



Welcome to your guide to the Preliminary Congress Programme of the 2023 World Border Security Congress taking place in the beautiful city of Istanbul on 25th-27th April 2023.

In this guide you will find all the information you require for a successful attendance, from the outline Congress Programme (correct at the time of printing) to details on the Closed Agency Only Workshops, as well as a great Accommodation Special Rate the Congress has arranged with the venue hotel and how to book your delegate place and accommodation.

If you have any queries regarding your attendance to the World Border Security Congress, including clearance to attend the Closed Agency Only Workshops, please contact Neil Walker, Event Director, World Border Security Congress at neilw@world-border-congress.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to Skopje, North Macedonia this April, for the next exciting gathering of the border management and protection community, international border agencies and agencies at the border.

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Dear Colleague,

Developing Border Strategies Through Co-operation and Technology

In March 2020, North Macedonia acceded to NATO, becoming the 30th member state and accession process to join the European Union remains ongoing.

Ranked as the fourth “best reformatory state” out of 178 countries ranked by the World Bank in 2009, North Macedonia has undergone considerable economic reform since independence. North Macedonia has witnessed steady, though slow, economic growth and has implemented policies focused on attracting foreign investment and promoting the development of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

The country has a rich and diverse history and Skopje, the capital has been inhabited since at least 4000 BC; remains of Neolithic settlements have been found within the old Kale Fortress that overlooks the vibrant modern city centre.

By virtue of its position North Macedonia sits on the Balkan route for illegal migration into the European Union and therefore faces border challenges that require a collective, collaborative, and holistic response, making it the ideal place for the next meeting of the World Border Security Congress.

We need to continue the discussion, collaboration and intelligence sharing.

We are delighted to be co-hosted and supported by the Ministry of Interior of North Macedonia and the Border Police. The Congress is also supported by **the Organisation for Security & Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the European Association of Airport and Seaport Police (EAASP), African Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (AU-ECOSOCC), Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative (MARRI), Border Security Network, National Security & Resilience Consortium and International Association of CIP Professionals**, and is the premier multi-jurisdictional global platform where the border protection policy-makers, management and practitioners together with security industry professionals, convene to discuss the international challenges faced in protecting borders.

The Congress programme (correct at the time of printing) will deliver high level discussions and a series of Closed Agency Only Workshops for promoting greater collaboration on the international challenges.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee you are cordially invited to Skopje, North Macedonia on 25th-27th April 2023 for World Border Security Congress, the premier gathering of border and migration management professionals.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Neil Walker
Event Director
World Border Security Congress





Since the end of the Balkans conflict, the western Balkans has become a key hub in the trafficking of drugs and weapons.

In more recent times, the trafficking of human beings has also become big business for the organised crime gangs that operate in the region.

Organized crime groups in the Western Balkans are multiethnic, cross-border, and happy to work with one another.

They are also able to operate with minimum risk as conviction rates are low.

Borders in the region are often poorly maintained and easily by-passed.

According to a report by Humsec.eu another key factor is the large ethnic Albanian Diaspora has allowed ethnic Albanian rings to emerge as the dominant force in European drugs trafficking and distribution. According to Swiss police estimates, ethnic Albanians control about 80 % of the lucrative heroin market in Switzerland, and raising stakes in other European countries.

Trafficking in drugs, human beings, and weapons – are intertwined, and all three are deeply embedded in the pervasive culture of corruption in the region.

North Macedonia sits in the heart of this critical region and shares borders with Bulgaria to the east, Greece to the south, Serbia and Kosovo to the north, and Albania to the west. It is therefore a key player in region.

In January 2020 UNODC launched an EU-UNODC Joint Action on promoting rule of law and good governance in the region, through targeted border control measures at ports and airports.

The initiative, funded by the European Union, aims to address all forms of trafficking and provide the necessary support at the national and regional level, to tackle this threat. The initiative supports more effective and coordinated responses to counter illicit trafficking at seaports, land border crossings and



international airports in the Western Balkans. This constitutes a key step in fighting regional organized crime in the region.

Advancements in technology are assisting in the battle to maintain safe and secure international travel. The border security professional still remains the front line against these threats.

