

UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme

1 October - 31 December 2023

Highlights

UN CT Travel Interactive Training for Iraq, 4 October: [CT Travel](#) and [UNODC-AIRCOP](#) trained Iraqi officials on the use of API and PNR to detect and counter terrorist travel. The in-person training was funded by the Government of Canada and the European Union Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (EU_FPI).



Third Eastern European Informal Working Group Meeting and Seventh Passenger Data Exchange Seminar, 10 November: [CT Travel](#) and [OSCE](#) organized a back-to-back event bringing together Member States and experts in Vienna, Austria, to discuss the use of passenger data to enhance travel security.



CT Travel National Consultation for Paraguay on API and PNR, 19 October: [CT Travel](#) and [IOM](#) Paraguay organized a two-day National Consultation for the Implementation of API and PNR in Paraguay. The consultation aimed to review the existing level of API and PNR implementation to identify specific technical assistance needs and develop a roadmap for the way forward.



Passenger Information Unit (PIU) Inauguration in Mongolia, 1 December: Mongolia launched its new PIU, becoming the fourth Member State to achieve this milestone with the support of CT Travel. The new PIU will utilize the United Nations "goTravel" software to support data collection and analysis.



CT Travel and IOM Visit to the International Airport in Asunción, 25 October 25: Within the framework of the National Consultation for Paraguay, with the support of the National Directorate of Migration, representatives of CTED, UNODC, UNOICT, and INTERPOL, visited the Silvio Pettirossi International Airport to observe MIDAS functionalities and its interoperability for API and PNR management.



Launch Event of the South-east Asia Regional IWG, 7 December: Co-hosted by the Bureau of Immigration of the Philippines and supported by the Government of Australia, the event was attended by over 100 delegates representing law enforcement, counter-terrorism, customs, immigration, and civil aviation agencies.



Key Successes in Numbers

- Coordination on Member States Engagement:** Throughout Q4, UNOCT led 48 all-of-UN activities in collaboration with CT Travel Programme partners to ensure coordination across the pillars of work. Additionally, UNOCT itself held 13 bilateral engagements to enhance awareness of the comprehensive support available to Member States.
- Communications:** 25 communications products were published this quarter, including four press releases, 15 posts on X, five web articles, and two LinkedIn posts.
- Implementation:** A total of 211 actions were undertaken in 54 locations or Member States. The actions were recorded in the quarter activities tracker among all Programme partners.
- Consultations:** One CTED-led National Consultation was completed during Q4, for Paraguay, with over 40 national experts from ten different national agencies participating in the consultation that aimed to review the existing level of API and PNR implementation.



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

Technology support for goTravel

CT Travel:
2019 - Present

51

Beneficiary
Members States



37

Members States
assessed
incl. CARICOM



38

Roadmaps
developed



3

Countries in
production
with goTravel

10

Countries in
pre-production
testing goTravel



United Nations Security Council
Counter-Terrorism Committee
Executive Directorate (CTED)



ICAO



INTERPOL



UNODC
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



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Member State Implementation

Operational: UNODC-AIRCOP implemented 27 activities, with 13 focusing on bilateral operational working group meetings supporting nine different beneficiary countries. Three meetings were dedicated towards the drafting of standard operating procedures and/or terms of reference for Passenger Information Units for Eswatini, Namibia, and Togo. Three study visits were organized for Moldova (one in-person), Switzerland (two virtual PIU meetings), and the Kyrgyz Republic (one in-person) to enhance understanding of operational PIU structures and processes.

Legal: Throughout Q4, UNODC's Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB) conducted 12 activities, including three meetings focusing on the review and drafting of legislation in Moldova and Fiji. In addition, another eight bilateral engagements occurred among eight different beneficiary countries, including Botswana, Mongolia, Eswatini, Maldives, and Moldova. Finally, The Gambia and Moldova, which were supported by TPB in the drafting of their API and PNR regulations, officially adopted their regulations into law.

Transport Industry: Throughout Q4, ICAO held 14 different engagements including 12 Transport Industry Engagement Working Group meetings, a carrier connectivity meeting, and one National Implementation Guide-related meeting.

