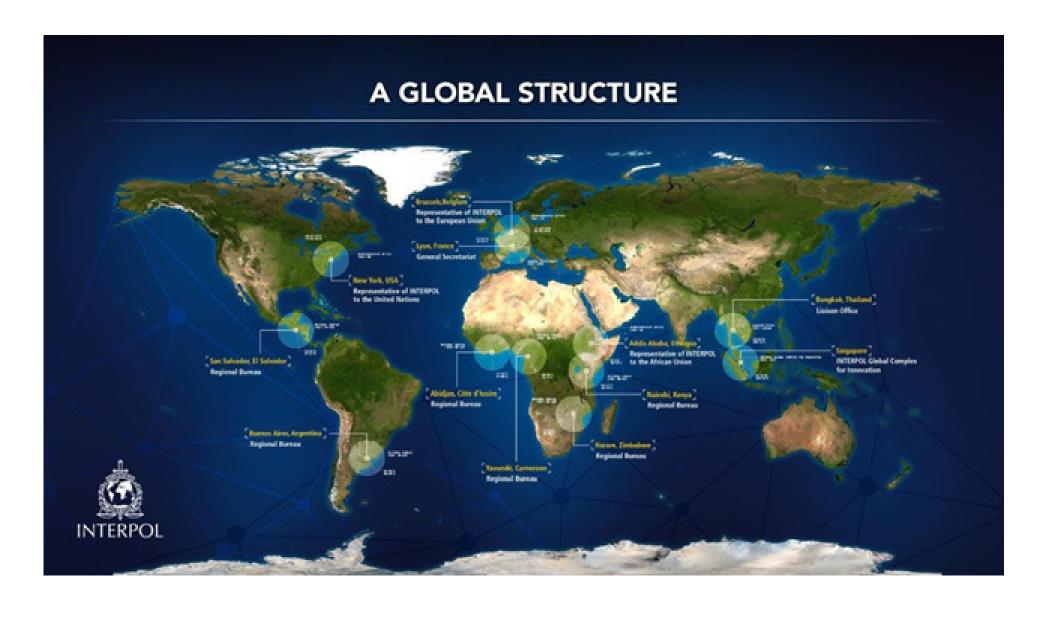
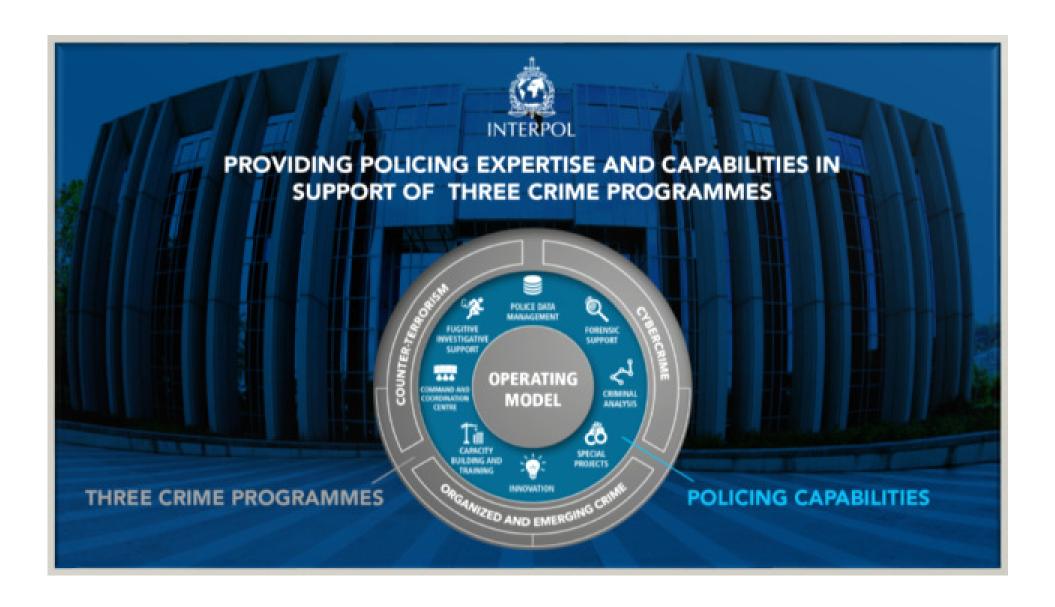


