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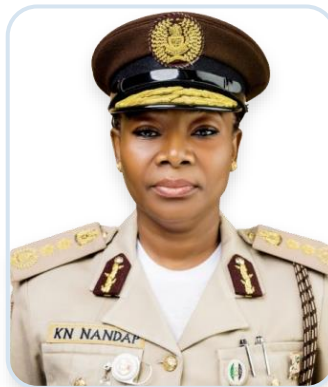
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NIGERIA'S JOURNEY TO TRUSTED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

REFORMS, INTEGRATION & THE ROAD AHEAD

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**COMPTROLLER GENERAL
NIGERIA IMMIGRATION SERVICE
ABUJA, NIGERIA**

ABOUT NIGERIA



Land
4,047 km



Marine
853 km



Air
5 Int'l Airports

Population
240 m

Land Area
923,768 km²

Average Annual International
Air Passenger
5 million +

Average Annual Passport
Issuance
1.8 million

Socio-Cultural Event
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ABOUT NIGERIA IMMIGRATION SERVICE

The Nigeria Immigration Service was established in 1963 by an act of parliament

CORE MANDATES



**Control and
issuance of travel
documents**



**Border control and
management**



**Migration
management**



**Visa and residence
permits**

ABOUT NIGERIA IMMIGRATION SERVICE

Commitment to ICAO & UN Agencies

Active ICAO member
and PKD Board
Member



Collaborates with
INTERPOL through the
SLTD database and
i-24/7 network



Partners with UNODC,
IOM on border security
and migration
management

EARLY ADOPTION OF E-PASSPORT IN NIGERIA

2007

LAUNCHED THE FIRST-GENERATION E-PASSPORT

Biometric capture: Two fingerprints only.

Production model: Decentralized personalization across 98 issuing centres.

Personalization technology: Ink-based dye-sublimation / thermal transfer printers for bio-data page personalization.

Security features: Basic holographic laminate, 2D barcode, contact chip carrying minimal biometrics.



The system marked a significant leap from machine-readable paper passports, but soon exposed systemic weaknesses

CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EARLY PASSPORT ISSUANCE PROCESS



Poor document handling



Weak link to evidence of identity



Deduplication challenges



Compliance gaps with ICAO Doc 9303



Lack of in-house capacity



Fragmented data visibility



Manual breeder document verification



Payment validation difficulties



Prone to forgery and manipulation

KEY INSTITUTIONAL & OPERATIONAL INTERVENTIONS

01



Enhance system and
process efficiency

02



Build in-house capacity

03



Strengthen integration and
payment validation

04



Automate breeder-
document validation

05



Institutional sensitisation
and change management

06



Engender transparency and
internal ownership

BUILDING TRUST: REFORMING KEY OPERATIONAL AREAS

01



TRAVEL DOCUMENT ISSUANCE

*End-to-end integrity,
sovereign control and
robust identity
proofing.*

02



BORDER CONTROL & FACILITATION

*Risk-based facilitation,
integrated traveller
screening and
automation.*

03



DATA CORRELATION & VISIBILITY

*A single integrated
view of traveller
identity, documents
and movements.*

These three pillars underpin the transformation from a fragmented, vulnerable system to a trusted travel document ecosystem aligned with the ICAO TRIP Strategic Framework.

REFORM 1 | TRAVEL DOCUMENT ISSUANCE



Centralised Passport Personalisation Centre, Abuja — first of its kind in the 62-year history of the Service.

4,500–5,000 / day

target production capacity, with approved passports ready for collection within 24 hours through Centralization Passport Personalization

NIN + 10 fingerprints

stronger evidence of identity, biometric deduplication, and a single uniform passport series

15,000+ diaspora passports

processed and issued through the Contactless Biometric Passport Application System by September 2025



