

ICAO Meets Counter-Terrorism Committee to Present its Enhanced Travel Identification Programme

On 27 June 2013, representatives of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) made a presentation to the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) about the enhancements it made to its Machine Readable Travel Document Programme. ICAO was represented before the Committee by Dr. Boubacar Djibo, head of ICAO's Air Transport Bureau and who previously served as the Secretary of the African Civil Aviation Commission. ICAO was also represented by Mr. Mauricio Siciliano, officer in the Machine Readable Travel Document Programme.

Dr. Djibo and Mr. Siciliano described ICAO's enhancements to the Committee, called Traveller Identification Programme, or TRIP. The goal of this programme is to increase the security of travel documents, including visas and passports, by ensuring that documents which may be used to obtain these travel documents are properly issued and accurately reflect the identity of the bearer.

CTED and ICAO have always been close partners in assisting Member States in the implementation of Security Council resolutions on counter-terrorism, the provisions of which include border control. The implementation of TRIP will enhance border security and improve efforts to combat terrorism and transnational organised crime by making it more difficult to obtain passports and visas with forged or fraudulent identity documents such as birth certificates.

The CTC, ICAO and CTED look forward to continuing their cooperation through their combined efforts to implement TRIP.