CARICOM
Implementation Agency for Crime &
Security (IMPACS)

APIS, ACIS, CARIPASS, RIBIN

Traveller Identification Programme
Regional Seminar
Montego Bay
28-30 November 2017

CARICOM
Advance Passenger Information Programme

OVERVIEW
CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime & Security (IMPACS)

CARICOM IIMPACS

Joint Regional Communications Centre (JRCC)

Regional Intelligence Fusion Centre (RIFC)

- ❖ Policy & Strategy Formulation
- ❖ Oversight,
- ❖ Coordination, Implementation
- ❖ Capacity Building

- ❖ Advanced Targeting
- ❖ Intelligence and Information Sharing
- ❖ Operational Support
- ❖ Enhanced Border Security Training

- ❖ Strategic Assessment
- ❖ Threat Assessment
- ❖ Intelligence Sharing
- ❖ Capacity Building

JOINT REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE

- Staffed by contracted and seconded law enforcement and border security officers

- Engaged in 24/7 operations and collaborates with the Regional Intelligence Fusion Centre (RIFC) to implement the Region's Crime and Security Agenda

- Assists in detecting and monitoring persons of Interest /criminal elements attempting to transit the Region

- Supports screening for national visas, work permits and accreditation for major events

- Designated as the hub for CARICOM Travel Card (CARIPASS), Advance Cargo Information System (ACIS)

HYBRID THREATS & CHALLENGES

- Irregular Migration
  - Refugees, asylum seekers fleeing from war-torn zones
- Small and Light Arms Trafficking
  - From USA, Venezuela, Latin America & Brazil
- Terrorism
  - Foreign Terrorist Fighters
  - Persons leaving Region to Join ISIS
- Human Trafficking
- Narcotics Trafficking
- Bulk Cash Smuggling
- Mass Deportation

Crime Fighting Mechanisms & Initiatives

▸ Legislative Instruments and Cooperation Agreements

Advance Passenger Information System (APIS)

- APIS Legislation – 2006
  - Specific Data Fields for Targeting
- APIS Model Legislation – 2015
  - Enhanced Data Fields for Targeting
- MoUs & MoI with Regional & International Agencies

WHAT IS CARICOM APIS

- CARICOM Advance Passenger System (APIS) is an electronic data interchange System established for the collection, processing and analyzing of **passenger and crew data** to facilitate travel and to target high risk travellers.

CARICOM APIS

BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Enhance Border Security and Facilitation

- Ensure the safety of our Region

- Screening of Aviation & Maritime Crew & Passenger Data

- Querying API Data against Watch List Databases
  - (Nominal & SLTD)

- Due Diligence Checks (eVisas, Work Permits, CIP Applicants)

CARICOM APIS
PARTICIPATING MEMBER STATES

LEGACY SYSTEM

Antigua & Barbuda

Barbados

Dominica

Grenada

Guyana

Jamaica

St. Kitts & Nevis

Saint Lucia

St. Vincent & the
Grenadines

Trinidad & Tobago

APIS EXPANSION

(Regional)

Bahamas

Belize

Haiti

Montserrat

Suriname

APIS EXPANSION

(Extra- Regional)

British Overseas Territories

French Territories

Dutch Caribbean Countries

CARICOM APIS LEGISLATION

APIS Legislation (2006)

- Statutory Obligation
- API Data
- Specific Data Elements
- Specific File Formats
- Submission Methods
- Timings

APIS Revised Model Legislation (2015)

- Submission Prior to Departure
- (40 Minutes)
- Additional Data Elements (PNR)
- Removal of Exemptions (Tonnage)
- Inbound & Outbound
- Penalties & Fines