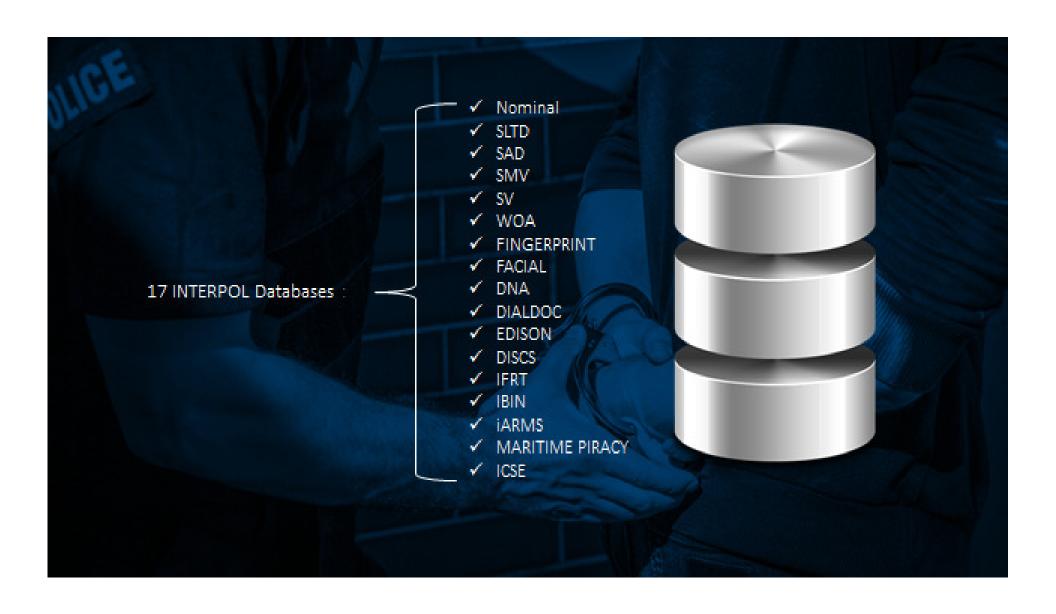
## Processing API/PNR data through INTERPOL databases

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# API/PNR as a key element for effective implementation of the virtual border

- UNSCR 2178 (2014) "called upon Member States to require that airlines operating in their territories provide advance passenger information to the appropriate national authorities in order to detect the departure from their territories, or attempted entry into or transit through their territories, by means of civil aircraft"
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# API/PNR INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS

API/PNR provide security agencies with data they could otherwise access upon the passenger's arrival and presentation at an immigration inspection desk.

However, the utility of API/PNR-related data can be understand only if considered into an integrated approach

API/PNR-related data need to be coupled with INTERPOL databases (SLTD & Nominals)

# INTERPOL as a key facilitator for API/PNR data processing

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## **INTERPOL SECURE CLOUD I-24/7**

- Gateway to INTERPOL databases
- Around-the-clock access to crucial data in seconds
- Platform for sharing criminal information among law enforcement entities
- All 194 INTERPOL member countries are connected
- Trained personnel
- Adapted to police needs



#### **Secure Global Police Communication Services**

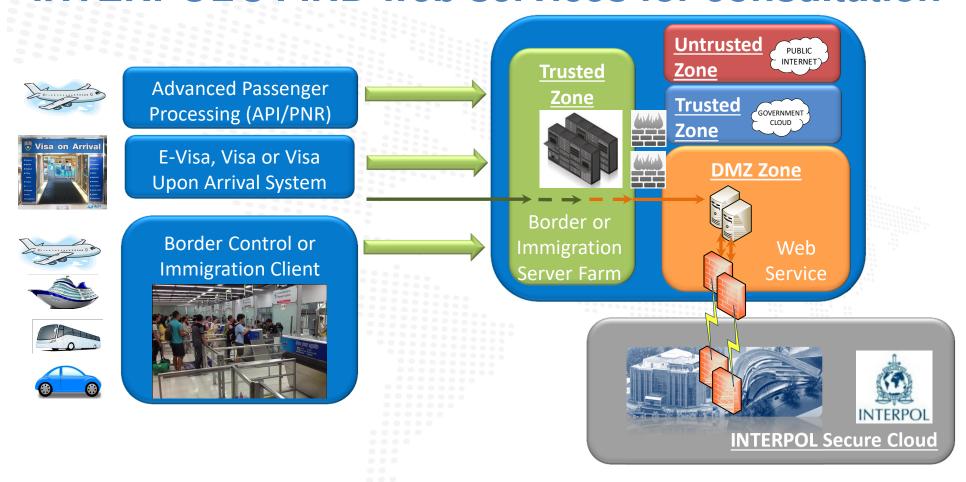
#### Can National Law Enforcement Agencies be connected via I-24/7?

The system can be expanded beyond the NCBs to remote LEA users and also INTERPOL is encouraging member countries to extend their connections to other national law enforcement entities.

