



**International Civil Aviation Organization**  
**Closing Remarks by Mr. Barry Kashambo, ICAO Regional Director**  
**Eastern and Southern African (ESAF) Regional Office**  
**to the ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (ICAO TRIP/MRTD) Regional Seminar**  
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Distinguished Delegates and Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. The ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (ICAO TRIP/MRTD) Regional Seminar held this week in Nairobi has come to an end.
2. The ICAO Regional Office for Eastern and Southern Africa, in welcoming you two days ago wished you all a very informative and productive seminar.
3. We highlighted MRTDs as a corner stone of ICAO's TRIP strategy, whose objectives are to strengthen the interconnected State capacities relating to the establishment, protection and management of citizen identity, and to determine secure systems of travel document production and border control facilitation, which benefit from effectively managed identity frameworks.
4. As a framework for the management and administration of traveler identification, TRIP seeks to tie together all elements as complimentary companions and not unrelated disparate elements.
5. TRIP strategy also specifically supports the efforts relating to implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 2178 of September 2014. With the global transition to machine-readable passports now nearly complete, States are reminded of the deadline of 24 November 2015, by which all non-machine readable passports should be removed from circulation globally.
6. In the area of ePassport implementation, a large number of Member States have implemented ePassports, while a significant number of them need to use the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD) to verify and authenticate these ePassports, and maximize the expected benefits. As indicated during panel discussions, as from 1 January

2016, registration fees for new PKD participants will decrease substantially, and the annual fee for existing participants will be reduced.

7. ICAO efforts to establish a more systematic approach to assist States in the implementation of SARPs, including provisions relating to Doc 9303 and other policies supporting the ICAO TRIP, are consistent with the ongoing "No Country Left Behind" campaign.
8. ICAO will also continue to foster improved TRIP Strategy awareness worldwide, including through this type of seminars. The panel sessions have provided all of us with comprehensive guidance and relevant recommendations for implementation by all stakeholders, and I trust all of you will actively facilitate this process.
9. As Programme Executive of the ICAO Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa – the AFI SECFAL Plan – and under the leadership of the Secretary General and the Plan Steering Committee, I am committed to facilitate the significant work ahead for our States and ICAO in the implementation of coordinated activities aimed at rectifying aviation security and facilitation deficiencies in a sustainable manner.
10. Let me remind that in just a few days, the **ICAO World Aviation Forum will be held in Montreal from 23 to 25 November 2015**, and will be an opportunity to highlight to expected key decision makers the fundamental role of air transport in driving greater socio-economic prosperity and an enabler of efficient global connectivity, and to emphasize the critical need to support our efforts and initiatives towards a safe and secure global air transport system.
11. Also planned in a high level Ministerial Meeting on AFI SECFAL Plan to be held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2016.
12. Let me express my special thanks to:
  - The panel moderators and speakers,
  - The exhibitors,
  - The ICAO Facilitation Team,
  - Your States and Organizations for your attendance and your active participation in this Regional Seminar, and
  - The Kenyan Government, through KCAA - our host -, for the continued and generous support to ICAO programmes.
13. I wish you all a very safe trip back to your respective countries, and a happy festive season as the end of this Year 2015 is fast approaching.

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