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The World Border Security Congress is the premier multi-jurisdictional trans-national platform where the border protection, management and security industry policy-makers and practitioners convene to discuss the international challenges faced in protecting borders.

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Current Border Security Challenges:

- Migration Crisis Tests European Consensus and Governance
- Migrants and refugees streaming into Europe from Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia
- Big Business of Smuggling Enables Mass Movement of People for Enormous Profits
- Climate Change and Natural Disasters Displace Millions, Affect Migration Flows
- Europe and the United States Confront Significant Flows of Unaccompanied Child Migrants
- Tackling Southeast Asia's Migration Challenge
- Cross-border organised criminal gangs exploit human trafficking, drug smuggling and small arms proliferation
- Border Skirmishes Resonate in National Domestic Politics
- Women's Labour Migration from Asia and the Pacific

Why Attend

The 2023 World Border Security Congress will bring together the world's senior policy makers, practitioners and players, in Skopje, North Macedonia in April 2023, to discuss and debate the current and future issues facing the border management, security and migration management sector.

Your attendance to the World Border Security Congress will ensure you are up-to-date on the latest issues, policies and challenges facing the world's border management, protection and security forces, as well as contribute to the discussion on how to best collaborate and cooperate to make our borders safer and more secure.

You will also gain an insight in to what the future holds for the management of migration and refugee movement, as well as systems and technologies employed in fighting illegal border activities, including drug and people trafficking.

With active senior border force officials and speakers delivering discussion and thought provoking presentations on many of the serious border protection, management and security issues and challenges facing the industry.

- High level conference with leading industry speakers and professionals
- Learn from experiences and challenges from the world's border agencies
- Gain insight into national, regional and global policy and border agency developments
- Constructive debate, educational opportunities and cooperation advocacy
- Share ideas and facilitate in valuable inter-agency cooperation
- Exhibition showcasing leading technologies and products
- Networking events and opportunities

Who is the World Border Security Congress for?

Immigration and border management and security policy makers and practitioners.

Senior representatives from national border services, police, customs, and immigration services, as well as organisations, services and suppliers to the border management and security industry, including:

- Customs and border control officials
- National / Homeland security advisors, policymakers and personnel
- Coast guard officers
- Chiefs of Police and Police and law enforcement officers
- Boundary commissioners
- Diplomats and foreign affairs officials
- Borderland planners and managers
- Defence and security departments
- Consular officials
- Policy analysts
- Global Security Risk Analyst
- Heads of Department of Economic, Management and Operation of Maritime Transport
- Heads of National Analysis Centre
- Heads of Sector, EU and Schengen
- Security system providers

CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL

8:30am - 12:00pm	Site Visits
9:30am - 12:30pm	AU-ECOSOCC/AYPSC Workshop
1:30pm - 3:30pm	MINISTERIAL OPENING, WELCOME AND OPENING KEYNOTE SESSION
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Networking Coffee Break
4:00pm - 5:30pm	PLENARY - The threat posed by terrorists and organised criminal groups and their smuggling networks
7:00pm	Welcome Reception (Invitation Only)

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL

9:00am - 10:30am	PLENARY - Securing maritime borders and combatting maritime crime
9:00am-10:30am	TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP
9:30am - 7:00pm	Exhibition Open
10:30am - 11:15am	Networking Coffee Break in the Exhibition Hall
11:15am - 12:30pm	BREAKOUT WORKSHOP - Trafficking in human beings & migration-related crime (the migration crisis in the digital age)
	CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - Continued efforts in information sharing and agency cooperation
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Delegate Lunch
2:00pm - 3:30pm	PLENARY - Countering terrorism and cross border organised crime
2:00pm-3:30pm	TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP
3:30pm - 4:15pm	Networking Coffee Break in the Exhibition Hall
4:15pm - 5:30pm	BREAKOUT WORKSHOP - Changing Challenges to Trade and Customs
	CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - Mainstreaming Human Rights into Immigration & Border Management
5:30pm - 7:00pm	Networking Reception in the Exhibition Hall

