Labour Migration and Immigration and Border Management capacities in the EAC region enhanced by IOM through ToT Workshop

From 19 – 23 March 2018, IOM, the UN Migration Agency, in close cooperation with IOM’s African Capacity Building Centre (ACBC) and the Tanzania Regional Immigration Training Academy (TRITA) in Moshi, facilitated a 5-day Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop on Labour Migration and Immigration and Border Management (IBM) for Eastern Africa Community (EAC) Member States Government officials.

The workshop sought to complement the on-going initiatives implemented by the EAC Secretariat and EAC Member States to enhance trade and labour mobility within and beyond the Region through improved efficiency of border-crossing procedures at One-Stop-Border-Posts (OSBPs) and enhanced harmonization of legislative frameworks in Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and the United Republic of Tanzania. Read More

Study visit to the Portuguese Immigration Service (SEF)

Upon the request of the Sudanese government, the IOM ACBC organized a study visit to Portugal from 20 - 22 March 2018. The aim of the study visit was to familiarize the IOM IT experts with the Automated Border Control (ABC) System using facial recognition, the Portuguese BMIS, and the E-kiosk for identity and travel document applicants.

In addition, the Tanzanian IOM Chief of Mission, Dr Qasim Sufi, officially handed over ACBC’s training manuals on Security Documents and Document Examination Lab, PEPM II and DELMIE, to the Portuguese Immigration Service (SEF). Both manuals are being used by SEF during both internal and external training workshops, both internal and external. PEPM II was also handed over to the Portuguese MINT (INCM) as recognition of the close cooperation between INCM and ACBC during the PEPM II development. INCM authorised the use of INCM intellectual property such as pictures and text on security documents.
Integrated Border Management Assessment in Cabo Verde

The IOM ACBC in close cooperation with IOM Senegal and the Government of Cape Verde, conducted a border assessment at Praia International Airport and Praia Sea Port in Cape Verde. The Rapid Needs Assessment was conducted at the Nelson Mandela Airport from 12 to 16 March 2018 with the objective to identify:

- the opportunity for MIDAS implementation;
- the prospect of facial matching system implementation/integration into MIDAS;
- the needs for training, including Training of Trainers (ToT) in several IBM areas;
- the need for document examination equipment, including for secondary line inspection;
- the challenges in infrastructure renovation at the airport.

Furthermore, the assessment included the presentation of ACBC training manuals: Examination Procedure Manual (PEPM II) and Document Examination Laboratory Manual for the Immigration Environment (DELMIE); PEPM II App and MIDAS.

IOM ACBC Conducts Training for Somali Immigration Officers’ Training

IOM, the UN Migration Agency, through its African Capacity Building Centre (ACBC) in Tanzania, organized a training session from 26 February to 2 March to build the capacity of Somali immigration officials on security documents and fraud detection. Read more

IOM Trains Border Control Officials on Search and Rescue in Berbera, Somaliland

From 28 February to 1 March 2018, IOM trained 29 Somaliland border control officials on search and rescue (SAR) procedures. Facilitated by IOM’s ACBC, the training in Berbera, Somaliland included theory and real-life examples relating to the international code for the security of ships and port facilities, international legal obligations, rescue at sea, and migrant smuggling by sea. Read more.

Technical Workshop on MIDAS

IOM, in collaboration with IOM Sudan, facilitated a technical workshop on MIDAS implementation. The workshop was a follow-up to the MIDAS training held in Moshi in August 2017. The MIDAS technical workshop aimed to provide additional technical information on MIDAS capacities with a view to obtain the official request from the Sudanese Government for a MIDAS implementation.

In addition, during the workshop ACBC and IOM Sudan delivered a presentation on the new technical solutions produced by the ACBC (funded by the Italian Cooperation): DELMIE (Arabic version) and PEPM II App. The PEPM II and the PEPM II App were formally introduced to donors and end users, with the PEPM II App being – the most recent ACBC tool for passport examination and QR codes verification. Read More
IOM Holds Regional Transnational Crime Workshop for Security Officials from Kenya, Somalia, Tanzania

From 20 to 22 February 2018, IOM facilitated a workshop on Transnational Organized Crime and Immigration Risk Analysis in Kenya, bringing together senior government officials in the security sector including immigration directors, policy makers and intelligence agencies from Somalia, Kenya and Tanzania. The workshop was organized by IOM ACBC. Read More

Guinean Police and Customs officers conduct study tour to Tanzania

A delegation of Guinean Police and Customs officers, accompanied by IOM Guinea Conakry representatives, carried out a study tour in the United Republic of Tanzania from 12 - 17 February 2018, under the framework of the project “Integrated Border Management between Guinea Conakry and Mali” funded by the Government of Japan.

