

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF COUNTER-TERRORISM

### **UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme**

# Highlights

Visit from the International Civil Aviation Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Delegation Visit from the Kingdom of Saudi Organization (ICAO) to the UNOCT Budapest Belgium, 7 February: UNOCT and the Arabia National Traveller Security Centre (NTSC) Office, 16-20 January: CT Travel and TAM Government of Belgium through the National to the UNOCT Budapest Office, 7-9 March: CT Programme teams hosted technical discussions Travel Targeting Center (NTTC) - National Travel Programme welcomed a delegation from with ICAO at UNOCT's Regional Programme Crisis Center (NCCN), signed an MoU which the Saudi National Traveller Security Centre Support Office (RPSO) in Budapest to further provides a framework for exchanging expertise (NTSC) at UNOCT's Office in Budapest to strengthen their partnership to prevent and and exploring innovative solutions to enhance discuss avenues for cooperation on the use of counter terrorist threats and enhance civil aviation security.

capabilities to detect the travel of known and API and PNR to detect and counter terrorist suspected terrorists and other criminals.





# **Executive Summary | Key Successes in Numbers**

Quarter 1 2023 marked three <u>CTED</u>-led National Consultations on API and PNR with Georgia, Pakistan, and Ethiopia, and the Programme welcomed three new beneficiary countries: Ireland, Lesotho, and Samoa bringing the total to 63 Member States.

January: A five-day Interactive Training for Eswatini March: A two-day rules-based targeting was held from 9 to 13 January, with support from EU- training peer-review expert meeting was FPI focusing on legal, operational, technical, and held at UNOCT Budapest Office, with transport industry engagement on the use of API and support from UNOICT, UNODC/AIRCOP, PNR to detect and counter terrorist travel. In addition, Europol, Frontex, and experts from 12 ICAO visited the UNOCT Budapest Office to further countries to provide an independent strengthen the partnership, and enhance civil aviation assessment, and to ensure compatibility of security.

"All-of-UN" initiative CT Travel Programme, with the presence of experts from UNOCT, UNODC/TPB, UNODC/AIRCOP, IOM, CTED, INTERPOL, ICAO, and UNOICT on the use of API and PNR technical solution. the training material with "goTravel" software. In addition, a visit from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia National Traveller <u>Security Centre (NTSC)</u> to the UNOCT Budapest Office was held from 7 to 9 March, to discuss avenues for cooperation on the use of API and PNR to detect and counter terrorist travel. A two-day API and PNR Workshop for <u>Djibouti</u> took place on 13-14 March, with support from IOM and U.S. DOS. On 20-21 March, two-day National Consultation for <u>Pakistan</u> was held and concluded with support from the Government of Canada under a flagship

February: One MoU was signed with Belgium Passenger Information Unit (BelPIU) on 7 February to share best practices and recommendations by the UN and Belgium including in the use of "goTravel".





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## **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 <u>2178, 2396, and 2482</u>.

The detection capabilities, that the Programme helps establish, commonly referred to as Passenger Information Units (PIUs), are in charge of processing passenger data provided by the transport industry using the <u>UN 'goTravel' software</u> 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 III**

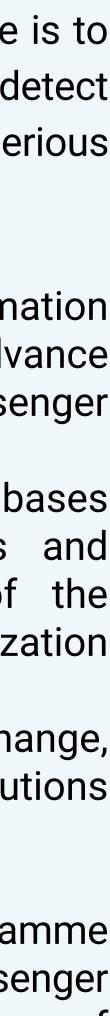
Transport industry engagement

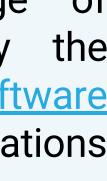
#### Pillar II

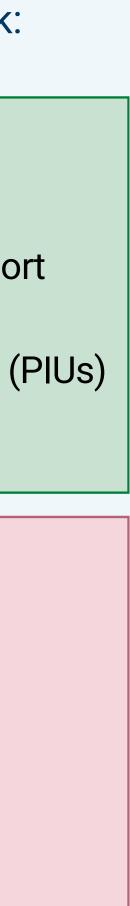
Operational support for Passenger Information Units (PIUs)

#### **Pillar IV**

Technical support for goTravel









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# **Capacity Building**

UNODC/AIRCOP **Operational:** held 10 operational working group meetings and another four working meetings focusing on the of Standard Operating drafting Procedures/Terms of Reference for the PIUs of four member states: Georgia, Namibia, Philippines, and Sierra Leone. In addition, IOM facilitated a two-day study visit for Georgian Officials to the Belgian PIU and airport.

Legal: UNODC/TPB reviewed or provided legislative assistance to five different member states. There were also 22 Legal working group meetings held across 15 beneficiary countries throughout the quarter.

Transport Industry: ICAO held 13 working group meetings with different beneficiary countries as well as one connectivity meeting with Côte d'Ivoire and a specialized working group meeting on the National Implementation Guide for Botswana.

**Technical:** OICT held 28 working group meetings focusing on go Travel deployment or installation, 13 software maintenance supportrelated meetings and another five goTravel development related activities, dealing with maritime and analytics components. Lastly, OICT supported the launch of the International User Community on goTravel.

# Building Sustainable Regional Approaches to API and PNR Implementation —

#### **Regional Informal Working Groups (IWGs)**

- each of the different pillars of implementation.
- meeting took place in January, followed by a virtual tour of the Kyrgyz PIU in March.

