



Global Security Environment: The Threat and how Customs is responding

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Recent Terrorist Attacks



- Surabaya, Indonesia bombing

- May 13, 2018
- 28 people killed
- 50 people injured



- Christchurch, New Zealand

- March 15, 2019
- 51 people killed
- 49 people injured



- Sri Lanka Attacks

- April 21, 2019
- 253 people killed
- Over 500 injured



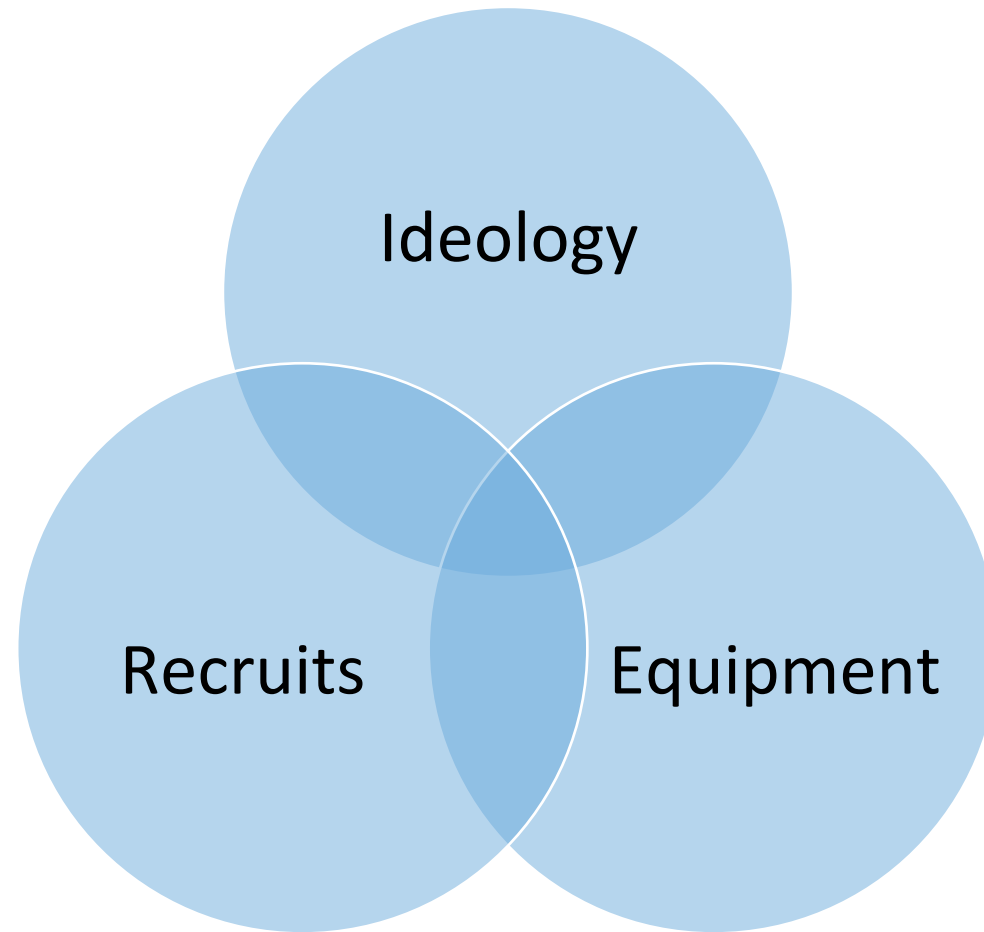


Dynamics of violent extremism

- In recent years, terrorist groups such as ISIS, Al-Qaida and Boko Haram have shaped our image of violent extremism and the debate about how to address this threat.
- Their message of intolerance – religious, cultural, social – has had drastic consequences for many regions of the world.
- Holding territory and using social media for real-time communication of their atrocious crimes, they seek to challenge our shared values of peace, justice and human dignity.



Violent Extremism



Ideology





Recruits



Equipment



Person Borne IEDs (Suicide Vests/Belts)

- Used in offensive operations, most prevalent in the Lake Chad region
- Suicide bombers are often women or children in groups of two to four



Image Source: <http://www.olufamous.com/>

Suicide Vehicle Borne IEDs (SVBIED) and Vehicle Borne IEDs (VBIED)

- Used in offensive operations, often to breach a building or checkpoint and sometimes in assassinations



An SUV prepped as a VBIED found in Mali.