One objective of the study tour was to see the practical aspects of implementing the concept of “Integrated Border Management” (IBM), with the goal of replicating best practices in Guinea and to enhance inter-state cooperation to better secure Guinean borders while facilitating cross-border trade as well as combating smuggling and trafficking of arms, drugs and humans through the construction of One-Stop-Border Posts (OSBP). Read more.

IOM ACBC Publications

The second edition of PEMP is currently available in Arabic, Azerbaijani, Burmese, English, French, Portuguese, Turkish and Ukrainian.

Also available in e-version: Coming soon……………:
The PEMP II App

Additional materials:

ID management Master Class in close cooperation with ID Centre

OSBP Sourcebook, in close cooperation with JICA - responsible for the inclusion of the Immigration angle
IOM ACBC Enhanced Kenyan Immigration Officials Capacity on ID Management and Security Documents

IOM ACBC in close collaboration with IOM Kenya, organized a Training of Trainers (ToT) course on ‘Identity Management and Security Documents for Kenyan immigration officials.’

The training held from 6 to 8 February 2018 in Moshi, United Republic of Tanzania, sought to further enhance the capacity of Kenyan Government officials to conduct electronic document examination and improve fraud detection skills.

The 15 participants were drawn from the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, the Kenyan Immigration Headquarters and its regional offices in Mombasa, Garissa, Nakuru, Eldoret, and Kisumu in a bid to bolster efficiency and effectiveness of border management operations in Kenya. Mr. Nelson Goncalves, IOM ACBC Senior Immigration and Border Management Training Specialist, stressed the need to progressively embrace new technical advances in forensic document examination and border management. Read More

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Training on Security Documents and Fraud Detection in Kabul, Afghanistan

IOM Afghanistan, in collaboration with IOM ACBC, conducted a training on Security Documents, Fraud Detection and Document Examination Lab in Kabul from 12 to 20 December 2018. The eight day training, which was delivered in English with simultaneous translation to Dari, aimed to provide basic technical information to first line immigration officers on the production of security documents, as well as on the detection of fraudulent documents (based on ACBC Passport Examination Procedure Manual - PEPM II) and to improve processes and procedures of Kabul document examination lab (based on ACBC Document Examination Laboratory Manual for the Immigration Environment - DELMIE).

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Document Examination Laboratory Manual for the Immigration Environment

DELMIE

DELMIE contains valuable information on:

- The roles and responsibilities of second-line officers;
- The use of specialized verification equipment to ascertain identity and travel documents’ integrity; and
- Managerial information for the daily activities of a Document Examination Lab.

Coming soon………..:

The PEPM II App

On-device OCR and parsing MRZ from DOC.9303 ICAO compliant passport and Visa;
- No need for network connection;
- Verification of check digits, correctness of dates (DoB, Validity of document) and ISO codes;
- Passport holder age displayed;
- QR code reading from a specimen document.

User friendly Menu with multiple useful functionalities:
- PEPM II Glossary of terms;
- Useful related links to passport samples databases.
IOM Donates Facial Matching Systems to the Tanzania Immigration Services Department at Julius Nyerere International and Kilimanjaro International Airport

At the request of the Commissioner General of Immigration services and the Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs in Tanzania, IOM, through its African Capacity Building Centre in Moshi, Tanzania, donated two Facial Matching Systems to the Tanzania Immigration Services Department at the Kilimanjaro International Airport and at Julius Nyerere International Airport on 29 September and 20 November 2017 respectively.

ICAO’s 13th Traveler Identification Programme (TRIP) Strategy Symposium (24 - 26 October 2017), Montreal, Canada

Representatives of IOM, including the Chief of Mission to Tanzania, IOM IBM Head of Division, IOM ACBC Senior IBM Specialist and the IBM HQ Identity Management and Biometrics Officer, attended the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Traveler Identification Programme (TRIP) Symposium, TRIP working groups, and bilateral meetings with ICAO Senior management in Montreal from 23 - 26 October 2017. The Symposium followed the successful conclusion of a MoU between IOM and ICAO in November 2016. IOM and the ICAO Secretariat discussed next steps and how IOM can best support Member States to implement the ICAO TRIP Strategy while highlighting accompanying standards and recommend practices. Read More

ICAO and the IOM: Enhancing effective border control and migration management in Africa

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are working together to help Member States achieve sustainable improvements in the field of travel facilitation and the security of travel documents, to address related identity management challenges.

These priorities are highly relevant elements of an efficient and effective border control and migration management system. To support these goals, a joint training session on travel document examination was conducted by ICAO and IOM at the IOM African Capacity Building Centre (ACBC) in Moshi from 31 July to 4 August 2017.

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