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL

9:00am - 10:30am	PLENARY - Continuing development of digital borders and use of data – (including API / PNR on-going developments, travel documents security, and traveller programs)
9:00am - 10:30am	CT Workshop
9:30am - 4:30pm	Exhibition Open
10:30am - 11:15am	Networking Coffee Break in the Exhibition Hall
11:15am - 12:30pm	BREAKOUT WORKSHOP - Capacity building and training in tough times
	CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - ID, data sharing and combatting Fraudulent ID
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Delegate Lunch
2:00pm - 3:30pm	PLENARY - Panel Discussion: Delivering effective border management in uncertain times
4:00pm	World Border Security Congress Round Up and Close

EXHIBITION OPENING HOURS

Tues 25th April	1.00pm to 5.30pm
Wed 26th April	9.30am to 7.00pm
Thur 26th April	9.30am to 4.30pm

ON-SITE REGISTRATION HOURS

Tues 25th April	12.00pm to 5.00pm
Wed 26th April	8.30am to 7.00pm
Thur 27th April	8.30am to 4.00pm

Government Agency / Public Sector

The World Border Security Congress is open for members of federal government, border management agencies, law enforcement or inter-governmental agencies, the European Union, INTERPOL, EUROPOL, AFRIPOL, ASEANAPOL, AMERIPOL, OSCE, EAASP and associated Agencies and members (public and official) involved in border security, management and protection. Applications will be reviewed and considered on an individual basis. Delegates are requested to register sufficiently early to ensure participation. For all above mentioned communities the World Border Security Congress **early registration (prior to 31st March 2023) is "Free of Charge"**.

Register online at www.world-border-congress.com/agency-reg

Commercial, Industry and Other Organizations

Industry companies and other organizations sending staff members to the World Border Security Congress are required to purchase a conference pass.

Registration Fees can be found on the Registration Form at the back of this booklet, or alternately online at www.world-border-congress.com/conference/registration-fees. Early Bird registration deadline is **31st March 2023**.

Register online at www.world-border-congress.com/onlinereg

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Online at www.world-border-congress.com
2. Complete the Registration Form enclosed with this booklet and email to:
registration@world-border-congress.com.
3. Complete the Registration Form enclosed with this booklet and mail to:
World Border Security Congress, Torch Marketing, 200 Ware Road, Hoddesdon,
Herts EN11 9EY, United Kingdom.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT - deadline 31st March 2023

For Commercial, Industry and Other Organizations, register yourself and your colleagues as conference delegates by 31st March 2023 and save with the Early Bird Discount.

Discounts for Members of Supporting Associations

If you are a member of one of the following trade associations, supporters of the World Border Security Congress, then you can benefit from a special discount rate:

- National Security & Resilience Consortium (NS&RC)
- International Association of CIP Professionals (IACIPP)
- International Security Industry Organization (ISIO)

Check the Registration Form enclosed with this booklet for full details.

CLOSED AGENCY ONLY WORKSHOPS



FOR BORDER AGENCIES AND AGENCIES AT THE BORDER ONLY – If you are interested in participating in the Closed Agency Only Workshops, in order to obtain clearance to attend the Closed Workshops, please register via the Online Agency Registration complete the Agency Registration Form and return, to begin the approval process. If you have any queries please contact Neil Walker, Event Director, World Border Security Congress at neilw@world-border-congress.com.

The World Border Security Congress aims to promote collaboration, inter-agency cooperation and information/intelligence sharing amongst border agencies and agencies at the border to better engage and tackle the increasing threats and cross border security challenges that pertain to today's global environment.

Border agencies and agencies at the border can benefit from the 'Closed Agency Only Workshops', hosted by the **UNCTD Border Security and Management, Organization for Security & Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and International Organization for Migration (IOM)** with a series of behind closed door discussion and working group opportunities.

This years Closed Agency Only Workshop topics are:

Wednesday 26th April 2023 - 11.15am - 12.30pm

Continued efforts in information sharing and agency cooperation

Moderator: UNOCT | UNCTD | Border Security and Management

Information sharing, and inter-agency co-operation are two sides of the same coin. One will not work without the other! But what are the barriers to co-operation and information sharing? Most often they are political, cultural and technical. So, how do we overcome those barriers and implement real co-operation and information sharing?