**Sovereign PKI and
signing keys**



**Full Automation of
Application &
Vetting**



**Secure home
delivery**



**In-House Involvement
& Continued Capacity
building**

REFORM 2 | BORDER CONTROL AND FACILITATION



Expansion of
BMIS

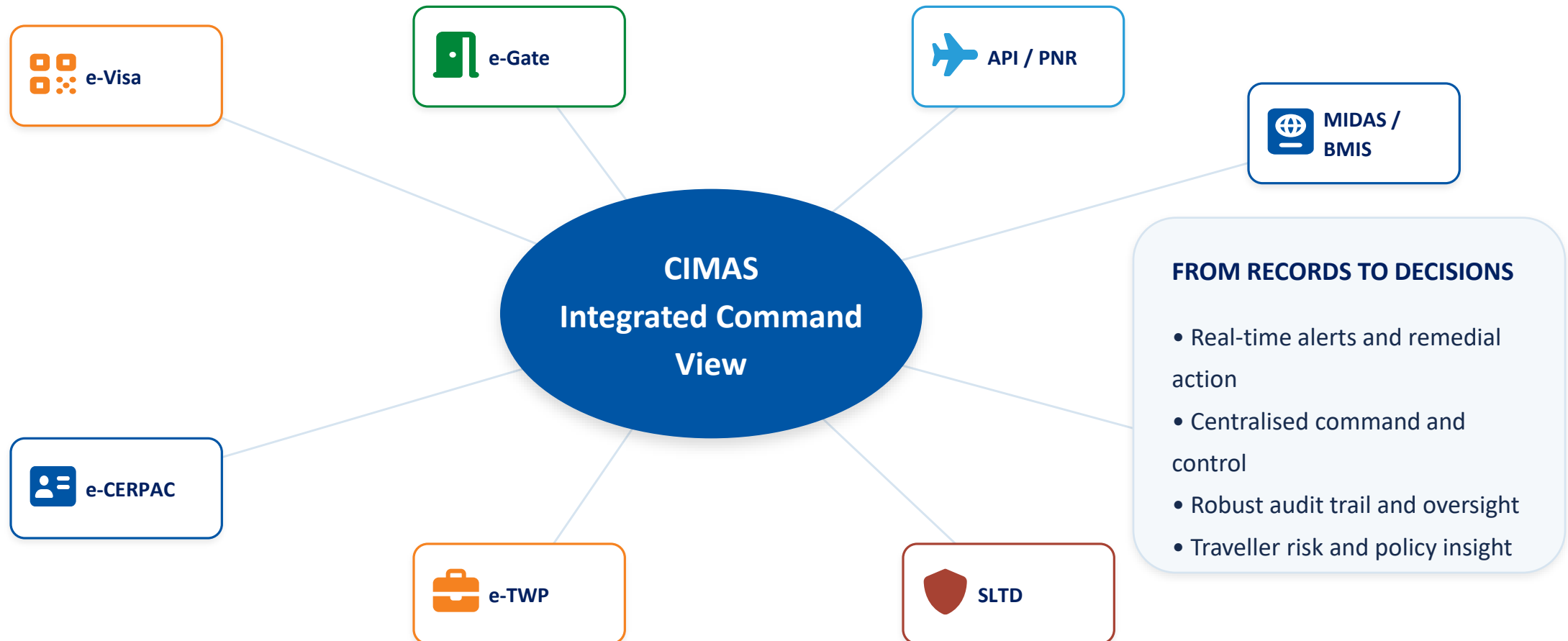
Digitization of
Landing/Exit Cards

Automated Border
Control (e-Gates)