Image Source: <https://africa.liveuamap.com/>

Radio Controlled IEDs (RCIED)

- Used both offensively and defensively
- Motorcycle alarm fobs are regularly used as triggers
- Found in Mali, Somalia, Nigeria, and Libya



Image Source: USAFRICOM IED Recognition Guide

Victim Operated IEDs (VOIED)

- Most often used in defensive operations to protect key terrain and infrastructure



A pressure-plate found in Nigeria

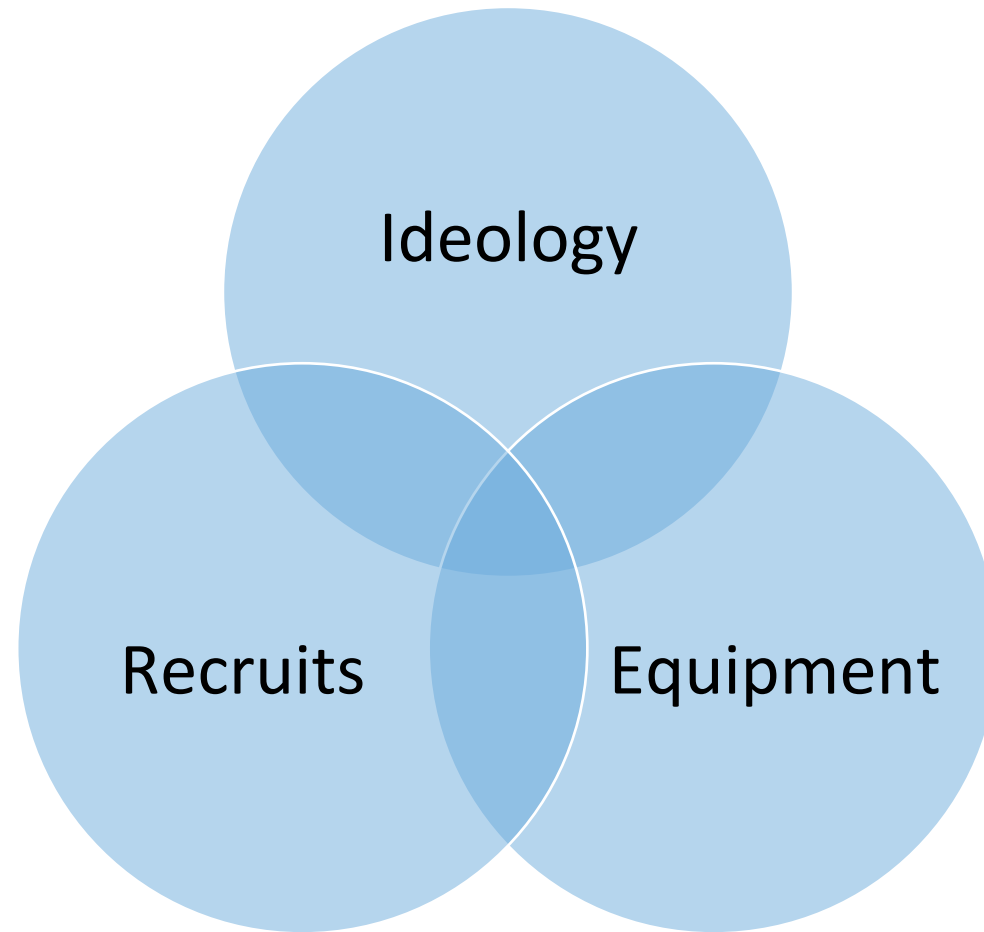
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Border Security – The issues



Violent Extremism





Threats: Foreign Terrorist Fighters

- How to they travel
 - *Air or land boundaries, in groups or solo*
- What are there routings
 - *To or from conflict zones*
- How can Customs identify them
 - *Indicators, use on API/ PNR*



Threats: Small Arms and Light Weapons



- Internal or External threat
- Trafficked or loss of control
- Interdiction or licensing





Threats:IED's

- Are they deployed by terrorist groups
- Are materials (explosives, precursor chemicals) sourced or trafficked through my country
- Interdiction or Audit approach





