo, and one Specialized Rules-based Targeting Training for Norway.

Operational: Eight operational working groups, 2 targetings training/workshops, and 3 WG meetings dedicated to the drafting of PIU TORs / national SOPs.

Legal: Two pieces of legislation reviewed for Mongolia, and France, and 17 engagements with 14 Member States, including nine meetings with the legal working groups of eight Member States. Also produced a comparative analysis of the implications of the recent ruling by the Court of Justice of the EU.

IOM: 15 awareness-raising meetings with IOM field operations, support/financing for one consultation, and support to two WG meetings.

Transport Industry: Eight dedicated Pillar 3 Working Group meetings and two joint Pillar 1 meetings held with ten Member States, as well as two draft implementation guides prepared and two connectivity meetings.

Technical: 1 Member State in production, 10 more in pre-production. 45 technical WG meetings, 6 dedicated IT training courses and 13 support tickets.

CT Travel: 2019 - Present

54 Beneficiary Members States

25 Members States assessed

23 Roadmaps developed

1 Country in production with goTravel

10 Countries in pre-production testing goTravel

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

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Executive Summary | Key Successes in Numbers

Quarter 3 2022 marked the first Member State moving to full production with live data in gravel, and recognised in a high-level opening ceremony in Oslo. This quarterly is also the first to include IOM as the newest Partner in the Programme, and marked the return to in-person consultations in Nigeria and Niger.

July: One MoU was signed with Norway on 7 July, and one MoA was signed with Norway for the license of "goTravel", the third MoA to be signed by the Programme. One Interactive Training for Moldova, and a consultation with Nigeria on the establishment of an API and PNR System.

August: CT Travel Maritime Pilot Test in The Philippines on August 10.

September: Two MoUs signed, with The Gambia in-person on 6 September, and with Togo on 7 September. This brings the total number of MoUs signed by the end of Q3 to 12. One Interactive Training for Togo, API and PNR Consultation in Niger on 29 September, AoC Signing Ceremony with WCO, Rules-Based Targeting Training for Norway, MoA Signing Ceremony with OSCE, Official Launch of PIU and goLive of goTravel in Norway.

Building Sustainable Regional Approaches to API/PNR Implementation

Regional Informal Working Groups (IWGs)

- **West Africa IWG:** Successful sub-working group meetings across all four pillars led by Côte D'Ivoire, Ghana, Gambia, and Nigeria respectively, with participation from a variety of countries in the region.

- **Southern Africa IWG:** Regular planning and coordination meetings in preparation for IWGs in Q4.

- **Eastern Europe IWG:** Launched in 2020, with the 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

October:
- Namibia training
- Pillar IV Luxembourg, goTravel Technical Training
- Pillar IV Mongolia Technical Training
- High-Level Dushanbe Conference
- Côte d'Ivoire Study Belgium PIU
- Four-day training regional training for SCO RATS member states

November:
- Second Eastern European IWG Hofburg in Vienna
- Benin National Consultation
- Sixth OSCE-UNOCT Passenger Data Exchange (PDE) Seminar
- Botswana specialized training goTravel basic users training
- First in-person Meeting of the Southern Africa Informal Working Group (IWG)

December:
- Azerbaijan study visit to Norway TBC
- Study visit from Moldova to Romania
- INTERPOL-ICAO Passenger Data Seminar

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Training Approach

CT Travel Programme has a variety of training courses available for Member States:

- CT Travel Foundational course covering four eLearning modules on the basics of API and PNR, the international legal framework, a PIU and a Passenger Data Single Window, and Hit and Match, delivered self-paced online;
- An Interactive CT Travel Training course delivered in-person or hybrid over four-five days and covering all key aspects of the Programme;
- A Specialised Rules Based-Targeting Training designed for operators and analysts in the Passenger Information Unit;
- A goTravel-user basic training designed to apply the RBT training in the goTravel system; and
- A Technical IT training on the deployment and installation of goTravel.

Here is the link to the brochure on the website.

CT Travel Training Delivery: Three Member States enrolled online for the Foundational course for Moldova, Norway, and Togo. Two interactive CT Travel training courses for Moldova and Togo, and one Specialised Rules-based Targeting Training for Norway.

CT Travel Training Development: Development of new eLearning and microlearning modules, on (i) Maritime, (ii) Human Rights, (iii) goTravel.

54 Beneficiary Member States

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

*CARICOM (representing 15 Member States)