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API SYSTEM
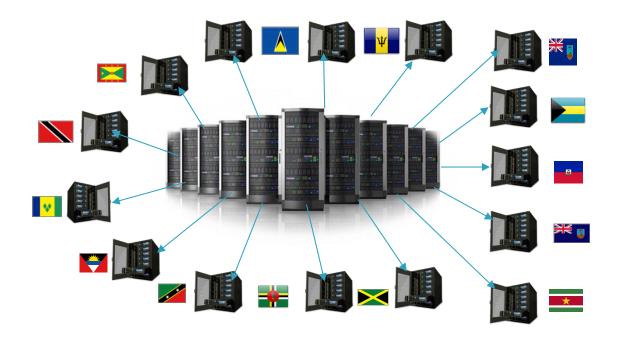
APIS Legacy System (2006)

- Semi- Automated System
- Limited analysis
- Un-scalable applications
- Multiple databases

Enhanced Targeting System:

- Modular in nature
- Rule based assessments/analysis
- Generation of Specific Queries for targeting and assessing risk
- Scalable applications
- Specific trends and patterns
- Consolidated Databases

CARICOM INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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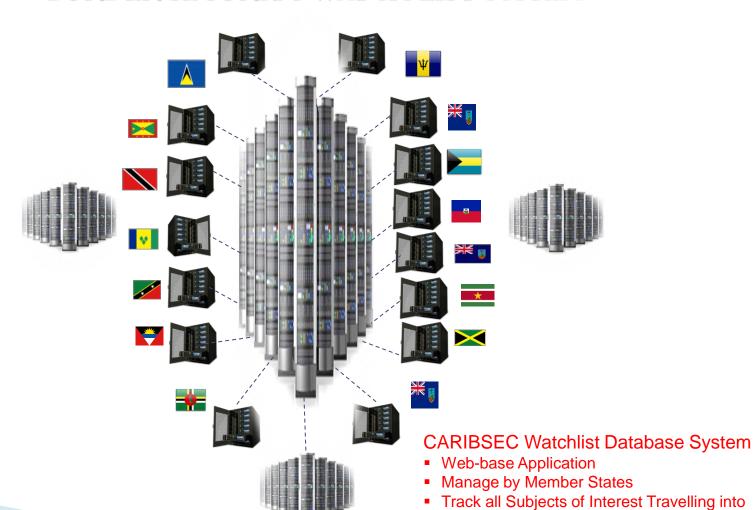## INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Integrated Border Management System
- Presently 10 Participating States.
- Aviation & Maritime Data
- Central Repository
- Data Scrubbing Against Watch List Databases
- Several layers of security
- Targeting Persons of Interest Traversing our Region
- Assist in Identifying Trends and Patterns
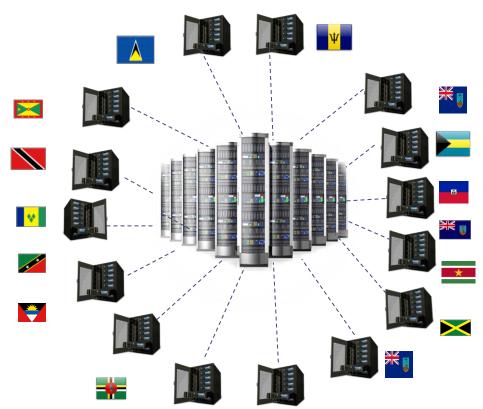
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BORDER SECURITY WATCH LIST SYSTEM