Threats: Strategic Goods

- Raw material or manufactured goods
- Military or dual use goods
- Export or transshipment





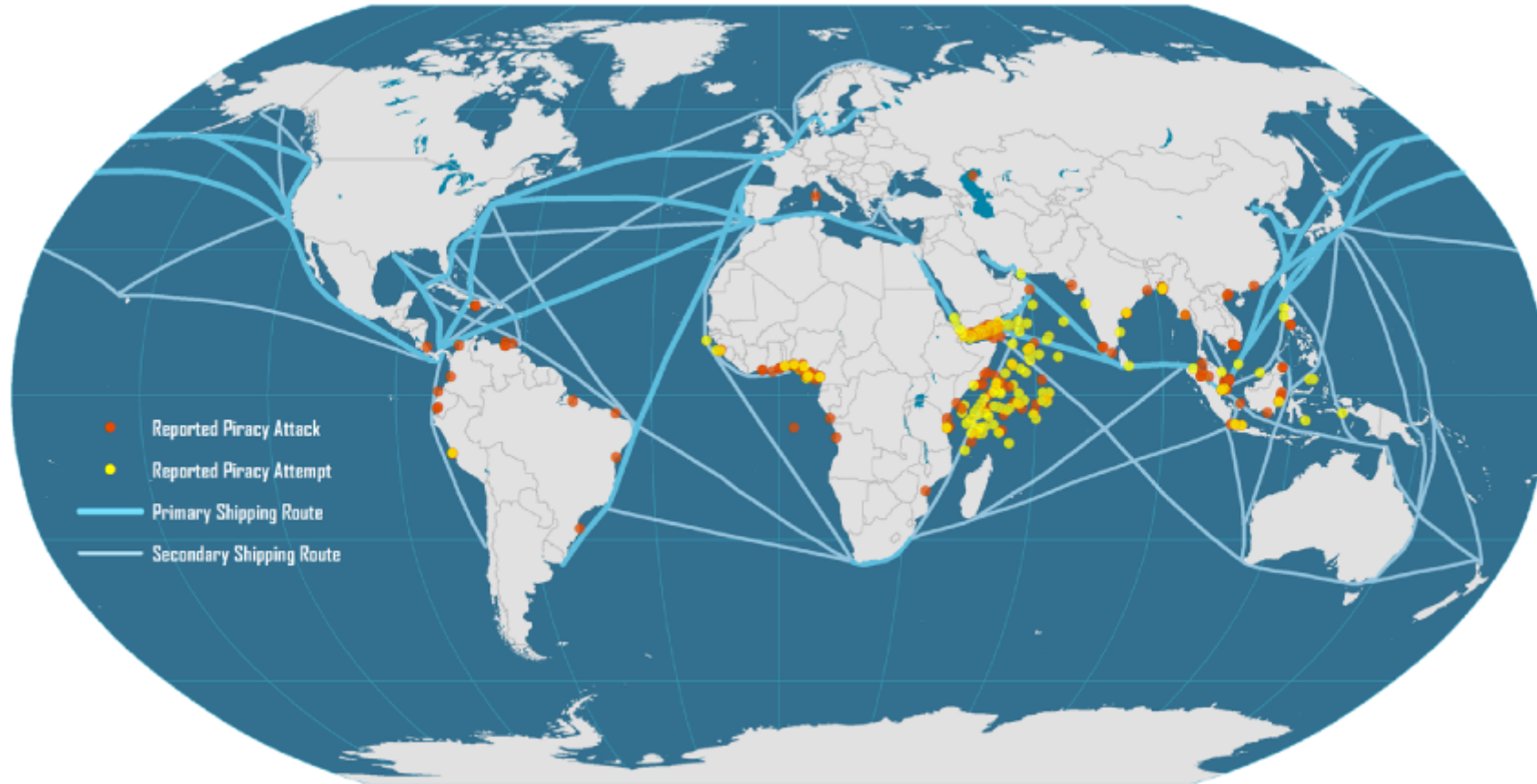
Threats: Terrorist Finance

- Cash or other methods of funding
- “Taxing trade or movement” -
- Loss of control of border areas
- Smuggling of Antiquities or CITES goods





