

**ICAO REGIONAL SEMINAR ON MACHINE READABLE TRAVEL
DOCUMENTS (MRTDs), BIOMETRICS AND IDENTIFICATION MANAGEMENT**

Philipsburg, Sint Maarten, 9 to 11 July 2013

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

1. **ICAO's role and mandate related to MRTDs, biometrics and identification management.** Overview of the global regulatory framework and an update on the ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (ICAO TRIP).
2. **ICAO MRTD standards and specifications.** Current and emerging ICAO MRTD Standards, Recommended Practices and specifications, identification management best practices and related border security issues. The importance of the global interoperability of MRTDs and eMRTDs, the benefits of participation in the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD) and the 24 November 2015 deadline for the expiration of non-machine readable passports.
3. **Key components of a robust identification management system.** The role of civil registries, evidence of identification; the social footprint and investigative methods of confirming it; manufacture and personalization of national identification (ID) cards; and data sharing between national agencies involved in identification management.
4. **Towards better practices in identification management.** ICAO's on-going work on evidence of identification. Progressive development of guidance material in the ICAO Guide *Towards Better Practice in National Identification Management*. Initiatives of other international organizations in identification management good practices.
5. **Combating and preventing identification fraud.** The main modus operandi of identity fraud, including impostors and attempts to assume the identity of a fictitious or deceased person. Remedies explored include risk-based approaches, investigative methods, and the role of inter-agency cooperation and data sharing in combating identification fraud.
6. **Document security and integrity.** Current and emerging specifications and security measures designed to minimize document fraud. ICAO specifications for ID cards (Doc 9303, *Machine Readable Travel Documents*, Part 3 — *Size 1 and Size 2 Machine Readable Official Travel Documents*) and good practices in enhancing the security of breeder documents (birth certificates, voter cards, and similar).
7. **Identification Management and MRTD capacity-building.** Successes, challenges and good practices in providing implementation and capacity-building assistance to States in the MRTD and identification management areas. Assistance and capacity-building needs of States, with reference to travel document security, ICAO compliance and identification management.
8. **Assessment and self-assessment tools.** The practical use of the ICAO *Guide for Assessing Security Standards for Handling and Issuance of Travel Documents*, with reference to compliance with Doc 9303 and the use of the ICAO Guide *Towards Better Practice in National Identification Management*. Focus on good international practices in ensuring the integrity of the passport issuance process and use of the social footprint.

Conclusions and Closing Remarks. Summary of the main themes and information exchanged.