Wednesday 26th April 2023 - 4.15pm - 5.30pm

Mainstreaming Human Rights into Immigration & Border Management

Moderator: International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Irregular migration across the world continues and remains a dangerous prospect, especially for women and girls. The OHCHR has developed recommended principles and guidelines on human rights at international borders. These are intended to translate the international human rights framework into practical border governance measures. Part of any practical framework must include improved legal routes for migration as well as strategies to deter irregular migration. It should include swift processing of irregular and regular migrants once they have arrived and an effective and humane returns policy, including detention.

Thursday 19th May 2022 - 11.15am - 12.30pm

ID, data sharing and combatting Fraudulent ID

Moderator: OSCE Transnational Threats Department

Document fraud is one of the major challenges facing border officials worldwide. Fraudulent documents are used in organised smuggling of weapons, drugs vehicles and people. They have also been used in terrorist attacks. Most fraudulent document cases are picked up at airports, but that is probably because airports are where biometrics are most widely used. Sharing data on lost or stolen ID documents is a major weapon in the agency arsenal, but data sharing is key to making this work.

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL

1:30pm - 3:30pm **MINISTERIAL OPENING KEYNOTE AND WELCOME**

Oliver Spasovski, Minister of Interior, North Macedonia

Sašo Smileski, Head of Border Police/Assistant-Director for Border Affairs and Migration, Ministry of Interior, North Macedonia*

Vladimir Pivovarov, National Coordinator for Integrated Border Management, National Coordinative Center for Integrated Border Management, North Macedonia

Sonja Bozinovska Petrushevska, Head of Mission, IOM Skopje

Senior Representative, Organization for Security & Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

Senior Representative, European Association of Airport & Seaport Police (EAASP)

4:00pm - 5:30pm **PLENARY SESSION - THE THREAT POSED BY TERRORISTS AND ORGANISED CRIMINAL GROUPS AND THEIR SMUGGLING NETWORKS**

The links between terrorist groups and organised criminal groups is well known. Both groups utilise many of the same networks and methods to traffic people, weapons (SALW) and drugs, either for financial gain and/or to achieve their political objectives. It is therefore not a great leap of credulity to imagine these channels being used to traffic CBRNe equipment and materials for use as WMD's. So, identifying and closing down these channels is of critical importance for our citizens health and safety.

Michael Hughes, Director, INTERPOL Washington

Khat Importation to the UK and European Union - Clare Marr, Immigration Liaison Officer, Home Office International Operations, UK

Cristian Fanelli, AIRCOP Regional Coordinator for South-Eastern Europe, UNODC

Major General John Ochai, Director of Special Research in the Nigerian Armed Forces*

Illegal Migration and Human Trafficking as Sources of Funds for Financing of Terrorism - Zlate Dimovski, Professor, Faculty of security- Skopje

Addressing the Profound and Enduring Impacts of Weapons Trafficking in post-Ukraine Conflict Europe - Bethany Banks, Independent Expert, Owens Banks Consulting

7:00pm - 9:00pm **WELCOME RECEPTION (INVITATION ONLY)**

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL

9:00am - 10:30am

PLENARY SESSION - SECURING MARITIME BORDERS AND COMBATTING MARITIME CRIME

Maritime borders are and will remain the most challenging border environment to secure, and not just because the actual border is out at sea or in the 'Blue Borders'. Once the border is crossed you have the sheer length of the coastlines that have to be secured, much of it rugged and inaccessible. But also because of the multi-dimensional nature of a maritime and 'Blue' border. Maritime borders are surface and sub-surface, land, and air, and where each of those environments meet you have a unique set of technical and mitigation problems that need to be solved. This session looks at the issues and some of the solutions.

Ashraful Hoq Chowdhury, Director General, Bangladesh Coast Guard

Rear Admiral UH Ahmet Kendir, Commander, Turkish Coast Guard*

Ramon Ribas De Reyna, Head of Maritime and Coast Guard Unit, EUCAP Somalia

Senior Representative, US Coast Guard*

Securing ports along the maritime Balkan routes - Ruggero Scaturro, Analyst, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC)

Rear Admiral (UH) Stefano Turchetto, Operation Commander, EURONAVFORMED/Operation Irini*

9.00AM - 10.30AM

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

See some of the latest border tech solutions demonstrated and discussed during the Technology Workshop.

