

International and Institutional Cooperation Towards Border Management

Second International Workshop on Combating Transnational Crime in Africa

INTERNATIONAL COUNTERPROLIFERATION PROGRAM



Some certainties



Agencies do not like to share information

- Agencies do not like to cooperate and work together
- There is always one agency who thinks that they are the ones in charge
- All interdiction cases involve transiting an international border
- Your country will be a victim of terrorism at some point

What are the threats and risks?

Border Protection

Historic purpose

- Prevent invasions by hostile forces
- Control entry of unauthorized people
- Ensure collection of duties and taxes
- Protect public by prohibiting illegal entry of certain items
- Today
 - Terrorist Groups, Foreign Fighters, Organized Crime
 - Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and related materials
 - Illegal immigrants/Migrants/Asylum Seekers/Refugees
 - Illegal narcotics
 - Currency/Bit Coin/Black Market Peso
 - BIO/Chemical/Intangible Technology/Drones/Dual Use

Border Management Issues

- How are your border agencies organized?
- Are there separate agencies with different missions at your border? Same missions?
- To whom do your border agencies report?
- Do you have a Border Management <u>Strategy</u>?
- ▶ Is it a Military or is it a law enforcement mission?
- How are you selecting personnel?
- Training is specialized/expensive?
- Rules of engagement may be unique / Rule of Law
- Do you have technology necessary to accomplish mission at border crossing?

Border Management Issues continued

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- How do they cooperate Internally? Share information?
- Cross Border, Regional International Cooperation?
- International treaties and agreements?
- Do you have an outreach program/ partnership with industry and institutions?
- ▶ Is there a clear understanding of responsibilities?

Why Does it Matter?

European Terror Attacks 2014–2016





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Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)





Sources of IED Materials





Why Dual-Use and WMD Matters

- Protect national security
- Promote regional stability
- Strengthen trade and commerce relationships
- Identify proliferators and WMD trafficking networks
- Prevent access to technology by entities seeking WMD
- Enhance supply chain security
- Support foreign policy through the enforcement of embargoes and sanctions
- Comply with international agreements

International Legal Responses





Acceded

Signed & ratified

Missile Technology Control Regime





Border Protection Legal Issues

Legal issues

- Training
- Collection of evidence
- Follow-up investigations
- Prosecution in the military / civilian system
- International coordination
 - Refugees and illegal immigrants

Legal authority to review and strengthen relevant national legal authorities

- Provide appropriate legal authority to border officials
- Provide adequate resources and ongoing training

Review ministerial and agency guidelines to

– Streamline exchanging of information

Some Case Studies

- Former Customs Official
 Daniel Frosch Case
- Electrical Capacitors

- Interdict and eliminate shipments of WMD, delivery systems, and related materials
- Increase ability to intercept high-risk containers and protect port infrastructures
- Improve security and facilitate movement of global trade
- Provide a competitive advantage to participating countries







Why Does It Matter?

Number of terrorist attacks, 2017

The source defines a terrorist attack as: "the threatened or actual use of illegal force and violence by a non-state actor to attain a political, economic, religious, or social goal through fear, coercion, or intimidation." The perpetrators of the incidents must be sub-national actors; data does not include acts of state terrorism.

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Source: Global Terrorism Database (2018)

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