

Border Management Related to Counter-Terrorism

Website:

www.un.org/terrorism/border_management.shtml

Members:

Co-chairs

- Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED)
- World Customs Organization (WCO)
- INTERPOL

Core entities:

- International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR)
- United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)
- UN Office of Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
- Experts of the 1540 Committee
- Al-Qaida Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Group (1267 Monitoring Team)
- UN High Commissioner on Refugees UNHCR (observer)
- International Organization for Migration (IMO)

Other member entities:

- Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO)
- Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- UN Department of Economical and Social Affairs (DESA)

Purpose:

The Working Group on Border Management Related to Counter-Terrorism aims to build state capacity to address cross-border terrorist activity. Its program of work is separated into three clusters: (1) production of a compendium of counter-terrorism related border control instruments, standards, recommendations and practices by theme and organization, (2) development of a coordinated border management infrastructure (or template), and (3) organization of regional events in order to engage with member states and provide implementation of a coordinated border-management approach.²²⁵

The working group held its inaugural meeting on January 11 and 12, 2011 in Brussels, Belgium at the World Custom Organization's (WCO) headquarters. Relevant members discussed specific initiatives and their respective timelines for completion, including a compendium of standards and guidelines (which is underway), engagement with membership through workshops and delivery of a border-management framework, and developing a model border-management system and related promotional material.²²⁶

The working group directs its activities at a number of key themes, led by different members:

- Mobility and processing of people (IOM)
- Integrity and security of document issuing process (ICAO)
- Movement of cash and other bearer negotiable instruments (WCO)
- Movement and processing of goods (WCO)
- Movement of small arms, light weapons, ammunition, explosives & CBRN (UNICRI supported by inputs from WCO, ODA and the 1540 Committee)
- Maritime security (IMO)
- Aviation security (ICAO)
- Early warning and alert systems (Co-chairs)
- Control of the land open border (Co-chairs)
- The overarching need for respect for human rights (OHCHR, UNCHR)

To date, the working group has largely focused on the compilation of a compendium of counterterrorism related border-control instru-

ments, standards, training materials, and recommended practices, which will become a “one-stop guide for member states concerning all legal, institutional and practical aspects related to border control.”²²⁷