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# eVisa: the state of play and implementation issues

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# eVisa

- EVISA = European Virtual Institute for Speciation Analysis
- “E” Visa = USA investor category visa
- eVisa or electronic visa
  - Paperless substitute for a traditional visa
  - Can be obtained from a government administration by a traveler
    - directly online through an internet portal or
    - through a travel agent, tour operator or participating air carrier at the time of making a travel reservation



# Traditional Visa



- Costly and labor-intensive process
  - issued at embassies, consulates, on arrival
- Not well suited to cope with peaks in passenger traffic
  - for example Olympic Games
- Not Environment friendly



# Australia

ETA Application - Passport Details - Windows Internet Explorer

ETA <https://www.eta.immi.gov.au/ETA/ETAInput.jsp?jsessionid=36D1EE70AF5D9C2698BF83E8611483C1>

 Australian Government

**Australian Electronic Travel Authority**

Application for an ETA for Australia

Please enter the following data exactly as it appears in your passport:

Passport Number	<input type="text"/>	?
Nationality	Select...	?
Date of Birth	Day <input type="text"/> Month <input type="text"/> Year <input type="text"/>	?
Sex	Select...	?
Country of Birth	Select...	?
Passport Expiry Date	Day <input type="text"/> Month <input type="text"/> Year <input type="text"/>	?
Issuing State	Select...	?
Date of Issue	Day <input type="text"/> Month <input type="text"/> Year <input type="text"/>	?
Issuing Authority	<input type="text"/>	?
Family Name	<input type="text"/>	?
Given Names	<input type="text"/>	?

Press the **Next** button to proceed to the next step, or the **Clear** button to start this screen again. If you need help on any item press the Help button on the right of the field.



# Armenia



Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Republic of Armenia

## Payment Details

Total Amount \$ 15.00

All fields in bold are required.

## Credit Card



**Credit Card Type**

**Credit Card Number**

**Expiration Date**

## Billing Information

**First/Last Name**

**Company**

**Street Address 1**

**Street Address 2**

**City/State/Postal Code**

**Country**

**Phone Number**

**Email Address**

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# Saudi Arabia



The screenshot displays the official website of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The header features the national emblem and text in Arabic and English. Below the header, there is a section titled "Electronic Visa Services" with a search icon and a list of search options. A second section, "Visa services in the Kingdom", lists various visa types available for application.

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KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

عربي English

## Electronic Visa Services

 Search options

- Search for visa presented to MOFA
- Search for visa issued from MOFA
- Search for "Omra" request
- Search for charged checks retrieve

 Visa services in the Kingdom

- Official "Governmental" visiting visa request
- Family visiting visa request
- Commercial visiting visa request
- Business visiting visa request
- Embassies & Organization Visit Visa Request
- Personal visiting visa request (for citizens only)
- Tourist visa request
- Medical visa request
- Extending Re-entry visa request
- Hajj visa request
- Student visa request
- Residence visa request "Eqamah"
- Working visa request



# Bahrain

Kingdom of Bahrain  
Ministry of Interior  
General Directorate of  
Nationality, Passports  
and Residence



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Bahrain eVisas A GDNPR Initiative  
Bahrain eVisas  
iBorders SITA



eGovernment Portal  
bahrain.bh

**Apply for eVisa**

**Check your eVisa**

▼ Guide

- **Home**
- What types of visa are available?
- What is the process for obtaining a visa?
- What is the Visit eVisa?
- **New!** eVisas for GCC alien residents

▼ More Information

- What is a Registered User?
- List of Sponsors
- FAQ
- About this site
- Contact us

▼ Useful Links

- Ministry of Interior
- Government

Registered users **Log In**

## Welcome to the Kingdom of Bahrain eVisa System

From this site you can:

- Check your [eligibility](#) for a Bahrain visa.
- Apply on-line for certain types of visa (if available) -- press [Apply for eVisa](#).
- Check the status of an eVisa application -- press [Check your eVisa](#).

If you are a registered user, please press [Login](#) to continue.

If you want to become a registered user, press [What is a Registered User?](#) Note that this is only for residents of Bahrain.

Need more information?.... **please use the links on the left.**

The system used for issuing an eVisa from this site interfaces to and checks data with other Bahrain Government systems. If you provide an incorrect answer to any question, then your application may not be approved.

