Global Travel Assessment System
for Africa and Indian Ocean
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WCO Security Programme

Passenger controls/FTFs (API and PNR)

IEDs
(Global Shield)

Strategic Trade
(STCE Programme)

Small Arms and Light-Weapons
(SALW Project)

Terrorist financing

WCO Border Security Initiatives

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Global Travel Assessment System (GTAS)

Risk assessment system to help officers identify passengers of interest in advance of arrival.

Created to help members become compliant with UN Security Resolutions and the WCO Punta Cana Resolution

Designed in the interest of detection, interruption and interdiction of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs) amongst other bad actors

Members are guided to:

- Determine needs and expectations
- Familiarize themselves with global standards (UNSCR, ICAO, WCO, IATA)
- Ensure legislation and regulations are in place
- Establish inter-agency cooperation & single window parameters
- Include private stakeholders as soon as possible
- Determine budget including constraints Approach foreign States and organizations for assistance

Options for members

Members can choose:

- GTAS – Promotes self-sufficient capacity for IT capabilities, targeting/risk assessment cycle.

- US –Automated Targeting System – Global (ATS-G);
- UN Go Travel
- to develop your own system in house
- Other COS available for purchase

- Terms, conditions and costs for all these options are different!

WCO – CBP GTAS Collaboration

- WCO has promoted the use of GTAS to WCO Customs member states since 2017

  - API/PNR Contact Committee
  - Regional Workshops
  - National level engagements

- CBP provides technical advise and expertise to support implementation of GTAS software

Integrated Border Management Cooperation

- Spirit of Customs-Police Cooperation

- Exponential coverage between administrations

- Promotion of Single Window Concept

GTAS Partners

Uganda

Pakistan

Maldives

Lao PDR

Kyrgyzstan

How members get started

- Contact WCO & Complete GTAS Intake Questionnaire

- WCO conducts on site technical assessment visit to determine technical feasibility and operational readiness

- Determine pilot parameters

- Deployment of GTAS system (training for officers, and IT Services)

- Transition of knowledge and skills capability to member country towards independent ownership of GTAS by end of pilot.

Bio-secure international travel
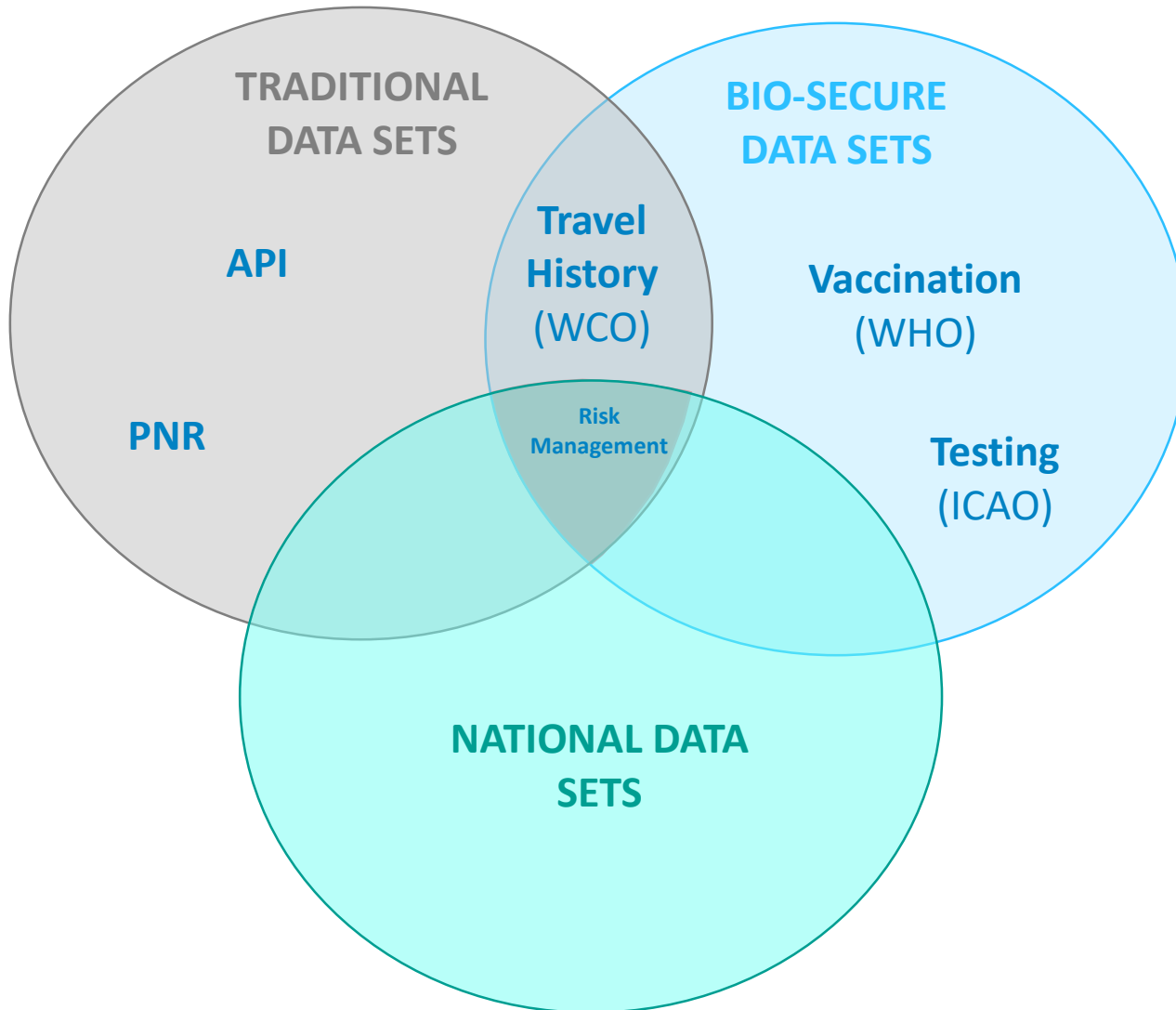
Passenger Facilitation and Control Working Group

Intent

Identify the role of customs administrations and that of the WCO in supporting the resumption of COVID-19 safe international travel in a coordinated way, based on international standards, that allows respective States to assess the risk to their borders.

A definition

A bio-secure border is the *"collection of border measures aimed at preventing the introduction and spread of diseases of concern, in order to minimize the risk of transmission of infectious diseases"*.

Passenger data can manage border risks

More Information

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THANK YOU

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