Adoption of
API/PNR

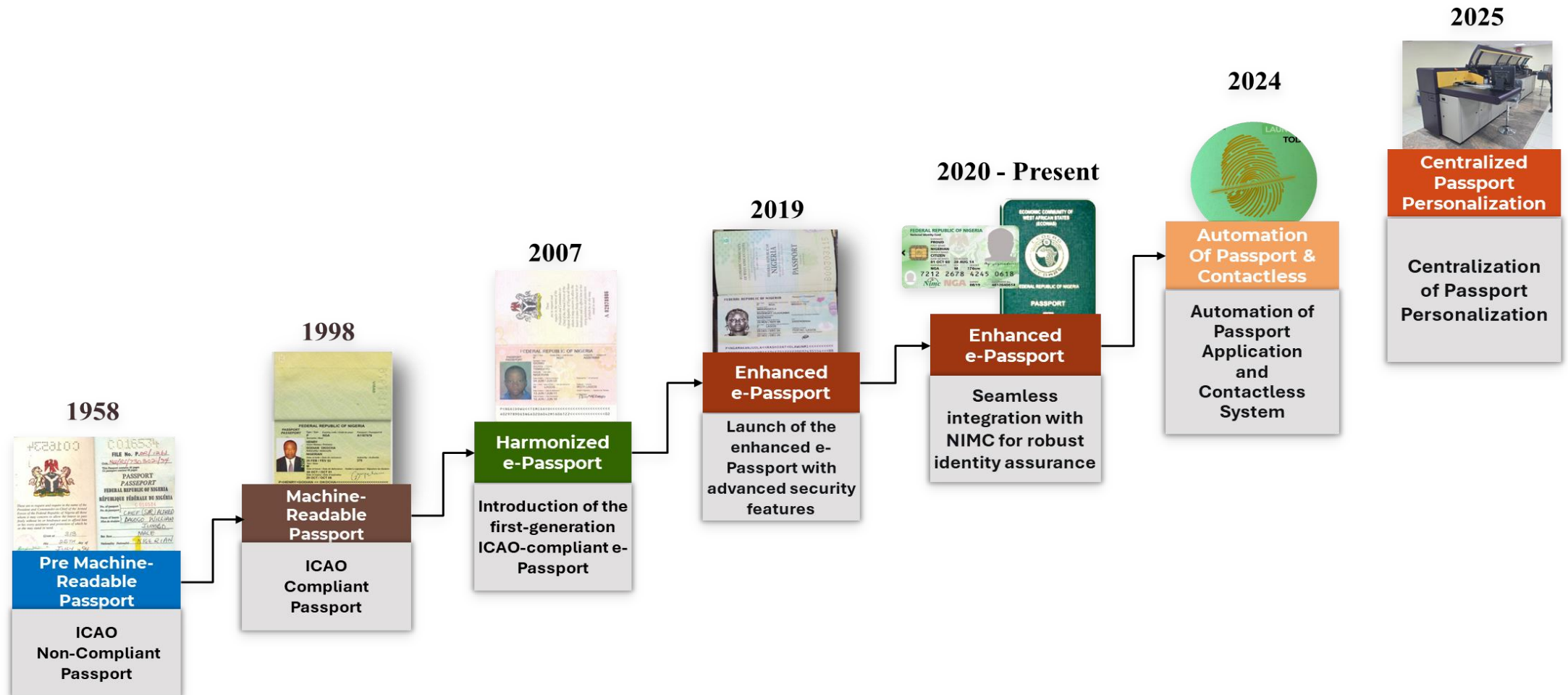
e-Visa
Application
System

REFORM 3 | DATA CORRELATION AND VISIBILITY



CIMAS: Centralised Interior Management and Administration System

JOURNEY SO FAR



LESSONS LEARNT



01

INTERNAL CAPACITY BUILDING

Sustainable reform requires NIS-owned skills, governance and technical control.

02

INSTITUTIONAL OWNERSHIP

Officer buy-in grows when reform visibly improves frontline work.

03

A SINGLE VIEW OF DATA

Correlated information strengthens security and service delivery.

04

TECHNOLOGY & DATA INTEGRATION

Trust must extend from enrolment and issuance to inspection and verification.

Technology builds trust only when institutions, officers and controls are trusted too.

NEXT STEPS | PUTTING TRUST INTO PRACTICE

**Enhance the PKI
infrastructure to enable
full sovereign control**

**Advance to ICAO
Doc 9303-13 (39794-5 AP)
& PQC**

**Deepen Evidence-based
Identity determination**

**Chip Validation at Border
control**

**Continued CIMAS-BMIS
integration**

**Strengthen Facilitation
Without Compromising
Security**

SUMMARY | THE TRUST FRONTIER

Trust in the travel document depends on trust in the issuance process.

Effective management of incoming travelers – Facilitation and Security- providing a more welcoming environment



Nigeria's transformation demonstrates that when you anchor identity with integrity, secure borders become a natural outcome.



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FINAL MESSAGE

“WE ARE JUST GETTING STARTED.”

The Nigeria Immigration Service remains unwavering in its commitment to innovation, international cooperation, and the highest standards of travel document security.

Together, we will build a seamless, secure, and trusted travel ecosystem – for Nigeria, for the region, and for the world.





*Thank you for your
kind attention*

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