**Latest News!**

Nationals of Russia are now eligible for a visa on arrival in Bahrain. They can also obtain an electronic visa in advance from this website. See [What is the Visit eVisa?](#) for details.




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# Cambodia



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### Evisa Make Your Trip Happen To The Kingdom Of Wonder !

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation has launched e-Visa, which enables you to apply for a Cambodia tourist visa online. Instead of applying through Cambodian Embassy, all you need to do is to complete the online application form and pay with your credit card. After receiving your Visa through email, print it out and bring it along when you travel to Cambodia.

#### Tourist Visa

Entry Type	Single entry only
Fees	USD20 + USD5 (processing charge)
Validity	3 months (starting from the date of issue)
Length of Stay	30 days (more)
Processing time	3 business days

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[Embassy \(VMS\)](#)

[Frequent e-Visa User](#)

[Check & Change](#)

- Check application status
- Download e-Visa certificate
- Change travel information
- Resubmit payment
- Print receipt

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)





# United States of America



The screenshot shows the CBP.gov website with the following elements:

- Header:** CBP.gov logo with the tagline "Securing America's Borders". A search bar with the text "SEARCH" and a green "GO" button.
- Navigation Bar:** Links for "About CBP", "Newsroom", "Border Security", "Trade", "Travel", and "Careers".
- Left Sidebar:** A "Travel" section with links to "Travel News", "Travel Advisories", "U.S. Citizens/Lawful Permanent Residents", "For International Visitors" (highlighted), "Clearing CBP", "Trusted Traveler Programs", "For Travel Industry Personnel", "Wait Times - Airport and Border", "Pleasure Boats & Private Flyers", "CBP Search Authority", and "Customer Service". Below this is a "Report Suspicious Activity to 1-800-BE-ALERT" button and a "What's New in Travel" section.
- Main Content Area:**
  - Section Header:** "Electronic System for Travel Authorization".
  - Logo:** The ESTA logo with the text "Electronic System for Travel Authorization" and "U.S. Department of Homeland Security".
  - Text:** "ESTA is an automated system that determines the eligibility of visitors to travel to the U.S. under the Visa Waiver Program. The ESTA application collects the same information collected on Form I-94W. ESTA applications may be submitted at anytime prior to travel, though it is recommended travelers apply when they begin preparing travel plans."
  - Search Bar:** A search bar with the text "Search Electronic System for Travel Authorization for:" and a green "GO" button.
  - Section Sitemap:** A box titled "section sitemap for Electronic System for Travel Authorization".
  - See also:** A section with links to "in For International Visitors:", "Admission into United States", "Automatic Revalidation: Valid I-94, Expired Non-Immigrant Visa (pdf - 23 KB.)", "Bringing Food into the U.S.", "Useful Information for Canadian and Mexican Travelers", "Form I-192 and Form I-824 Immigration", and "...more".
  - on cbp.gov:** A section with links to "Visa Waiver Program", "Video: Electronic System for Travel Authorization: Get It and Go", and "Video: Electronic System for Travel Authorization: Get It".



