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E-PASSPORT ISSUANCE, RULES, PROCESS AND CHALLENGES ; NIGERIA'S EXPERIENCE

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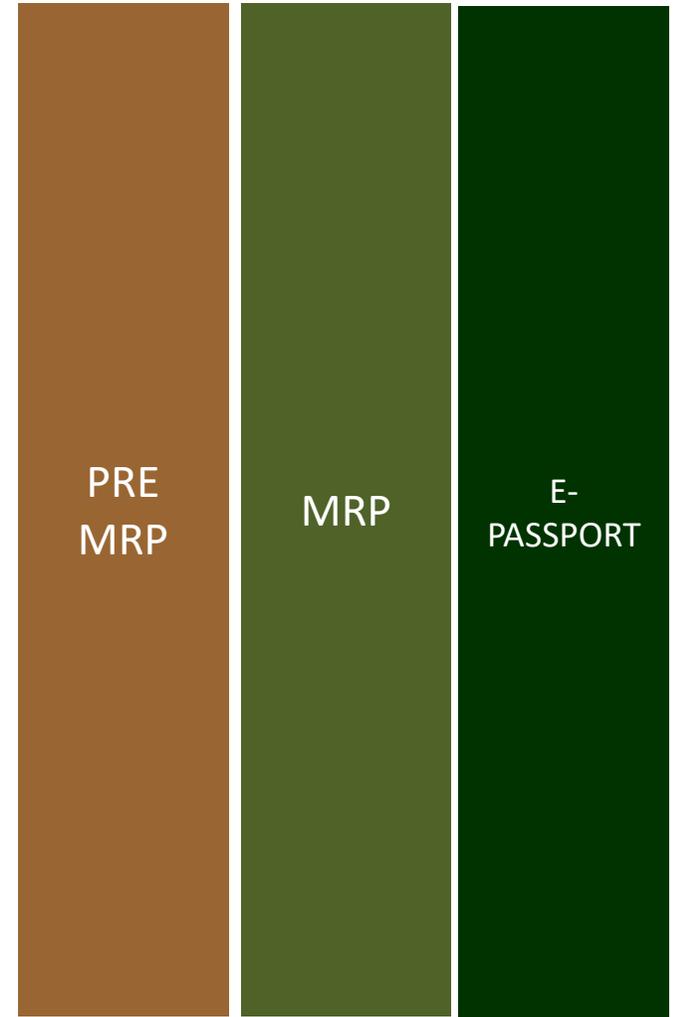
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Introduction

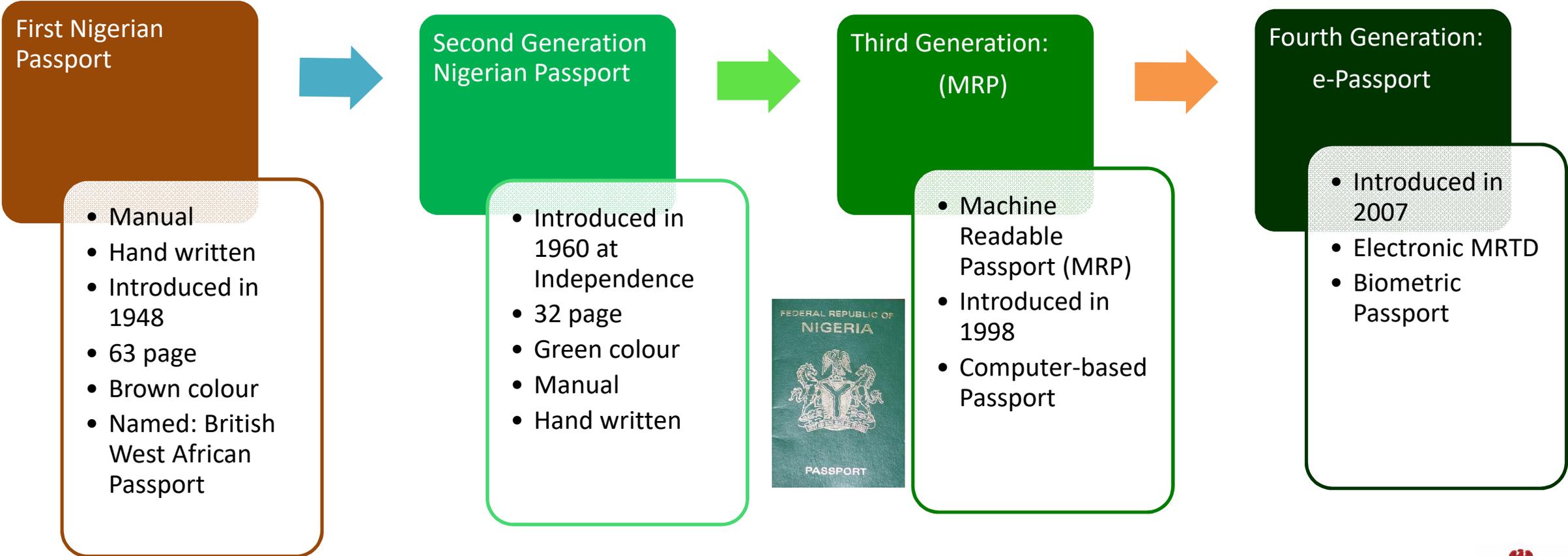
This presentation seeks to share Nigeria's experience on e-passport issuance, rules, processes and challenges by examining:

- i. Nigeria's Journey to e-Passport
- ii. Rules Guiding Document and Issuance
- iii. Process, and
- iv. Challenges

Nigeria's Journey to e-Passport



Nigeria's Journey to e-Passport



Major Factors that Prompted Nigeria's Migration to e-Passport

- ▶ Proxy issuance i.e Non-physical appearance of applicant
- ▶ Multiple issuance – Going to different Centres to acquire
- ▶ Identify theft – Forgery, falsification, alteration of age, picture and pagination
- ▶ Security features were weak

Benefits of e-Passport

- ❖ Elimination of multiple acquisition as applicants' data are stored in a Central Data Base.
- ❖ It has no provision for proxy acquisition i.e. the applicant must be physically present.
- ❖ Enhanced security features.
- ❖ It complied to the standards of ICAO Document 9303.

Rules Guiding Documents and Issuance

Nigerian e-passport is guided by the rules provided by:

- ▶ Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Sec. III chapter 24-25 which defined Nigerian citizenship and eligibility to Nigerian Passport
- ▶ Chicago Convention 1944 which Nigeria is signatory
- ▶ ICAO Doc 9303
- ▶ Nigeria also as an ICAO Board Member
- ▶ Immigration Act, 2015 where Passport offences and guidelines are defined
- ▶ Standard Operating Procedures set by Nigeria Immigration Service