# **Upcoming Activities**

#### **April:**

- Train-of-Trainer Course and the OSCE MTT Curriculum Development Event
- CT Travel MENA Kick-Off Meeting
- Georgia Study Visit to Belgian PIU
- WCO Enforcement Committee Meeting
- West Africa IWG Maritime UKBF
- Border Conference and Biometric Institute
- Rule-Based Targeting Training for Mongolia
- Maritime Data with UN Verification and
- Inspection Mechanism for Yemen

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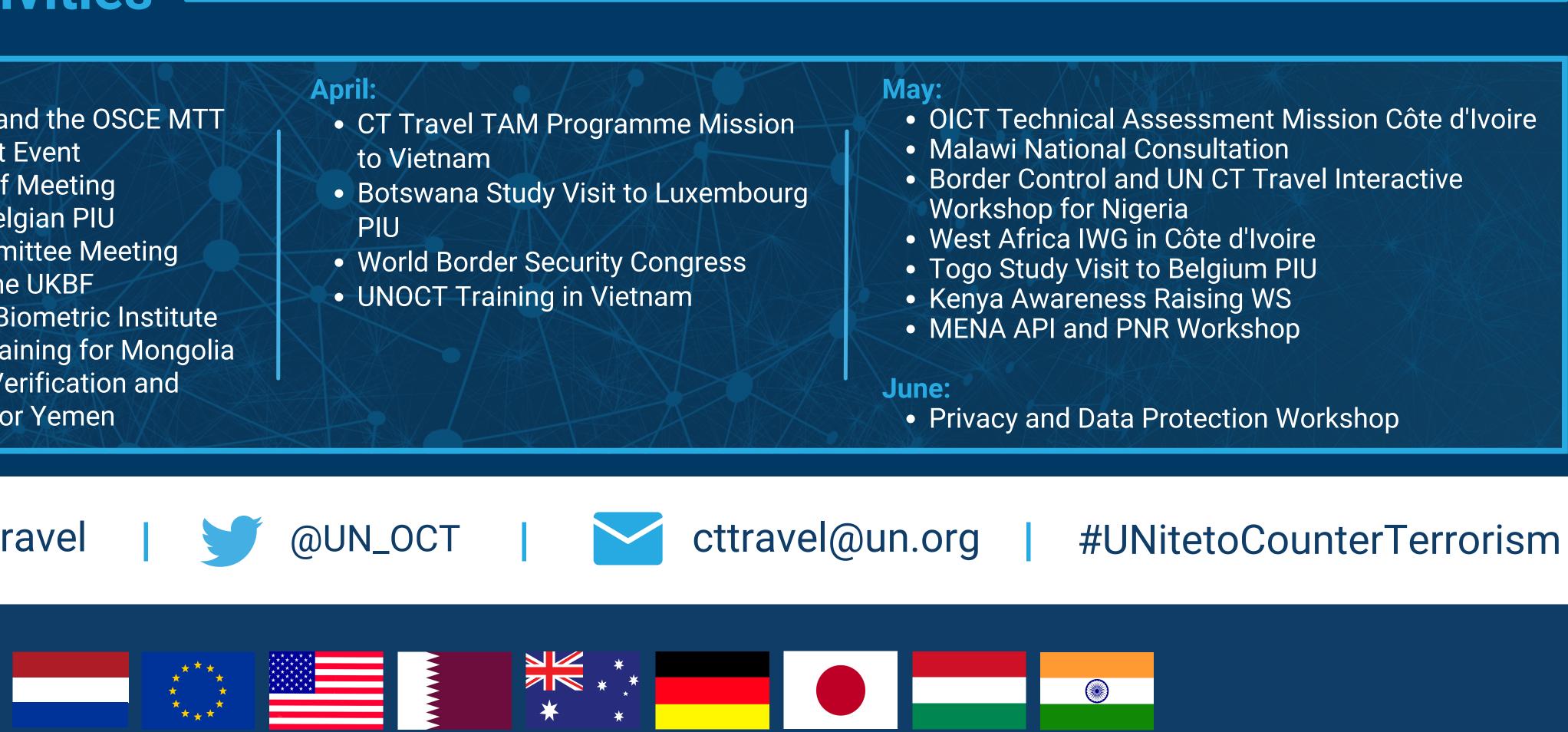


**INTERPOL:** Dedicated CT Travel resource was recruited for INTERPOL, and four technical instigation meetings took place with Sierra Leone, Pakistan, Luxembourg, and Kyrgyzstan.

**IOM:** 11 field coordination meetings were held across three continents, and three meetings raising awareness or promoting CT Travel were also undertaken for Bolivia, Malawi, and Samoa.

• West Africa IWG: CT Travel held five working group meetings, one for the chair and vice-chair of the IWG and four for each of the working groups for

• Eastern Europe and Central Asia IWG: CT Travel held two Eastern Europe and Central Asia IWGs meetings during this quarter. A coordination





# **Training Approach**

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

- CT Travel foundational course covering four <u>eLearning modules</u> on the basics of API and PNR, the international legal framework, establishment of a PIU and a Passenger Data Single Window, and Hit and Match, delivered self-paced online;
- An Interactive <u>CT Travel Training course</u> 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:** Two API and PNR Interactive Training Courses took place for Niger and Eswatini. In addition, a Rules-Based Targeting Peer Review two-day exercise was held in March. Regular technical mentoring meetings on the use of 'goTravel' were also held with Norway during the quarter.

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

## **63 Beneficiary Member States**

The Programme welcomed three beneficiary countries: Ireland, Lesotho, and Samoa bringing the total to 63 Member States.





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