

IOM Immigration & Border Management Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 10th European Development Fund project “Promoting Better Management of Migration in Nigeria” completes inception phase and begins main phase
- Inaugural training course for Nigeria Immigration Service’s National Intelligence Unit
- IOM conducts scoping visits to key border check points
- Government of Australia funds workshop on border security in Abuja



IOM trains Immigration Intelligence Officers



National Intelligence Unit Training Course in Abuja: Nigeria Immigration Service officer leads discussions on the creation of a National Intelligence Model for Nigeria

The main phase of the EUR 12.7 million project “Promoting Better Management of Migration in Nigeria” began on 1st June 2012. Funded by the European Union’s 10th European Development Fund, the project has been designed in partnership with the Nigerian Authorities to remedy the key identified challenges in the management of both regular and irregular migration. One key intervention in the area of irregular migration is the support to the launch of a National Intelligence Unit (NIU) for the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS). The NIU is in its very early stages of development and as the main phase of the project began, it needed a strategic vision, its visibility needed to be amplified and its staff required training in intelligence as it applies to immigration work. IOM has worked closely with senior NIS officials at its Abuja headquarters and IOM designed and delivered a training course that ran from 11th until 22nd June 2012 in Abuja for the 21 NIS officers who will work in the NIU. IOM will continue to support the NIU throughout the duration of the project beginning with software development and computer training in the second half of 2012.

**“Our new National Intelligence Unit is critical to the development of the Nigeria Immigration Service”
Comptroller of the Nigeria Immigration Service, Mr. Muhammad Babandede**

Scoping Visits carried out in March and April 2012 to Selected Land Borders identified by the NIS as Critical to its Operations



Above left: The assessment team discusses the introduction of IOM's PIRS border management system at Seme One Stop Border Post with Benin **Above right:** IOM Project Officer at Kamba border post with Niger Republic

Australia funds workshop on “Enhancing Border Management to Improve Security and Facilitate Legitimate Travel in a Changing Environment”



The Government of Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade funded a workshop in Abuja from 25th to 26th June 2012 intended to bring together key border actors to identify ways to harmonise inter-agency communication in the face of increasing security threats. The Government of Nigeria was represented by Nigeria Customs, Nigeria Immigration Service, Nigeria Police and the State Security Service. In addition the regional representative of INTERPOL based in Cameroon and his colleague based in Nigeria both made presentations aimed at increasing information flows. The workshop was opened by the Australian High Commissioner Ian McConville and IOM Chief of Mission, Martin Ocaga.

Above: Australia's High Commissioner Ian McConville (centre) and IOM Chief of Mission Martin Ocaga (left)



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