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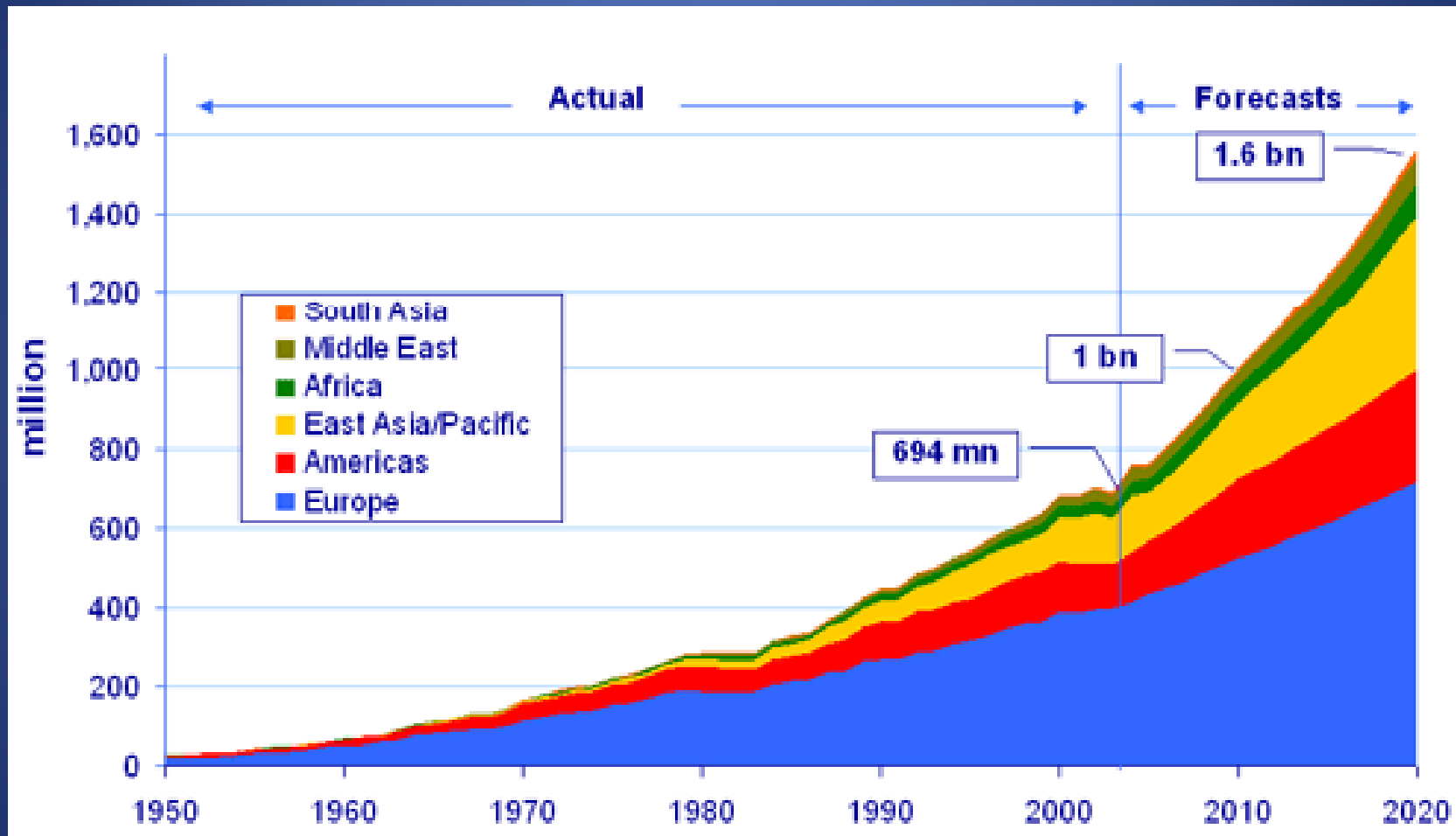


# Future eVisas

- Many countries would like to introduce electronic visa systems
  - BUT the cost is high for a stand alone system, a major issue particularly for developing countries
- Need globally inter-operable central system that can be shared by multiple countries



# 1 billion International Travelers



Source: UNWTO



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“Visas ....  
the way they are processed  
deters over 20% of potential travelers”

Source: European Tour Operators Association (ETOA)



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# Safety and Security

**GlobalIncidentMap.com** A Global Display of Terrorism And Other Suspicious Events

Map Satellite Hybrid

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## Personal details revealed on dodgy website for US visa

Nick Ralston  
October 9, 2010

WITH a trip to the US lined up for the end of the month, a Sydney man, Tim Young, did a quick internet search for the forms he had to complete to travel there, filled them in and sent them off.

Ten minutes later he received an email saying it had all been approved. But when he went to the web link he saw the approval he had been given was for a Melbourne man, with a completely different name, also planning a holiday in the US.

The approval gave Mr Young access to all the other man's details, including if he had a criminal record or a drug habit, and all his passport information.