Transforming the real-time data at borders into actionable intelligence -

Renaud Iminger, CEO, Travizory

From Edit Distance to Neural Networks: Understanding Name Screening

Technologies - Philip Blair, Senior Research Engineer, BasisTech

Border Surveillance at Scale - Georgios Kontogiannis, Product Lead, Lambda Automata

Aviation Security Evolution in Iraq: Challenges and Opportunities with an Eye on the Future of Border Management - Yazan Alwashah, Operations Manager, CRDF Global

TBC

11:15AM - 12:30PM

WORKSHOPS

BREAKOUT WORKSHOP - TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS & MIGRATION-RELATED CRIME (THE MIGRATION CRISIS IN THE DIGITAL AGE)

Human traffickers are rapacious, ruthless, callous, and unscrupulous, but they are also intelligent, cunning, ingenious and adaptable. This means that wherever a gap or weakness in our borders is closed, they will immediately look to find a new gap to exploit. We have seen this repeatedly but most recently in the Channel where traffickers have switched emphasis from smuggling people through the Port of Dover and Shuttle (of course this is still going on daily) to providing unseaworthy small craft for the perilous journey across the channel. Targeting the traffickers is clearly the best way of tackling the issue, but what can border agencies do to affect this?

Approach to safeguarding and MSHT at the the UK Border – Amanda Read, Border Force National Operational Vulnerability/ MSHT lead, Border Force

International cooperation of national coordination centers for border management as a basis for fighting against organized crime at border crossings – Vladimir Pivovarov, National Coordinator for Integrated Border Management, National Coordinative Center for Intergrated Border Management, North Macedonia

Conduits of Cross Border Insecurity: Border Residents, Migrant Smugglers and Human Trafficking – Abdul-Razak Tahiru, Head/Transnational Investigations and Henry Kumah, Assistant Inspector, Ghana Immigration Service

Importance of Border Security-Albania Case – Dr Lorenca Bejko, Diplomat/First Secretary, Albanian Embassy in Netherlands

CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - CONTINUED EFFORTS IN INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENCY COOPERATION

Moderator: UNCCT-UNOCT Border Security and Management

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Project SOTERIA - Vivian Choy, Criminal Intelligence Analyst, INTERPOL

How border management cooperation initiatives arise between neighboring countries with a history of violence or suspicion - Danilo Diniz Correia, Programme Assistant, IOM Argentina

Joint Operation for stronger border surveillance on the border between North Macedonia and Greece with support of foreign police officers - Risto Shpritev, Department for border affairs and migrations, Head of Unit for support, Ministry of Internal Affairs, North Macedonia

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL

2:00pm - 3:30pm

PLENARY SESSION - COUNTERING TERRORISM AND CROSS BORDER ORGANISED CRIME

The links between terrorism and organised cross border crime is long established. How much and how often terrorist organisations and organised crime work together is more difficult to ascertain. We often see news reports about returning terrorist fighters using human trafficking routes to cross borders, but whether this is terrorists masquerading as irregular migrants or direct collusion between organised crime groups and terrorists is difficult to know. This session will look at what we do know about collusion and what we can do to counter it through the use of, for example, Watchlists and biometrics.

Terrorism as a phenomenon, the return of foreign fighters and their infiltration in the direction of preparing and executing terrorist acts in the Republic of North Macedonia, with a special ascent of the role of the Ministry of Interior in detecting and suppressing terrorist threats – Tony Mihajlovski, Chief inspector, Section for terrorism investigations, Bureau for public security / Ministry of Interior, North Macedonia

Behaviour detection approaches for border security – Marina Tzvetkova, Project Officer, & Guido Ferraro, Project Manager, EC Joint Research Centre

UNOCT/UNCCT BSM Programme – Gorancho Stojkovski, Programme Management Officer, UNOCT | UNCCT | Border Security and Management

