

**BASE TOPIC:  
WHAT IDENTITY FRAUD ISSUES DO COUNTRIES CURRENTLY FACE?**

ACTION	SUGGESTED DISCUSSION
Discuss and agree what is meant by "identity fraud"	<p>ID fraud can range from altering information in identity documents to the complete fabrication of an identity.</p> <p>The <b>reason</b> for doing this is criminal - e.g. to carry out a criminal act or to obtain a benefit to which they are not lawfully entitled.</p> <p>The <b>motivation</b> for criminal ID fraud is to make it difficult or impossible to locate the criminal.</p>
Identify the major ID fraud types faced by each country in the group	<p><b>Document fraud:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- what documents? passports, visas, identity documents?</li> <li>- what type of fraud? completely forged, altered, obtained fraudulently?</li> </ul> <p><b>Person fraud</b> - e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- destroying documents to make it difficult to ascertain identity</li> <li>- including fraudulent family members in applications for documents</li> <li>- changing name in order to obtain documents when previous name is known to authorities</li> <li>- multiple documents in multiple identities</li> </ul>
Identify the main purposes of the ID fraud faced by each country in the group	<p>Financial - e.g. bank, credit card, social security, tax evasion, money laundering, computer hacking</p> <p>Organised crime - e.g. drug trafficking, gun running, people smuggling, people trafficking</p> <p>Terrorism</p> <p>Other illegal migration</p>
Identify the costs of the ID fraud for each country	<p>What is the size of the problem in each country?</p> <p>Direct impacts - e.g. economic, national security</p> <p>Indirect impacts - e.g. social, inability to fund community projects effectively, effect on individuals whose identities are stolen, international reputation</p> <p>Policing and prosecuting/penalising offenders</p> <p>Fraud prevention initiatives</p> <p>What priority do countries give to dealing with ID fraud?</p>

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Identify the significance of ID fraud in crossing borders	<p>What proportion of ID fraud that is discovered involved illegal crossing of borders?</p> <p>Who are the main perpetrators? - e.g. organised criminal gangs, individual opportunists, illegal migrants seeking a better life</p> <p>Estimates of illegal border crossing using ID fraud that is not discovered.</p> <p>What impact does this have - e.g. illegal residents claiming Government benefits, organised crime activities, terrorists</p>
Identify the processes and procedures countries are using to identify/combat identity fraud	<p>What processes are used to record and to verify identities?</p> <p>Are different processes used for people crossing land, sea and air borders?</p> <p>Are different processes used for different groups - e.g. citizens, permanent residents, foreign residents, visitors, transit persons, frequent travellers, traditional or customary movements (e.g. travelling between traditional fishing grounds)?</p>
Identify the effectiveness of the processes	<p>How effective and/or reliable are these processes?</p> <p>Where are the weakest links?</p> <p>How effective is information sharing within the country?</p> <p>Risk management - e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- improving processes without unduly inconveniencing the large proportion of people who are genuine</li> <li>- what can be done away from the borders? in visa offices where there is more time to focus on the problem, do checks, etc.</li> <li>- resource limitation issues</li> </ul> <p>Training issues - how effective, cost, staff turnover</p>
<b>SUMMARISE AND REPORT</b>	<p>The major ID fraud issues that countries have in common</p> <p>The significance of ID fraud in border crossings</p> <p>What countries are currently doing to identify fraud</p> <p>What countries are planning to do or would like to do to improve their processes/procedures</p> <p>What is preventing them from implementing new processes/procedures</p>