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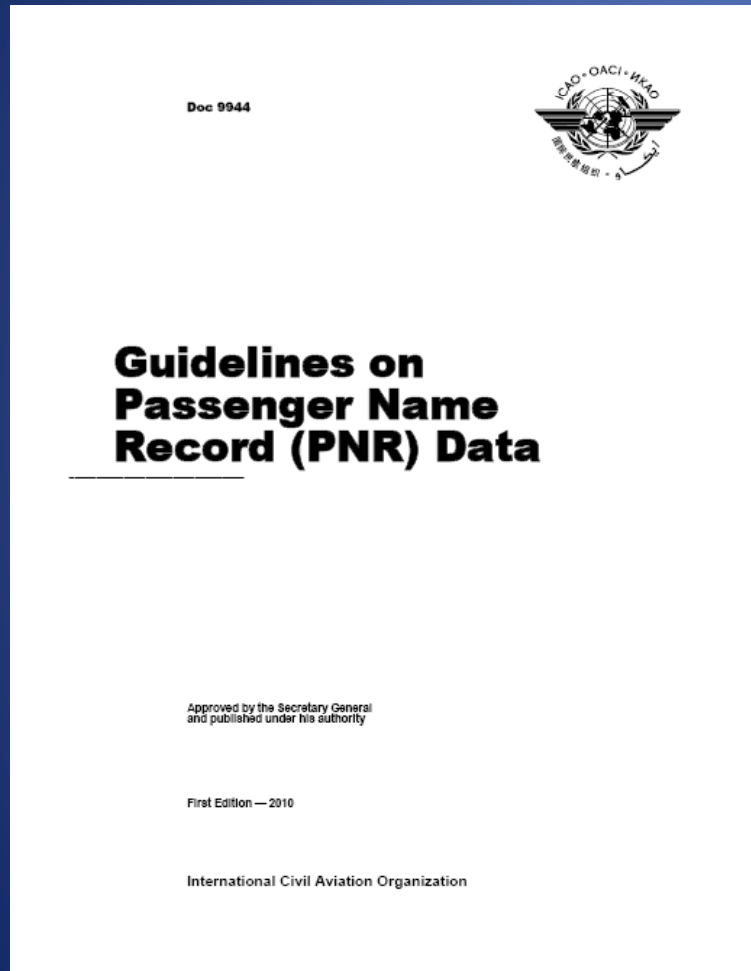


# Standardization Needed

- Governments have varying requirements as to which nationals require visas to travel to, or transit through a country
- International travellers often travel to more than one country
- EU Visa Code