Demarkation and Good Borders – Good Neighbors – Mile Milenkoski, Border Security Expert, North Macedonia

Counterterrorism and Border Security Systems in Republic of Korea – Bora Park, Research Fellow, Institute for National Security Strategy, Korea

2.00PM - 3.30PM

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

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Long range, gapless and persistent border surveillance using buried optical fiber – David Hill, Chief Technology Officer, Sintela Ltd

X-ray diffraction – innovative technology for detecting drugs – Thierry Ball, Global Business Development Director Smiths Detection

Automation Reliability, Human-Machine System Performance and Operator Compliance: A Study with Airport Security Screeners supported by Automated Explosive Detection Systems – Sara Bracceschi, Head of Consulting & Services, Customs, Center for Adaptive Security Research and Applications (CASRA)

Fox in Sox and other Biometric Discoveries – David Gerulski, Executive Vice President, Integrated Biometrics

TBC

4:15PM - 5:30PM

WORKSHOPS

BREAKOUT SESSION - CHANGING CHALLENGES TO TRADE AND CUSTOMS

Trade is the lifeblood of any country's economy and customs duties represent significant sources of revenue for national governments. However, the illegal trade in counterfeit goods, endangered species, cultural heritage continues to pose a major problem to border and customs authorities worldwide and rob countries of both revenue and in many cases irreplaceable assets. In many parts of the world long, porous borders plus lack of infrastructure and resources, make this problem even more challenging.

Bob Van Den Berge, Law Enforcement Expert, Container Control Programme, UNODC

Samy Gardemeister, Director of Enforcement, Finnish Customs

Implications of Informal Trade on Border Security in West Africa: Lessons Learnt in Nigeria – Sanusi Tasiu Saulawa, Chief Superintendent of Customs, Nigeria Customs

Fighting Illicit Trafficking in Cultural Goods: An Innovative European Project. RITHMS: Research, Intelligence and Technology for Heritage and Market Security (GA 101073932 – HORIZON-CL3-2021-FCT-01-08) – Jelena Levak, Senior Project Manager, 'RITHMS project' Consortium

CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - MAINSTREAMING HUMAN RIGHTS INTO IMMIGRATION & BORDER MANAGEMENT

Moderator: International Organization for Migration (IOM)

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Exchanging of migration statistics in the Western Balkan - Sasko Kochev, Director & Jordan Simonov, Data and Policy Analyst, MARRI RC

Readmission - effective return and reintegration - Snezana Trajanovska, Head of Foreigners and Readmission Unit, Mol, North Macedonia



THURSDAY 27TH APRIL

9:00am - 10:30am

PLENARY SESSION - CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL BORDERS AND USE OF DATA – (INCLUDING API / PNR ON-GOING DEVELOPMENTS, TRAVEL DOCUMENTS SECURITY, AND TRAVELLER PROGRAMS)

As the world moves rapidly towards digital borders with the fully integrated use of API and PNR data, this session brings us up to date with the experiences of the early adopter programmes and implementation and examines these ongoing experiences and lessons that can be shared to help global partners make the transition more seamlessly and cost effectively.

TRIP and ICAO 9303 standard (MRTD) - Dr Narjess Abdennebi, Chief Facilitation Section, International Civil Aviation Organization*

Expansion of Facial Biometrics and Mobile Technology - DEAC Diane Sabatino, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

Cristina Ana Jorge, Operations on SE borders, FRONTEX

Senior Representative, Organization for Security & Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

Annick Galante, Legal officer, National Travel Targeting Center (NTTC), Belgian National ETIAS Unit, Belgium

Assessing ECOWAS National Biometric Identity Card: Challenges and Opportunities in Nigeria - Willie Aziegbe Eselebor, Independent Researcher & Consultant, Universal Research & Training Institute, Nigeria.com

Registered Traveler Programs to support border control management and facilitate flows - Jan Willem Ter Hennepe, Business Development Manager Border Control & Passenger Facilitation Europe, IDEMIA

9.00AM - 10.30AM

CT WORKSHOP

Further details TBA at www.world-border-congress.com

11:15AM - 12:30PM **WORKSHOPS**

BREAKOUT SESSION - CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING IN TOUGH TIMES

What are we doing to address the skills gaps in our organisations. Once we have identified those skills gaps, how do implement the development, and strengthen the doctrine, skills, processes, instincts, and culture to meet fast changing circumstances.

