

## UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme

### Highlights

**Visit from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to the UNOCT Budapest Office, 16-20 January:** [CT Travel](#) and [TAM Programme](#) teams hosted technical discussions with [ICAO](#) at [UNOCT's](#) Regional Programme Support Office (RPSO) in Budapest to further strengthen their partnership to prevent and counter terrorist threats and enhance civil aviation security.

**Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Belgium, 7 February:** UNOCT and the Government of Belgium through the National Travel Targeting Center (NTTC) - National Crisis Center (NCCN), signed an MoU which provides a framework for exchanging expertise and exploring innovative solutions to enhance capabilities to detect the travel of known and suspected terrorists and other criminals.

**Delegation Visit from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia National Traveller Security Centre (NTSC) to the UNOCT Budapest Office, 7-9 March:** CT Travel Programme welcomed a delegation from the Saudi National Traveller Security Centre (NTSC) at UNOCT's Office in Budapest to discuss avenues for cooperation on the use of API and PNR to detect and counter terrorist travel.



### Executive Summary | Key Successes in Numbers

Quarter 1 2023 marked three [CTED](#)-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](#) was held from 9 to 13 January, with support from EU-FPI focusing on legal, operational, technical, and transport industry engagement on the use of API and PNR to detect and counter terrorist travel. In addition, ICAO visited the UNOCT Budapest Office to further strengthen the partnership, and enhance civil aviation security.

**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".



**March:** A two-day rules-based targeting training peer-review expert meeting was held at UNOCT Budapest Office, with support from UNOICT, UNODC/AIRCOP, Europol, Frontex, and experts from 12 countries to provide an independent assessment, and to ensure compatibility of the training material with "goTravel" software. In addition, a visit from the [Kingdom of Saudi Arabia National Traveller Security Centre \(NTSC\)](#) 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 [Djibouti](#) took place on 13-14 March, with support from IOM and U.S. DOS. On 20-21 March, two-day National Consultation for [Pakistan](#) was held and concluded with support from the Government of Canada under a flagship

"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.



### 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, 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 [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

63 Beneficiary Members States



31 Members States assessed incl. CARICOM



29 Roadmaps developed



2 Country in production with goTravel

09 Countries in pre-production testing goTravel

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### Capacity Building

**Operational:** UNODC/AIRCOP held 10 operational working group meetings and another four working meetings focusing on the drafting of Standard Operating 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 support-related 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.

**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.

### Building Sustainable Regional Approaches to API and PNR Implementation

#### Regional Informal Working Groups (IWGs)

- **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 each of the different pillars of implementation.
- **Eastern Europe and Central Asia IWG:** CT Travel held two Eastern Europe and Central Asia IWGs meetings during this quarter. A coordination 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

#### April:

- CT Travel TAM Programme Mission to Vietnam
- Botswana Study Visit to Luxembourg PIU
- World Border Security Congress
- UNOCT Training in Vietnam

#### May:

- OICT Technical Assessment Mission Côte d'Ivoire
- Malawi National Consultation
- Border Control and UN CT Travel Interactive Workshop for Nigeria
- West Africa IWG in Côte d'Ivoire
- Togo Study Visit to Belgium PIU
- Kenya Awareness Raising WS
- MENA API and PNR Workshop

#### June:

- Privacy and Data Protection Workshop

### 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, establishment of 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:** 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.

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