ICAO TRAVELLER IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMME (ICAO TRIP) REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM – KAZAKHSTAN EDITION

PRELIMINARY OUTLINE

- 1. **ICAO's role and mandate related to facilitation matters**, Overview of the global regulatory framework and operational plan for the next triennium, following endorsement by the 41st Session of the ICAO Assembly will be provided, including a review of Amendment 29 to Annex 9 *Facilitation*.
- 2. Overall picture and health-related context, the event will place an emphasis on the recognized need for the enhancement of data sharing possibilities and capabilities, across government and the private sector, in order to facilitate seamless and contactless travel processes. The planned discussions between health and civil aviation authorities will include the major challenges civil aviation faces during different types of public health events and the identification of lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure the future resilience of aviation, the application of border control and entry requirements should be as globally interoperable as possible. Digital solutions such as the ICAO Visible Digital Seals (VDS) for secure and globally interoperable health-proofs, and the use of the ICAO Health Master List to check the health certificates will be highlighted.
- 3. The other sessions will build on topics related to the five ICAO TRIP Strategy elements, as follows:
- o The ICAO TRIP Strategy. An overview of the new global framework for achieving the maximum security and facilitation benefits of travel documents, including ICAO's mission to contribute to the capacity of Member States to uniquely identify individuals by providing the tools and knowledge to establish and confirm the identity of travellers. A holistic and integrated approach to traveller identification management, as articulated by the ICAO TRIP Strategy, linking the five elements of traveller identification and border controls into a coherent framework: evidence of identity; Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTDs); document issuance and control; inspection systems and tools; and interoperable applications.
- Toward robust national identification management. Foundations of holistic traveller identification management will be explored, including why having a robust identity management system is a pre-condition for travel facilitation benefits provided by ICAO-compliant eMRTDs.
- MRTDs and document issuance and control. Specifications and security measures designed to minimize document fraud, ICAO specifications for passports, visas and ID cards (Doc 9303 Machine Readable Travel Documents) and the practical use of the ICAO Guide for Assessing Security Standards for Handling and Issuance of Travel Documents, including best practices for document issuance and control as per Annex 9 Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs).
- Special focus on border control management challenges: inspection systems and tools, and interoperable applications. Focus on border integrity and border controls, inspection systems and tools, and interoperable applications that enhance both security and travel facilitation benefitting the Member States and the passenger. Particular reference is made to the use of Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) in combatting terrorism and trans-border crime. Watch lists and border information systems such as the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD) and cross-border information sharing are also important elements of an efficient border control management.
- Traveller identification management capacity-building assistance. Successes, challenges, programmes and best practices in providing capacity-building assistance to Member States and regional organizations in the area of traveller identification management and security.

Conclusion session. Conclusion and dialogue, which will focus on how internal coordination as well as regional and international cooperation are keys to successful implementation.