The IATA CAWG is an expert forum of airlines and governments that are working collaboratively to recommend solutions and develop best practices for border management and passenger facilitation.

The positions and material developed by the IATA CAWG present a balanced perspective between the needs and limitation of both governments and the airline industry.

The IATA CAWG seeks to find mutually acceptable solutions for harmonizing processes, enhance passenger facilitation and border controls and improve the risk assessment.
CAWG History

- The IATA CAWG was established in 1987 to address the issues of inadmissible and inadequately documented passengers.

- Its main objective was to act as a complementary forum to the World Customs Organization (WCO) by bringing together immigration authorities from States and representatives of their national carriers to promote consistency of approach and cooperation.

- Today, the IATA CAWG provides strategic direction and leadership for border control management and aviation facilitation matters.

- The IATA CAWG is a unique forum to engage with the ICAO Facilitation Panel in bringing a balanced perspective in its proposal for new or revised Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs).
CAWG Governance

- IATA CAWG consists of active members from 18 countries with representatives from national agencies and airlines, as well as national trade associations.
- The group is lead by a government and airline Co-Chair with a 2 to 3 year term.
- Current Co-Chairs
  - Government: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CPB)
  - Airline: Airlines for America (A4A)
- Sub-groups with a limited number of members are formed to work on specific topics and the output is endorsed by the whole group before being presented to the IATA Travel Board.
CAWG Members

Airlines
- Austrian A.
- Air Canada
- Air France
- American A.
- British A.
- Brussels A.
- Delta
- Emirates
- Finnair

Governments
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Canada
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Japan

International Organization
- International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Trade Associations
- Airlines for America (A4A)
- National Airlines Council of Canada (NACC)
Working Arrangements

- Using the IATA CAWG’s unique forum and building upon the relationships that have been forged since its inception, government and airline representatives are able to work together in a cooperative meeting environment to develop best practices for border management.

- When relevant, the IATA CAWG works collaboratively with international and regional organizations with an interest in securing border management such as ICAO, WCO, INTERPOL, Frontex and IOM, as well as with other IATA working groups such as One ID and the PAXLST WG

- Meetings
  - Held twice a year: Working Session (Spring) and a Plenary Meeting (Fall)
  - The Plenary Meeting starts with a carrier-only meeting and a government-only meeting
Results

- The IATA CAWG produces best practice and guidance material for both governments and airlines
- Some of this material has been submitted to ICAO and have become Standards or Recommended Practices in Annex 9 – *Facilitation* (*)

- Guidelines for Collaboratively Improving Data Quality
- Challenges of Non-Adherence to Passenger Data Standards
- Passengers Holding Multiple Passports
- Passenger Data Non Standard Requirement
- Advance Passenger Information (API) Statement of Principles
- Interactive Advance Passenger Information (iAPI) Statement of Principles
- Guidance for Governments Seeking Access to Passenger Name Record (PNR)*
- Guidelines for the Removal of Deportees
- Guidelines for the Removal of Inadmissible Persons
- Guidelines Relating to Persons Identified as Holding Fraudulent or Falsified Travel Documents
- Best Practices for Electronic Travel Systems
- A code of conduct for Immigration Liaison Officers
- Guidelines for Document Checks and Carrier Liability
Active Sub-Groups

- API Data Quality
  - Multiple Passports Holders
  - Travel Documents
- Interactive API (iAPI) Best Practice
- Digital Identities and Legislative Framework (One ID)
- Government Digital Health Portals
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