## High Level Advocacy

**Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing with the Philippines 7 July:** The Under-Secretary-General of UNOCT, Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, and the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations, H.E. Ambassador Enrique Austria Manalo signed a MoU signifying agreement under CT Travel Programme. The virtual ceremony was attended by more than 27 officials representing various



government entities in Manilla, the UN Resident Coordinatorand representatives from key programmatic donors.

**Agreements with Member States:** The Programme has, thus far, signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with CARICOM and 5 MOUs with Sudan, CARICOM, Cote d'Ivoire, Botswana, and the Philippines.

## Highlights

- CT Travel Programme welcomed 5 new beneficiary Member States in Q3 (1 July- 30 September): Kyrgyzstan, Tanzania, Switzerland, France, and Tajikistan. This brings the total number of beneficiary Member States to 48.

- Following its launch in May 2019, the CT Travel Programme is now supporting 48 beneficiary Member States. A total of 16 national API and PNR consultations have been completed including one with Iraq during Q3 in July 2021. The Programme has supported the development of 16 Roadmaps for API and PNR data systems implementation, with two being completed during Q3: Norway and Iraq. There are 19 countries now in the testing phase of the Programme's UN 'goTravel' software.

## Capacity Building

**Outreach and Engagement Strategy for Priority Member States:** CT Travel held briefings with the Permanent Mission of Argentina well as the Australian Ambassador to the Philippines, Benin's Civil Aviation Authority, Director of the Civil Aviation Agency of Côte d'Ivoire, DG TIBEK (Hungarian Counter-Terrorism Information and Criminal Analysis Centre), Hungary, Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana and with the head of the Passenger Information Unit (PIU) of Kyrgyzstan. The briefings focused on planned and on-going activities as well as possible collaborations within CT Travel Programme, these meeting also aimed to give rise to a better perception, strengthen outreach, and promote increased interest in the Programme.

CT Travel organized the first of a series of virtual regional information sessions to raise awareness of the programme and the technical assistance it provides to Member States. Bringing together representatives from Eastern Africa, the first regional session on 7 July 2021, highlighted the importance of API and PNR systems.

**CT Travel :**
2019 - Present

**48** Beneficiary Member States

**16** Member States assessed

**16** Roadmaps developed

**19** Countries testing goTravel through CARICOM

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## About CT Travel

The overall 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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**Capacity Building:** CT Travel contributed to the Virtual Dialogue on Preventing and Countering Extremism and Terrorism in the Caribbean organized by CARICOM and OAS-CICTE, focusing on the strengthening of border security mechanisms as well as the Regional Workshop on the nexus between transnational organized crime and terrorism for Southern Africa, attended by over 50 participants from 11 Member States of Southern African Development Community (SADC).

**National API and PNR Consultations - Iraq:** In Q3, CT Travel conducted one national consultation in Iraq, with the support of programme partners, and the cooperation of various government ministries and agencies. Following this virtual national consultation, a comprehensive roadmap was developed jointly with Iraq to support the tailored delivery of technical assistance in establishing an effective API and PNR data system. A total of 16 consultations and roadmaps have been developed so far by the Programme.

**Training and Learning:** So far, the Programme has delivered 6 five-day API and PNR basics courses, 7 self-paced foundational module courses, as well as 6 virtual-instructor-led trainings (VILT).
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In Q3, CT Travel delivered one additional five-day VILT training to participants from Mongolia from 13 to 17 September 2021. After completing the foundational module, participants took part in interactive hybrid training covering all four areas of implementation-legal, operational, carrier engagement and technical, including the use of UN 'goTravel' software system-using a combination of written guidance materials, video tutorials and interactive webinars.

CT Travel in coordination with IOM and OICT organized a virtual technical workshop to discuss existing IT infrastructure for API and PNR in Azerbaijan, attended by 30 participants from all relevant law-enforcement agencies in Azerbaijan (customs, border, police, intelligence, and security).

CT Travel in partnership with UNODC and IOM organized an in-person study for the representatives of competitive authorities of Azerbaijan to Paris to study French national experience on the implementation of API and PNR systems, hosted by the Service national des données de voyages (SNDV) of France.

**Working Groups:** CT Travel supported and contributed to working group discussions in: Passenger Facilitation Control Working Group (PFCWG) Global Cruise Ship Workshop organized by the WCO; consultations with maritime industry partners from the cruise ship sector together with the WCO and IMO; 23rd Meeting of the PNRGOV Working Group & 8th Meeting of the PAXLST Working Group; Technical Working Group meeting on Pillar IV with officials from Norway, 1st Pillar 3 – carrier engagement - Sub-Working Group meeting for Cote d'Ivoire led by ICAO.

**Country Roadmaps:** Based on in-depth consultations and assessments, with the support of programme partners, CT Travel sent out 2 country roadmaps in Q3 for Norway and Iraq.

## Upcoming Activities

- October: Signing of an MoU with Mongolia in an in-person ceremony at UN Headquarters in New York.
- October: Virtual signing of MOA with Botswana.
- November: National API and PNR consultations with DRC and Benin, with the support of CTED.
- November: Tailored training on API and PNR for the Philippines.

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## 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.

## Beneficiary Member States

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

CARICOM (representing 15 Member States)