ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION (API)

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THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM)

- 169 Member States
- 400 Offices
- +10,000 Staff Worldwide
- Annual Expenditures USD 1.6 Billion in 2017
“IOM works with its partners to support countries strike the tenuous balance between human mobility, and helping exercise their sovereign right to know who is in their territory.”

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William Lacy Swing
ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION (API) SYSTEM

“An electronic communications system whereby required data elements are collected and transmitted to border control agencies prior to flight departure or arrival and made available on the primary line at the airport of entry”

Annex 9 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation
ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION (API) SYSTEM

- Batch API and Interactive API (iAPI)
- API and PNR (Passenger Name Record)
LEGAL INSTRUMENTS RELATED TO API

- UN Security Council Resolution 2178 (2014)
- Annex 9 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (1944)
WHY API?

- Enhanced Security
- Facilitation of International Travel
- Effective Allocation of Resources
- International Standard
CHALLENGES IN API IMPLEMENTATION

- Budget Constraints (On-going Maintenance Costs)
- Gap in Knowledge and Capacity
- Needs of Appropriate National Legal Framework
- Complexity in Multi-Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation
- Few Commercially Neutral Technical Assistance Providers
IOM AND API

- Implementing partner of the global API project launched by the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) in 2015
IOM AND API

IOM Supports ICAO TRIP Strategy Implementation

- IOM-ICAO MoU signed in November 2016
- IOM TRIP Implementation Action Plan 2018-2020, aligned with ICAO TRIP Roadmap
IOM AND API

IOM’s comprehensive Border Management Information System: Migration Information and Data Analysis System (MIDAS)

- Operational in 19 countries
- Extracts information from API message (Batch API), checks the data against national and international Alert Lists
- Come visit our booth for more information!
IOM’S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF API

- Technical Consultation
- Stakeholder Liaison
- Assessment
- Assistance with Procurement Tender
REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON API IN WESTERN BALKANS

27-28 February 2018 in Budva, Montenegro

- Technical assistance towards API implementation in Western Balkans
- A legal and technical assessments will follow in each participating country.
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Stakeholder Liaison
Assessment
Assistance with Procurement Tender
REFERENCES

- **Annex 9 — Facilitation** (15th Edition, October 2017). Printed copy can be ordered from ICAO Online Store

- **ICAO Website - WCO/IATA/ICAO API Guidelines**
  - Management Summary (“Umbrella Document”) on Passenger-related Information
  - **API Guidelines** 2013
  - Appendix I - Machine Readable Zone of Travel Documents
  - Appendix IIA - PAXLST Message Implementation Guide
  - Appendix IIB - CUSRES Message Implementation Guide
  - Appendix III - WCO & ICAO Instruments on API (ignore references to old Annex 9)

- **IATA Passenger Data Toolkit**

- **ICAO Document 9303** (7th Edition, 2015) - free download at
  (See Part 4: Specifications for Machine Readable Passports and other TD3 Size MRTDs)
Thank you.

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