

**COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR  
AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION IN AFRICA (AFI SECFAL PLAN)**

**FIFTH AFI SECFAL PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

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**Agenda Item 3:- ICAO TRIP Strategy: Implementation of MRTDs and PKD in  
Africa**

*(Introduction by ICAO Secretariat)*

DP 4 presents the ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (ICAO TRIP) Strategy, which provides a framework for achieving significant enhancements in aviation security and facilitation by bringing together the elements of identification management and building on ICAO leadership in matters related to Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTDs).

- According to information collected by ICAO, almost all ICAO African Member States currently implement Standard 3.11 Appendix B provides the information about non-MRP that are still in circulation and their expiry dates.
- Now we can account for 28 States issuing MRPs while 20 states are issuing e-MRPs.
- A Biometric Passport is only as good as the information contained on its chip, and it requires an inspection tool, the digital information contained in the ICAO PKD to validate the digital signature on the chip. Through the PKD, any attempt to alter the chip's data is immediately detected when checks are made.
- In Africa, any Roadmap for the implementation of ePassports at the national level, must consider in parallel the participation in PKD.
- It is essential that States issuing ePassports join the ICAO PKD in order to consolidate the added security benefits and enhance border security.
- As of May 2017, the ICAO PKD had grown to 58 participants with only five (5) African States as PKD participants as shown on the map in Appendix D.
- States that intend to issue ePassports are encouraged to actively participate in the ICAO PKD and gain access to the vast experience readily available from other participants.
- As a result of Assembly Resolution A39-20, a roadmap for implementation by Member States to assist them with the task of uniquely identifying individuals and enhancing the security and integrity of their travel documents and border controls was presented at the Air Transport Committee (ATC) in its 210th session in January 2017.

- The proposed roadmap for Africa provides a plan to achieve implementation of the ICAO TRIP Strategy and is detailed in Appendix C.
  
- The AFI SECFAL Steering Committee is invited to recommend that:
  - a) African States should implement the ICAO TRIP Strategy in order to achieve enhanced aviation security and to prevent illegal migration and the movement of potentially inadmissible persons;
  - b) African States should commit to computerize civil registration systems and strengthen the authentication of vital records, including birth certificates;
  - c) African States should endeavour to join the ICAO PKD as a means to authenticate travel documents and to prevent fraud in order to neutralize the activities of cross-border criminality;

Thank you./