Technical: UNOICT conducted a total of 90 activities or digital interactions throughout the year, focusing on the deployment, installation, and maintenance of the goTravel software. In Q1, there were 28 working group meetings, 13 software maintenance support-related meetings, and five goTravel development-related activities, along with the co-launch of the International User Community on goTravel. Q2 saw Georgia, Luxembourg, Moldova, and Mongolia entering pre-production, with 15 working group meetings focusing on goTravel deployment or installation.

INTERPOL: INTERPOL undertook one participation meeting with INTERPOL staff in Iraq and another three engagements or coordination meetings among National Central Bureaus in Djibouti and Paraguay. INTERPOL also participated in two PIU SOPs developments with Pillar 2 for Botswana and Mongolia.

IOM: In Q4, IOM undertook 19 different activities, one relating to awareness raising on API and PNR as part of its DESC initiative, which is a platform mainly based in Asia, and one meeting promoting CT Travel to the IOM Mission in Timor-Leste. IOM also held seven coordination programming meetings in six different CT Travel beneficiary countries with IOM Regional Offices and provided support on six different occasions to CTED's consultations on API/PNR and support on one occasion to Pillars 3 and 4 regarding API and PNR data in Georgia. IOM also developed a MIDAS-goTravel use case document to outline potential use-cases for MIDAS-goTravel interoperability, outlining the potential advantages of the two solutions working together and sharing data.

Building Sustainable Regional Approaches to API and PNR Implementation

Regional Informal Working Groups (IWGs)

- **West Africa IWG:** One end-of-year virtual meeting took place to take stock of progress achieved in 2023, outline the priorities for 2024, and introduce new CT Travel features to the West African community. The meeting, supported by AIRCOP's Secretariat, marked a transition, as a new Chair, Côte d'Ivoire, took on the leadership role for 2024-25.
- **Eastern Europe and Central Asia IWG:** Three Eastern Europe (EE) IWG meetings took place during the last Q4, including the EE-IWG thematic meeting on ICT and interoperability aspects of establishing API and PNR, the seventh seminar on Data Exchange, and the third annual EE IWG meeting.
- **Southern Africa IWG:** Five coordination calls took place throughout Q4, focusing on the planning and organization of the SA IWG. The second annual IWG meeting took place on 22-23 November in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, highlighting implementation progress during the year by 13 SADC Member States.
- **South-east Asia IWG:** Three meetings took place relating to the South-east Asia Regional IWG, including two meetings; one with the ATC-PMC to discuss the recommendations and selection of ceremonial participants for the upcoming IWG event. The second meeting with the Bureau of Immigration of the Philippines focused on key elements and recommendations for Member States participants and included the launch event attended by over 100 delegates.

Upcoming Activities

January:

- CT Travel Interactive Training for Djibouti
- Meeting with Royal Thai Police
- First In-Person Meeting of the goTravel User Community
- National Consultation for Costa Rica and Guatemala
- Mongolia going live with goTravel
- EU IWG in Brussels, Belgium

February:

- CT Travel Interactive Training for Kyrgyzstan
- Strengthening the capacity of aviation industry personnel to prevent and combat trafficking in psychoactive substances (PAS) and the risks associated with human trafficking in Turkmenistan
- OSCE-BMSC Curriculum Writers Meeting for Experts

March:

- CT Travel Interactive Training for Pakistan
- Future of Travel Intelligence Conference in Brussels
- Mongolia connecting to INTERPOL I24/7
- Technical Mission to assist border agencies of the Republic of Tajikistan in updating the National Border Management Strategy and its Implementation Plan of 29 April 2010 No. 202
- Co-ordination meeting with OSCE-NMTT members on the preparations for three national training courses on the identification of FTFs/criminals at the borders in Istanbul

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 to five days and covering all key aspects of the Programme;
- A specialized Rules Based-Targeting (RBT) 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 interactive trainings on API and PNR took place during Q4, one for Ethiopia and another for Iraq. 11 training preparatory meetings were held, focusing on coordination and logistics, for Pakistan, Iraq, Djibouti, Ethiopia, and Mongolia. Lastly, CT Travel organized two trainings on RBT and goTravel, one for Mongolia, and another for Norway (scenario-based).

72 Member States

To date (31 December 2023), CT Travel is working closely with 72 Member States. 53 are beneficiaries of technical assistance and four Member States, Belgium, France, Hungary, and Ireland, and CARICOM, on behalf of 15 countries, have officially joined the growing global partnership as strategic partners.