Border surveillance of the southern Schengen external borders of Hungary – latest update of innovation solutions – Monika Herczeg, Head of Unit – Police Cooperation and Border Management Unit & Leonard Zsakai, Senior police executive, Ministry of Interior, Hungary

Modernization Efforts by the Nigeria Customs Service: Problems, Prospects and Lessons Learnt – Babatunde Olomu, Comptroller & Misbau Murtala Sadiq, Superintendent of Customs, Nigerian Customs Service

Protection-sensitive border management policies and procedures - Admir Skodo, Senior Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute

The Deterrence Capacity of Border Policies: Afghan Migrants on the Way To Turkey – Dr/Mjr Alper Ekmekcioglu, Gendermerie General Command, Turkey*

Georgian reforms in Customs, SPS Border control area with the focus on systematic approach to counter corruption – Samson Uridia, Head, Department for International Relations, Customs, Tax and SPS Border Control Agency, Ministry of Finance, Georgia

CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - ID, DATA SHARING AND COMBATTING FRAUDULENT ID

Document fraud is one of the major challenges facing border officials worldwide. Fraudulent documents are used in organised smuggling of weapons, drugs vehicles and people. They have also been used in terrorist attacks. Most fraudulent document cases are picked up at airports, but that is probably because airports are where biometrics are most widely used. Sharing data on lost or stolen ID documents is a major weapon in the agency arsenal, but data sharing is key to making this work.

Moderator: Organization for Security & Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

Luca Tagliaretti, Deputy Executive Director, eu-LISA

TBC



2:00pm - 3:30pm

PLENARY SESSION - PANEL DISCUSSION: DELIVERING EFFECTIVE BORDER MANAGEMENT IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

Delivering effective border management in unforeseen circumstances, like COVID19 or the migrant crisis - is it about developing the culture of adaptability, better communications or having the systems, processes, and mechanisms in place to put together quick reaction teams across agencies and national borders? Or is it something else? Corruption of border officials or politicisation of law enforcement also brings its challenges. This panel will discuss what is required to react to what we do not know, knowing what we do!

Senior Representative, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)*

Senior Representative, Royal Netherlands Marechaussee*

Senior Representative, International Organization for Migration*

John Coyne, Head of Strategic Policing and Law Enforcement, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

Andy Smith, Director, Government & Industry Relations, SITA

3:30pm - 4:00PM

CONGRESS ROUND UP AND CLOSE

**invited*



SITE VISITS



SITE VISITS TO SKOPJE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; OR BLACE BORDER CROSSING & TRANSIT RECEPTION CENTRE, TABANOVCE

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL – 8.30AM-12NOON

SKOPJE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Skopje International Airport is the largest and busiest international airport in North Macedonia, owned by TAV Airports, handling over 2 million passengers a year.

The airport's 40,000 m² terminal building, containing 23 check-in counters, has the capacity to handle four million passengers a year and includes a 40,000 ton annual capacity cargo hangar.

Its busiest routes include Basel/Mulhouse, Istanbul, Zürich, Vienna, Dortmund, Memmingen Cologne/Bonn, Malmö and Hamburg.

Skopje International Airport is the 7th time winner of the Airport Service Quality Award in the category: "Best Airport by size in Europe".

With the full co-operation of the Airport Authority and airport operator TAV Airports, The World Border Security Congress is delighted to offer, a guided site visit of Skopje International Airport for a limited number of delegates.

BLACE BORDER CROSSING & TRANSIT RECEPTION CENTRE, TABANOVCE



Blace Border Crossing sits on the main road between North Macedonia and Kosovo and was reconstructed at an investment of EUR 1.8 million. It has increased the number of traffic lanes to four entry and three exit lanes. It also provides modern facilities for carrying out the necessary border and customs formalities by border authorities.