Our SOP

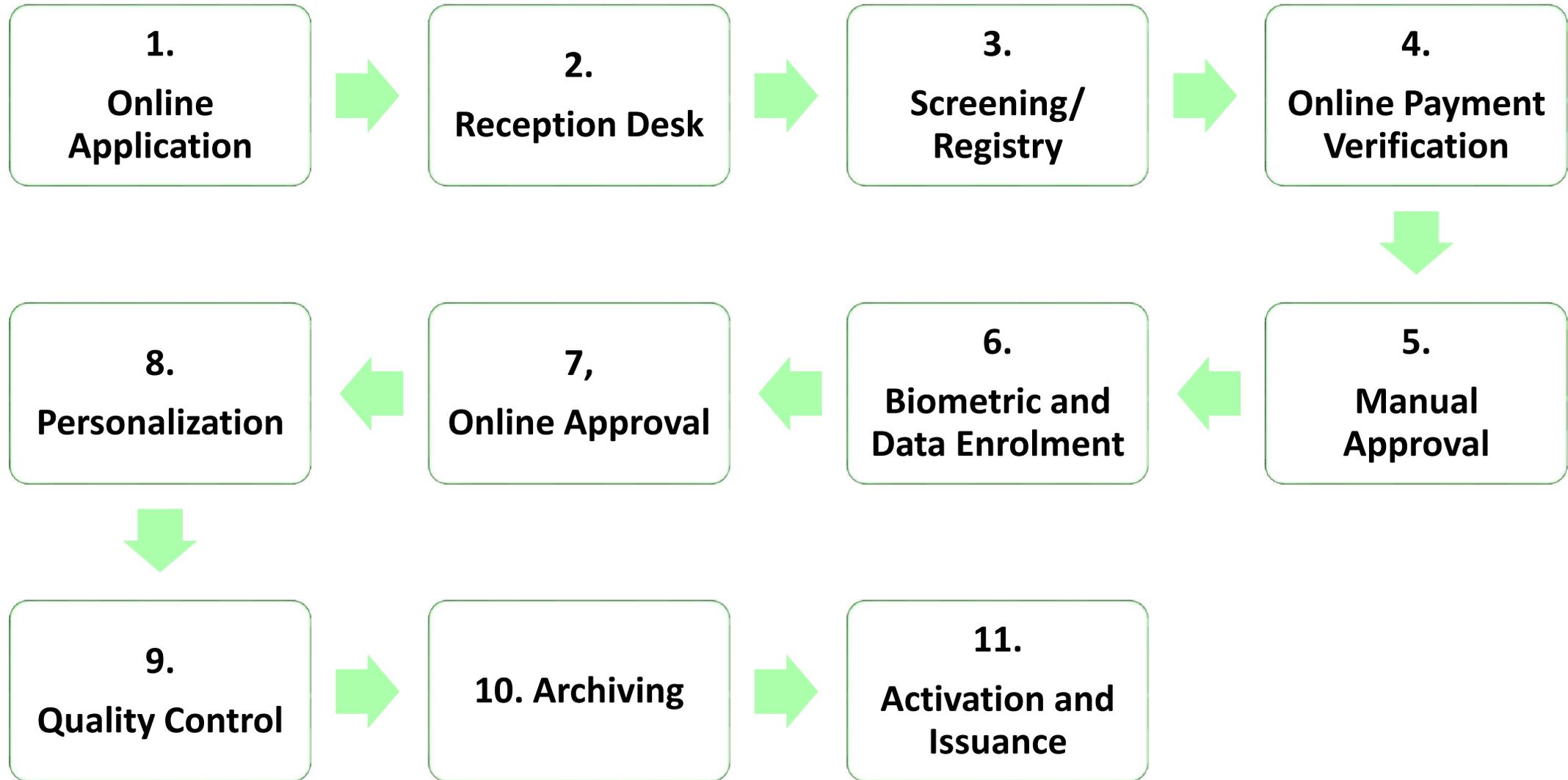
- ▶ Document Fraud Experts involves in Issuance Process
- ▶ Breeder documents electronically stored (e-Archiving)
- ▶ Document verification
- ▶ Senior officers assigned as approving officers
- ▶ Frequent review of issuance process
- ▶ Passport offences criminalized and backed by law
- ▶ No use of still passport photograph, applicants must be physically present for photo capturing.

Process

There exist Eleven (11) service windows in processing of Nigerian e-passport.

Service Windows is the division of activities that culminate into the issuance of e-passport.

Process



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Nigerian e-passport project is operated on Public Private Partnership basis for the technology and supply of booklets.

- ✓ 42 Passport Issuing centres in Nigeria
- ✓ 44 Passport Issuing Centres abroad.
- ✓ Over 10 million e-passports has been issued since the introduction of e-passport in Nigeria.

Challenges

- Constant Changes in technology
- Inability to take full benefits of PKI/PKD
- Nigeria's Fiscal Policy issues leading to booklet scarcity
- Breeder documents forgery
- Conflict between public service and service delivery in business model environment

The New Nigerian e-Passport



- After 10 years of existence of Nigerian e-Passport, the NIS did a document and process review of its e-passport project in 2017.
- The review led to approval of a new e-passport with the following features:
 - Improved quality;
 - Enhanced security;
 - Polycarbonate technology that enhances the quality of the passport;
 - Ten year validity booklet that saves frequent visit to passport offices;
 - Automation of issuance process to bring about transparency and address touting/middlemen;

Thank You