# Doc 9944 : Guidelines on Passenger Name Record (PNR) Data

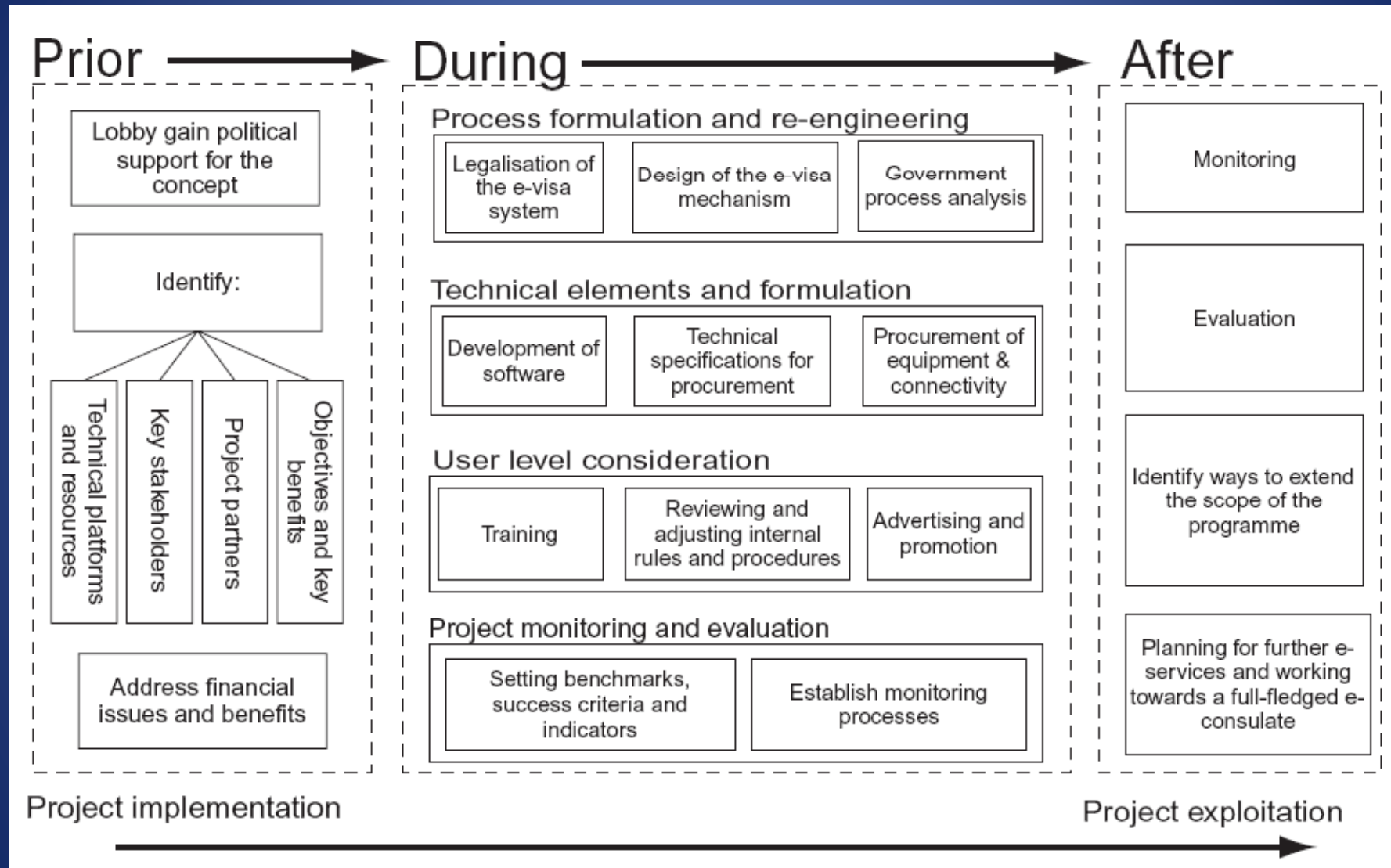


- 2.1 What is a Passenger Name Record (PNR)?
- 2.2 Why are States requiring PNR data transfer?
- 2.3 What is the purpose of these guidelines?
- 2.4 Laws or regulations
- 2.5 PNR data elements
- 2.6 PNR data processing.
- 2.7 Methods of PNR data transfer
- 2.8 Frequency and timing of PNR data transfer
- 2.9 Filtering of PNR data
- 2.10 Storage of PNR data
- 2.11 Onward transfer
- 2.12 PNR data protection: general principles
- 2.13 Security and integrity of PNR data
- 2.14 Transparency and passenger redress
- 2.15 Costs
- 2.16 Sanctions and penalties





# eVISA Implementation



# Community eVisa

- ICAO
  - Mandate
  - Available to member States
- Cost
  - Economies of scale
  - Shared between users
- One application for multiple States



# Community eVisa Framework

## BENEFITS

Better Security

Reduce Costs

Facilitate Travel

Generate Revenue

Improve Intelligence

## PPP PARTNERS

ICAO

Public Partners

Private Partners

International  
Organizations

Regional  
Organizations

## STAKEHOLDERS

UN System

Governments

NGOs

Suppliers

Public Private Partnership Entity



# eVisa: Towards a Sustainable Border Security Standard

- **Tourism: Almost 1 billion people will cross national borders in 2010**
  - Increasing the need for more efficient security systems and facilitation for international travelers
- **eVisa is more efficient than Traditional**
- **Need global inter-operable eVisa standard & system**
  - Build on the foundation of existing ICAO MRTD initiatives
  - optimise security efficiency in balance with facilitation
  - Cost-effective and sustainable by leveraging latest technology





# Need for eVisa

- ✓ **Better Security**

- ✓ Real-Time

- ✓ Inter-operable

- ✓ **Better traveler Facilitation**

- Reach beyond embassy & consulate

- ✓ **Green Security**



# Recommended Actions

- **eVisa Knowledge Management**
  - Web based : ICAO website or [www.eVisa.travel](http://www.eVisa.travel)
- **Guidelines and Standards**
  - Optimal Specifications
- **Community eVisa**
  - Feasibility Study / Proof of concept



# eVisa = Better Security

Thank You!

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