

# TRAVELLER IDENTIFICATION MANAGEMENT

## IOM's Immigration and Border Management Division

Traveller identification management is the cornerstone of safe and orderly migration. The International Organization for Migration's (IOM) Immigration and Border Management (IBM) Division assists Member States in assessing and improving the integrity of their identity documents, and issuance and management systems in compliance with international standards and specifications. In particular, IOM strives to enhance Member States' capacity to identify individuals throughout the full travel cycle to better facilitate cross-border movements.



**Objective 4:** Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation.

**Objective 7:** Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration.

**Objective 11:** Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner.

**Objective 23:** Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration.



**Target 10.7:** Facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies.

**Target 16.9:** By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration.

## IOM'S PARTNER IN TRAVELLER IDENTIFICATION MANAGEMENT: INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO)

IOM's work on Traveller Identification Management relies on a close partnership with ICAO and its Traveller Identification Programme (ICAO TRIP) Strategy. The vision of the ICAO TRIP Strategy is to ensure that Member States have the capacity to uniquely identify individuals.

IOM and ICAO closely collaborate on their shared priorities, which include enhanced global mobility and traveller identity management. The two organizations combine efforts to support States regarding travel documents and related border and identity management challenges, harmonization of passenger data exchange programmes and the promotion of data-driven security. IOM participates as an observer in ICAO's Technical Advisory Group on the Traveller Identification Programme (TAG/TRIP) and is an active member of its Implementation and Capacity Building Working Group (ICBWG) and New Technologies Working Group (NTWG).



ICAO's TRIP Strategy provides a global approach to traveller identification management processes. IOM, through its Immigration and Border Management Division, positions itself as the provider of technical assistance, technologies and capacity-building support to strengthen Member States' traveller identification management capacity.

## IOM'S IOM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ADDRESSES A NUMBER OF ELEMENTS OF TRAVELLER IDENTIFICATION MANAGEMENT:



**Managing procurement tenders for Machine-Readable Travel Documents (MRTDs).** IOM's assistance includes supporting MRTD procurement tenders and providing technical consultations or workshops on travel document implementation, in accordance with ICAO Doc 9303. Its support includes capacity-building on the role of public key infrastructure and the ICAO Public Key Directory.



**Assessments of national traveller identification management practices.** IOM assists Member States by identifying gaps and setting recommendations for improved traveller identification management practices.



**Identity verification.** IOM developed VERIFIER Travel Document and Bearer, an IOM-developed document examination and verification system that allows border control officers to detect fraudulent travel documents and impostors by analysing the match between the travel document and its bearer's biographic and biometric data.



**Border Management Information Systems (BMIS),** including IOM's Migration Information and Data Analysis System (MIDAS). IOM helps Member States install functioning BMIS at the border and integrate them with other inspection systems and tools. MIDAS can be linked with national and INTERPOL Alert Lists, an e-Visa platform, and extract information from API messages.



**Evidence of identity.** In addition to advocacy and awareness-raising, IOM assists States in setting up and/or enhancing processes and workflows to strengthen national traveller identification management. This involves technical assistance to help Member States with strengthening civil registries, the security of breeder documents (such as birth certificates), digitizing manual civil registry records and installing civil registry infrastructure and communication capabilities between offices.



**Implementing passenger data applications for border management,** mainly Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR). To assist Member States with implementing API and PNR, IOM provides technical and legal advice, assists with procurement tenders and helps Member States build capacity to make better use of traveller data by strengthening analytical and risk assessment capabilities.

### BIOMETRICS

Biometric technologies refer to the automated recognition of individuals based on their biological and behavioural characteristics and allow for travellers and migrants' identities to be verified with greater certainty. IOM assists governments in implementing ePassports and biometric technologies at the border and promotes the responsible use of biometrics, especially the protection of privacy and personal data.



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