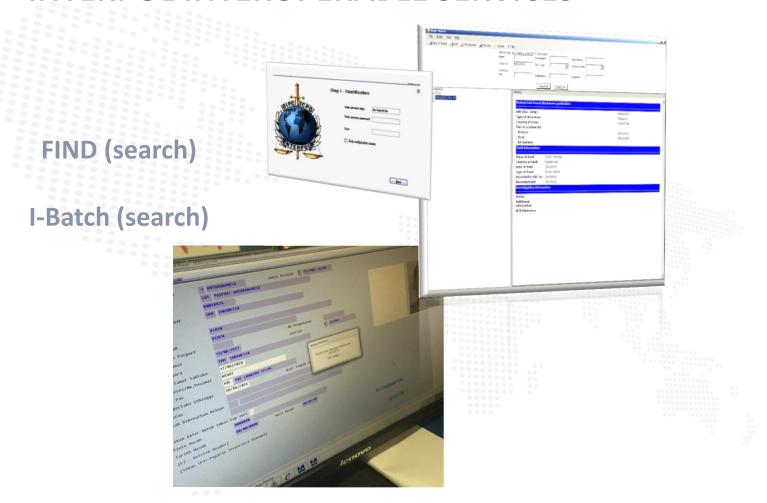
#### Can International Organization be connected via I-24/7?

When it is consistent with the aims and objects of its Constitution, INTERPOL may establish agreements with international entities in order to collaborate with them on data processing on a regular basis via I-24/7.

### INTERPOL's FIND web services for consultation



### **INTERPOL INTEROPERABLE SERVICES**



#### **FIND**

## Integrated solution to access INTERPOL's database

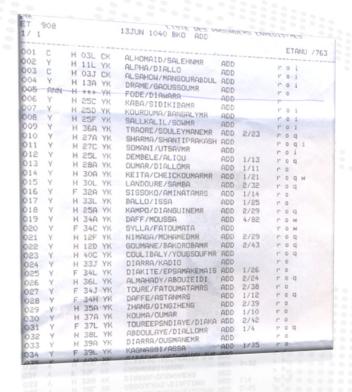
- Solution allow officers to submit a query simultaneously to National and Interpol databases
- Top-level security is ensured using of Interpol's I-24/7 communications system
- Response to the query is immediate
- System notifies member countries concerned of potential hit

#### **Integration into existing systems**

- No changes in the daily work of front-line officers
- No special training required
- No language barriers
- Easily adapted to individual countries' requirements and capabilities
- Fully interoperable with i-API



#### **I-BATCH**



Interoperability with Batch Style API



## **Single Window**

Strongly recommend that the INTERPOL National Central Bureaus (NCBs) in each country collaborate closely on policy and technical API/PNR matters with all concerned API/PNR stakeholders, in order to enhance secure communications between national units in charge of API/PNR such as Passenger Information Units (PIU) or National Detection Centre (NDC) and their access to INTERPOL's systems.

#### **Technical standardization**

- Strongly support API standards (UN/EDIFACT PAXLST) and recommends their use in the development of standardized and harmonized systems
- Encouraging the interactive API

## **Operational standardization**

Develop National Standard Operating Procedures to ensure an accurate API data processing flow and appropriate process management of the positive matches.

## Maintaining highest INTERPOL's databases quality

- INTERPOL Web Services for Data
   Management (WISDM) for managing
   national SLTD travel documents reported
   as lost, stolen, revoked or invalid.
- I-Link application for managing the exchange of police information and international cooperation requests related to persons.





## Recommended best practices

- The utility that follows the API/PNR implementation is evident when API/PNR data is scrupulously checked against national and international watch list;
- Implementation of API/PNR system in parallel with the integration of INTERPOL/FIND service within existing border management systems to ensure systematic checks;
- In the implementation and the management of API/PNR, a strong cooperation between all national stakeholders, airlines, international organization and NCB is pivotal;
- For the correct use of the system, SOP has to be implemented for a clear and accurate API/PNR data processing flow and appropriate management of positive match;
- The use of i-API as it enables 2-way real-time communication on a passenger-by-passenger transaction basis initiated during check-in with benefits such as: 1) the governments' "Board" or "Do not Board" response to the airline in real time; 2) compatibility with INTERPOL FIND;
- Countries are encouraged to timely and accurately update INTERPOL databases;
- Single window is recommended for a better cooperation among stakeholders including NCBs;
- Countries are encouraged to handle API data according to UN/EDIFACT PAXLST standard.

## **INTERPOL** proposal

- The INTERPOL's recognition in the API Guidelines;
- The participation of INTERPOL in the ICAO Working Group for PNR standardization with the purpose of ensuring harmonization with INTERPOL's technical solutions

## **UNCTT Countering Terrorist Travel Program**

Integrate access to INTERPOL SLTD and Nominal databases into the UN-provided API/PNR platform.

Provide INTERPOL Capacity Building to UN 'GoTravel' platform recipient countries on National Standard Operating Procedures related to processing SLTD and Nominal database hits.

Create Working Group on API/PNR pattern analysis and database integration.

Enhance secure communication between Passenger Information Units (PIUs) and their access to INTERPOL I-24/7 through direct involvement of the National Central Bureaus.

## Thank you

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