CARIBSEC Watchlist Database System
- Web-base Application
- Manage by Member States
- Track all Subjects of Interest Travelling into our Region
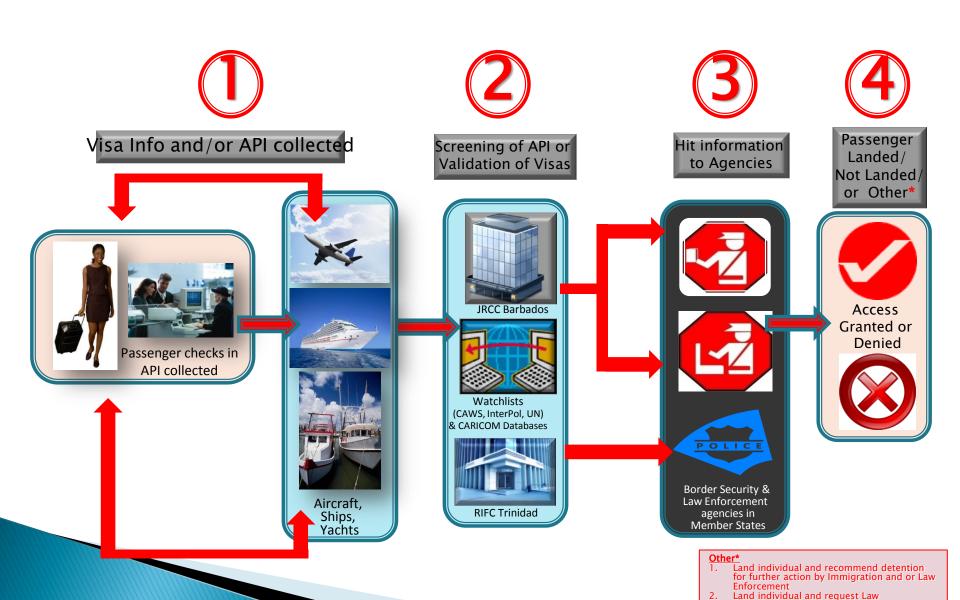- Modular in Nature

CARICOM
DUE DILIGENCE & VISA VETTING SYSTEM

CARICOM Due Diligence & VISA Vetting System
- Visa applicants are scrubbed against watchlist databases
- Record of all persons applying for entry visas

CARICOM APIS PROCESS

① Visa Info and/or API collected

Passenger checks in API collected

Aircraft, Ships, Yachts

② Screening of API or Validation of Visas

JRCC Barbados

Watchlists (CAWS, InterPol, UN) & CARICOM Databases

RIFC Trinidad

③ Hit information to Agencies

Border Security & Law Enforcement agencies in Member States

④ Passenger Landed/ Not Landed/ or Other*

Access Granted or Denied

Other*
1. Land individual and recommend detention for further action by Immigration and or Law Enforcement
2. Land individual and request Law Enforcement to monitor (surveillance)
3. Land individual and alert Law Enforcement
4. Arrest, detain and repatriate.

