



ECCAS

High Level Meeting

Brazzaville

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ICAO TRIP Implementation

- Now that the TRIP Strategy has been formally endorsed, the focus has been shifting to its global implementation challenges.



Regional Approach

- ICAO has also received requests for assistance in implementing the TRIP Strategy from several African Economic Communities, such as CEN-SAD, COMESA, ECCAS, and ECOWAS, and specific project proposals have already been brought forward.



Relations ICAO/ Regional Organizations ECCAS

- MoU signed between ICAO and ECCAS in 2013
- Field of security and the facilitation of air transport:
 - Promote regional Cooperation between States
 - Cooperate in providing assistance to the States for security
 - Promote the Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP) and other initiatives related to MRTDs
- High Level Meeting on the Implementation of ICAO TRIP in Brazzaville 22-23 May 2015



Purpose of the High Level Meeting on the Implementation of ICAO TRIP

- 40 government officials from 8 ECCAS States
- provided an opportunity to brief participants from ECCAS Member States about current and new developments of MRTD specifications and to clarify any specific questions and finer technical points;
- provided a forum for discussions about the current and emerging needs of States and other stakeholders;
- reviewed the current situation and to discussed issues and solutions pertaining to the implementation of the ICAO TRIP Programme as well as the relevant Security Council resolutions in ECCAS States.



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Conclusion of the High Level Meeting Declaration

Approval and signature of a common declaration addressing the issues States face as a first step in developing a roadmap for the facilitation of travel in the ECCAS States.



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Declaration of Brazzaville: Main Points

- Take all steps to ensure that they meet the 24 November 2015 deadline for the introduction of the machine-readable passports (MRPs)
- Conform to all processes, specifications, standards and best practices in the issuance of Machine readable passports (MRPs) and e-passports for security purposes.
- Endeavour to join the PKD arrangement as a means to authenticate the signatures of the competent authorities on the travel documents and hence to avoid fraud so as to completely incapacitate criminals from the system.
- Commit to the implementation of the relevant Resolutions of the Security Council on the fight against terrorism
- Participate in the activities of the TAG/MRTD
- ECCAS with the assistance of ICAO and other partners should help its Member States to embark on a capacity building project for TRIP implementation notably at the level of States' services in charge of data management, security of travel documents and border control, particularly in the fight against terrorism and transnational crime.



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