The modern border crossing provides a number of benefits, not only improved passenger traffic and facilitated cross-border trade, but also better access of Macedonian products to European markets and improved competitiveness of the domestic economy.

The Transit Reception Centre at Tabanovce, focuses on assisting asylum seekers, providing temporary accommodation for stranded foreigners and refugees/migrants.

Supported by IOM Skopje, the TRC Tabanovce has installed containers to serve as temporary accommodation for the stranded migrants, and ensured the wellbeing and survival – the basic human rights – for the stranded migrants and refugees.

The World Border Security Congress is delighted to offer, with the support of the MoI and IOM, a guided site visit of Blace Border Crossing and The Transit Reception Centre Tabanovce for a limited number of delegates.

For further details and book your place visit www.world-border-congress.com/site-visit

Spaces are limited so ensure you book your place on the site tour early.

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NETWORKING RECEPTION



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WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Exhibition Floor

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We invite you to joins us at the end of the Wednesday 26th April for the World Border Security Congress Networking Reception in the exhibition area at the Aleksandar Palace, which will see the border security industry management professionals gather for a more informal reception.

With the opportunity to meet colleagues and peers you can build relationships with senior border agency and security officials in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The Networking Reception is free to attend and open to industry professionals.

We look forward to welcoming you.



**BORDER SECURITY
REPORT**

AFRICAN YOUNG PEOPLE SUPPORT CENTRE / AFRICAN SMART CITIES INNOVATION FOUNDATION / AU-ECOSOCC WORKSHOP



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CROSS BORDER CRIMES AND THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH WOMEN AND YOUTH AT THE BORDER-COMMUNITIES

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL - 9.30AM-12.30PM

The African Young People Support Centre (AYPSC) and African Smart Cities Innovation Foundation (ASCIF) are both Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) registered and in Nigeria with aims objectives of supporting and promoting economic growth and sustainable development in Nigeria and across Africa continent.

A large percent of cross-border traders, especially those engaged in informal trade, are women. Understanding their needs and giving them a platform to speak at this Side-Event is incredibly important. The youth are Africa's largest composite of human capital. As the youngest continent, Africa needs to invest in ensuring that its youth have credible pathways to engage in productive activities so that they may reap the promise of their dreams and become architects of their own prosperity rather than committing crimes at the borders.

The Workshop will be highly interactive and will be centred on a meaningful dialogue between policy/decision makers, agencies of government, civil society members, and stakeholders active at the forefront of addressing Border and Communities development.

We will examine the high rate of people, especially the young, who engage in the border crimes and illegal trades, likewise the resultant effect of this crimes on their immediate community and society at large, while focusing especially on how it affects children and women who are most at the receiving end of the negative impact.

This Workshop will further look at the challenges of appropriate mechanism in the West Africa sub-region to monitor cross border crimes within the region. Some of these criminal activities manifest in the form of illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons/ammunitions, trafficking in human beings especially women and children, smuggling of drugs, cattle rustling, and the recruitment and use of child soldiers in armed robbery, '419' activities, and attack by the Boko Haram insurgents. The existence of these criminal activities poses serious challenges for countries in the sub-region. Such challenges include lapses in national security apparatuses and the criminal justice system, uncoordinated state security agencies, weak collaborative efforts, and legal regulatory frameworks.

The Workshop will also engage on what the AfCFTA means to Africa's women and youth exporters and how they can be best supported to utilise opportunities in intra-African trade in reducing illegal trading and crime at the border. It will also address the informality of regional trade which is dominated by women and youth that face significant barriers to trading across borders.

Workshop Time

Tuesday 25th April 2023 : 9.30am - 12:30pm

Delegates of the World Border Security Congress are entitled to participate in this African Young People Support Centre (AYPSC) and African Smart Cities Innovation Foundation (ASCIF) Workshop.

Register online at www.world-border-congress.com/registration

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THE VENUE / ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL ALEKSANDAR PALACE

Prohor Pcinjski
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Come discover Skopje from the inviting comfort of Hotel Aleksandar Palace - we look forward to your visit.

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DELEGATE FEE:

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Site Visit (I wish to attend the site visit on 25th April)

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