AGENCY
FUNCTIONAL COOPERATION

INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

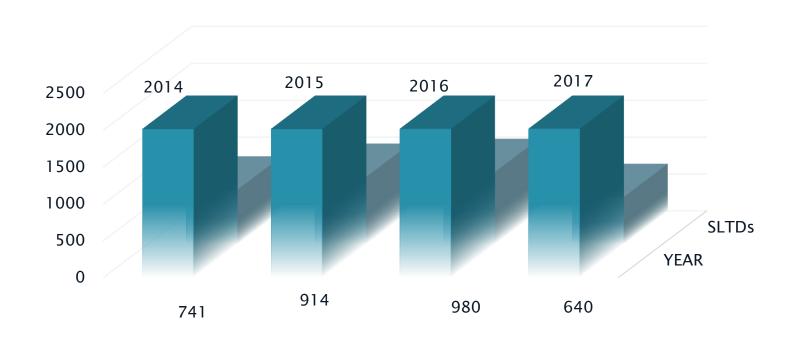▶ Carriers Processed

▶ Passenger & Crew Screened

Carriers Processed chart:
- 2014: 233851
- 2015: 238321
- 2016: 257518
- 2017: 178707
- Year axis
- Legend: Year, Carriers
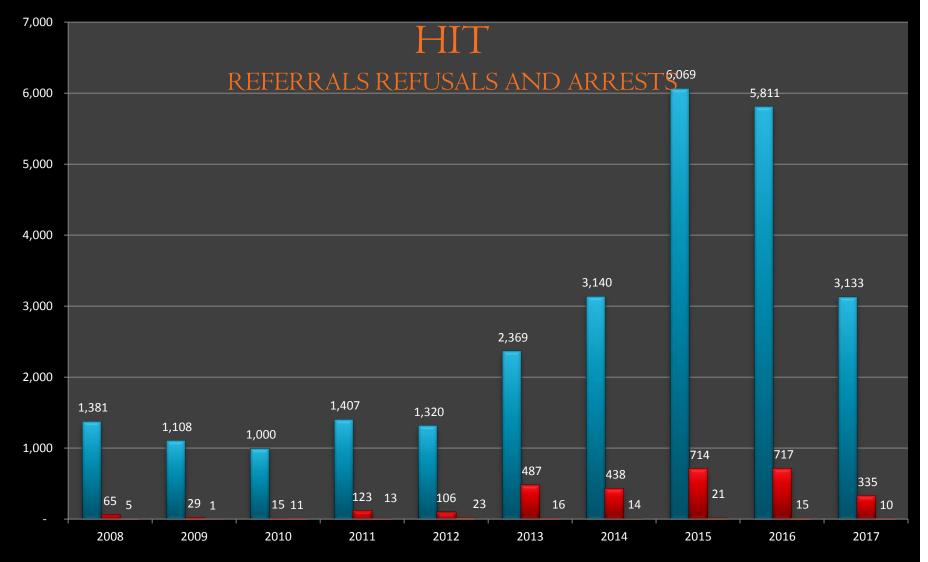
Passenger & Crew Screened chart:
- 2014: 33488719
- 2015: 45602530
- 2016: 46683254
- 2017: 31072517
- YEAR axis
- Legend: YEAR, PASSENGERS

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES Cont'd

▸ Hits Flagged against
Stolen & Lost Travel Documents

HIT
REFERRALS REFUSALS AND ARRESTS

Hits Targeted · Refusals · Arrests

Year	Hits Targeted	Refusals	Arrests
2008	1,381	65	5
2009	1,108	29	1
2010	1,000	15	11
2011	1,407	123	13
2012	1,320	106	23
2013	2,369	487	16
2014	3,140	438	14
2015	6,069	714	21
2016	5,811	717	15
2017	3,133	335	10

SUMMARY
OF OPERATIONAL SUPPROT
LAW ENFORCEMENT & BORDER SECURITY AGENCIES

- Travel History
- Sanction Monitoring
- Security Vetting
- Enhanced Due Diligence Checks

- Joint Interdiction Exercises
- Joint Intelligence Coordination
- Analytical Support

Crime and Security
Strategies

▶ CARICOM Crime and Security Strategy – 2013

- ◦ *The Strategy identifies and prioritises the common security risks and threats which CARICOM is facing, and likely to face in the future.*

▶ CARICOM Cyber Security Strategy –   2016

- ◦ *Hacking, Virus Dissemination, Cyber Terrorism, Denial of Service*

▶ *CARICOM Counter Terrorism Strategy – 2017*

- ◦ *In response to*
  - • UNSC Resolutions 2178 (2014) & 2309 (2016).
    - • *Threat poses by FTFs to our Region,*
    - • *Disrupting Terrorist Activities, Effective Response & Recovery, Challenging Violent Extremists*

CHALLENGES

OPERATIONAL
CHALLENGES

- Data Quality

- Non-Compliance by Carriers

- Late Submissions

- Erroneous Submissions

- Enforcement Issues

- LEA willingness to share and cooperate on matters of mutual interest

- Legislative Challenges

WAY FORWARD

AUTOMATION, TECHNOLOGIES & INITIATIVES

- Greater Collaboration and Cooperation

  - Global APIS Network

- Intelligence & Risk Base Targeting

- Expansion of APIS Programme

- Greater Collaboration between CARICOM and Regional/International Agencies

- Regional Membership to PKD System

- Implementation of the ACIS

- Automated Border Control Systems (e-Gates, Kiosk)

- Entry & Exit System

THANK YOU!!!

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