

SECURING INTRA-REGIONAL TRAVEL

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ENHANCING INTRA-REGIONAL TRAVEL

From Single Domestic Space to
CARIPASS



SYSTEMS IMPLEMENTED DURING CWC2007

- Single Domestic Space
- Sunset Legislation
- APIS Legislation
- CARICOM Special Visa Agreement and Regulations
- MOU Among CARICOM Member States for Information and Intelligence Sharing





CARICOM SINGLE DOMESTIC SPACE (2007)

MEMBERS OF THE SDS

- Antigua
- Barbados
- Grenada
- Guyana
- **Dominica**
- Jamaica
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St. Vincent
- Trinidad and Tobago

REQUIREMENTS FOR SINGLE DOMESTIC SPACE

- Common Visa Regime
- Advance Passenger Information System
- Harmonised border security procedures
- Increased and enhanced information and intelligence sharing



HOW COMMON VISA REGIME WORKED

- Suspension of existing National Visa Requirements
- Common Visa Regime with a common list
- Special CARICOM Visa from 15 Jan- 15 May 2007 @US\$100
- Freedom of movement to all persons travelling within the Single Space. (All visitors, CARICOM Nationals and Residents of the Single Domestic Space)
- Designated Issuing Sites for the CARICOM Special Visa



WHY REGION REVERTED

- Sunset Legislation
- No harmonised immigration policy
- No harmonised visa regime
- No external drivers/ political will



How to Replicate Functional SDS?

- Harmonised Immigration policy
- Harmonised training of border security officials including airport security
- Harmonised visa regime (extensive negotiations required both internally and externally)
- Physical upgrades of port facilities (to include “domestic” facilities)

VISAS?



VISA REGIMES

- Security (First line of defence)
- Reciprocity
- Agreements with third states
- Income Generator



What is CARIPASS?

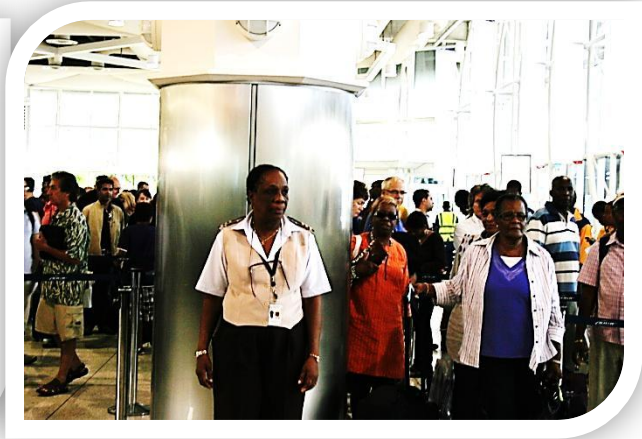
CARIPASS is the brand name for the soon to be introduced travel card, which will facilitate electronic self processing through immigration at designated airports in Participating CARICOM Member States

The CARICOM Travel Card System will comprise of a number of interdependent systems, and will provide functionality for the capture, storage, use and protection of biometric and biographical data elements of the CARIPASS holder

CARIPASS will be promoted as a highly secure and trusted alternative travel document to facilitate 'hassle free' travel within the Participating States of the Caribbean Community

FROM REALITY TO INTENT

FROM ...



TO...

2007



TO...

2012





BENEFITS OF CARIPASS

A highly **SECURED & TRUSTED** travel regime

Faster electronic processing of low risk travelers at immigration points of entry

Redeployment of scarce immigration/law enforcement resources to concentrate on international and other high risk travelers

Secure/Counterfeit-proof Travel Document which can be remotely revoked/cancelled/deactivated upon request

Member States can increase biometric verification needs dependent on national alert states

Biometric Data Capture with redundancy built in to technology

Failsafe of Passport MRZ on Travel Card (reverse side of the card) readable on passport readers

STRATEGIC





CARIPASS -WAY FORWARD



CARIPASS SITES

- ❖ Confirmation of site readiness for all Signatory States through the submission of completed site readiness checklists
- ❖ Completion of infrastructural and communications requirements
- ❖ Scheduling of VPN installation
- ❖ Confirmation of CARIPASS System installation dates

CRITICAL CHALLENGES

- ❖ Finalisation and testing of System interfaces (Border Management System (BMS));
- ❖ Confirmation of installation and training dates;
- ❖ Passage of relevant national CARIPASS legislation; and
- ❖ Accession of all CARICOM States to the CARIPASS Treaty



WORLD-WIDE TRAVEL CARDS

- CANPASS (Into Canada)
- NEXUS (USA-Canada)
- SENTRI (USA-Mexico)
- Global Entry (Into USA)
- Australia's APEC



GLOBAL SECURITY TRAVEL SYSTEMS

- The US, Canada, UK and most other EU countries have some APIS system in operation.
- Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA)
- Secure Flight Passenger Data (SFPD)



VISA WAIVER & SECURITY

- It is possible to implement without compromising security but...
 - Underlying security infrastructure required
 - Agreed minimum standards of security cooperation
 - Training of Border Security Officials
 - Enforcement of legislation
 - Potential loss of revenue
- Third-Country Visa Option

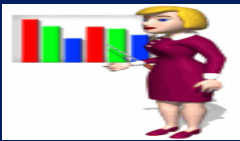
SECURING THE REGION WITHOUT HINDERING MOVEMENT



JRCC's KEY FUNCTIONS



Provides reliable and timely information on security breaches (HITS).



Prepares analytical reports for selected departments within Member States



Ensures compliance of all Aviation and Maritime carriers



Prescreens travelers and cargo to and from any territory within the participating Member States.



SUMMARY ACTIVITY TO DATE

PERIOD	Vessels Screened			Passengers Screened			HITS	Visa Clearances
	Aviation	Maritime	Total	Aviation	Maritime	Total	Total	Total
2007 (Mar -Dec)	120,734	2,854	123,588	6,935,859	2,617,393	9,553,252	2,720	7,365
2008	178,083	4,702	182,785	10,193,302	5,339,399	15,532,701	1,381	4,420
2009	180,570	11,229	191,799	10,263,859	9,350,962	19,614,821	1,142	7,265
2010	203,296	19,552	222,848	10,818,257	9,665,259	20,483,516	996	8,897
2011 (Jan –Aug)	141,181	14,845	156,026	7,598,562	6,630,979	14,229,541	933	7,035

BENEFITS OF THE APIS



APPLICANT FOR ECONOMIC CITIZENSHIP WITHIN THE REGION WHEN VETTED BY JRCC WAS FOUND TO HAVE HAD AN ACTIVE INTERPOL ARREST WARRANT



INCREASED INSTANCES OF PEDOPHILES COMING TO REGION PARTICULARLY DURING SUMMER



NINE OF THE 23 SWALLOWERS ARRESTED FOR THE RIHANNA CONCERT WAS AS A RESULT OF INTELLIGENCE PROVIDED BY THE JRCC



PARTICIPATION IN APIS HAS ASSISTED GREATLY IN SOME MEMBER STATES PASSING VISA REQUIREMENT ASSESSMENTS IN THIRD STATES



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Strongly encourage participation in APIS/CARIPASS
- Provision of training initiatives for border security personnel including airport security
- Strongly encourage Member States to comply with the APIS requirements to ensure the security of countries and by extension the sustainability of tourism

Long Term

- Re-commence national discussions on harmonised immigration policy and visa regime to feed into regional initiatives
- There is need for on-going interaction between ministers of tourism and national security & law enforcement



THANK YOU



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