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Travel document assessments - a practitioner's view

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Introduction

- Why have an assessment?
- Independent or in-house assessment?
- Preparation for an assessment
- Carrying out an assessment
- Outcomes



Why have an assessment?

Reasons can include:

- As part of an overall border and travel document assessment
- As part of a process to obtain visa relaxation
- As part of a scoping study

In-house or Independent Assessment?

In-house drawbacks:

- Degree of experience of assessor
- Bias
- Level of assurance required

Preparation for an Assessment

- Selection of assessor
- Background papers
- Agenda for visit & time issues

The Assessment Process

- Government commitment
- Carrying out the assessment
- Using the ICAO Assessment tool
- Site Visits



Assessment Report

- Timing
- Content



Conclusion

- ICAO guide and tool responds to increasing need
- Assessment is not a test!
- Information from Government beforehand is very desirable
- Report should not only highlight weaknesses but offer possible solutions

Thank You!

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