Advanced Passenger Information: Sharing Data for Effective Border Control that Support Tourism Growth in the Asia-Pacific

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Travel and Tourism in APEC

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Source: WTTC

In 2012, APEC accounted for 30.8% of world arrivals

Source: UNWTO
Travel Facilitation Initiative

TFI Coordinator

SOM Steering Committee

Counter Terrorism Task Force

Tourism Working Group

Transportation Working Group

Sub Committee on Customs Procedures

Business Mobility Group

Travel Facilitation Initiative (TFI) Programs

Airport Partnership

APEC Business Travel Card

Trusted Traveller

Facilitation of Air Passenger Security Screening

Advanced Passenger Information

Checked Baggage Facilitation

Advanced Passenger Information (API)

Is an electronic data interchange system created for public organizations of the destination country to share traveller information with an initiative for travel convenience (TFI)

API Objectives:

1. Eliminate travellers inconvenience
2. Simplify border control
3. Maximize sharing of information among public and private sectors

API information usually consists of data found in the Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) of passports and other travel documents (full name, date of birth, gender, passport number, country of citizenship, country of passport issuance) (IATA)
### APEC Economies API Implementation

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Source: IATA

### Challenges and Benefits

- Lack of regulatory framework to share information among national agencies
- Lack of cooperation among national agencies (i.e. Health and safety, immigration, customs, and quarantine)
- Lack of technology
- No funds available

API is designed as part of a comprehensive immigration reform process that seek to
- minimize passenger inconvenience
- strengthen security
- support overall tourism growth
Philippines to adopt API

- Executive Order to set the framework for API adoption
- API Implementation arrangement:
  - Arriving vessels: API to be submitted 15 minutes after departure from origin or 120 minutes before arrival
  - Departing vessels: API to be submitted 45 minutes prior to departure
- Bureau of Immigration to use API for early verification and vetting
- API to facilitate the effective and efficient arrival and departure of legitimate travellers

APEC TWG Call to Action on API

- Encourage the immigration and customs agencies to adopt and implement the API
- Support the data sharing and adoption of technology for better border clearance
- Undertake awareness campaign on the benefits of API with IATA
  - 2013: Economies in Asia
  - 2014: Economies in the Pacific
- Develop a roadmap to accelerate API implementation with UNWTO, WTTC, IATA, and PATA with the BMG and CTTF
Smooth entry procedures for travellers in APEC redound to more tourism BUSINESSES and GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you for your attention!