Maritime Piracy





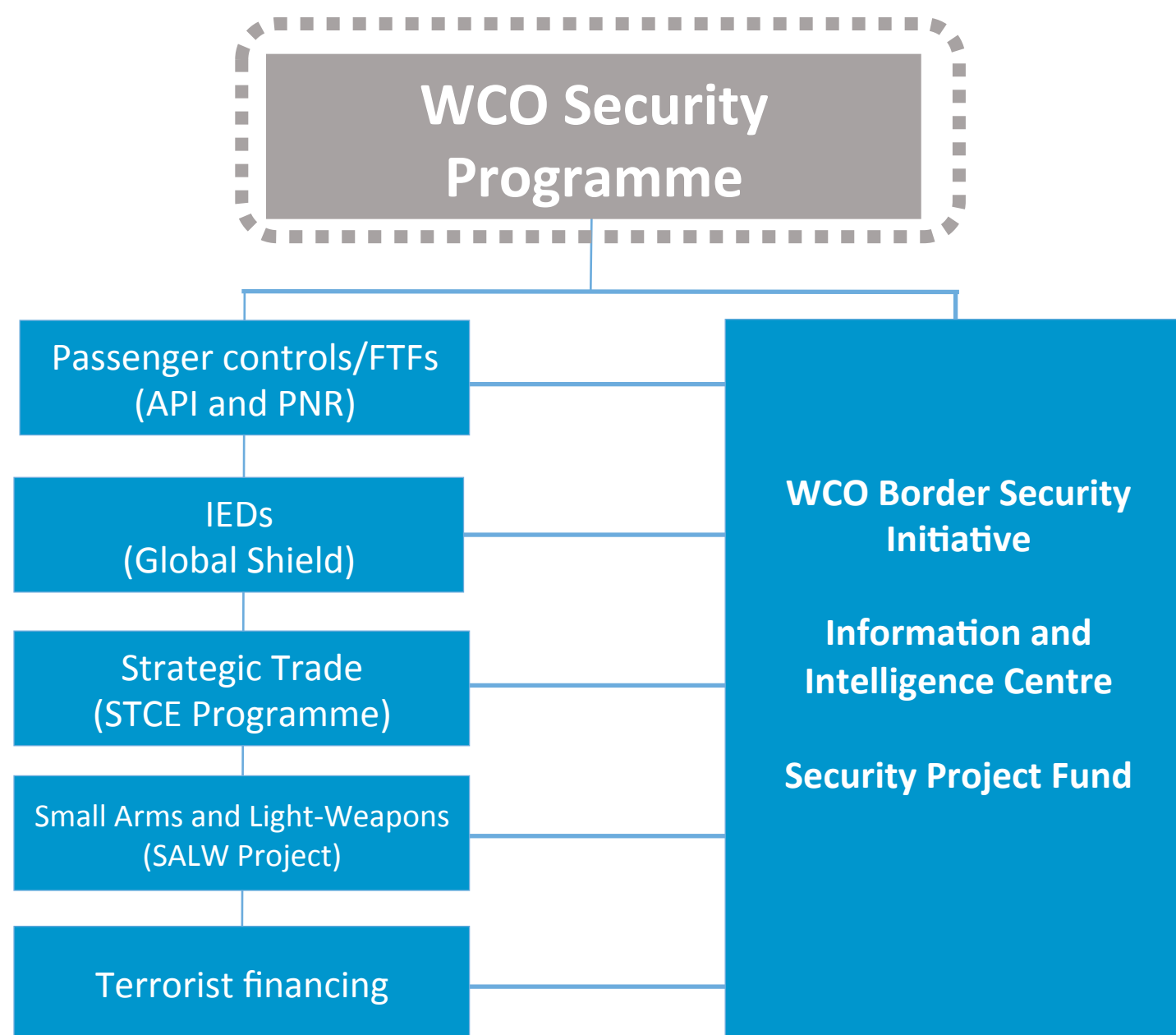
Criminal-Terrorist Nexus

Established Smuggling routes and networks



Presence of violent extremist groups and ideologies







Punta Cana Resolution (December 2015)

The WCO's Policy Commission issued a very significant resolution with respect to the security role of customs.

Key points:

- Include security in their mandate and strategic plans.
- Cooperation at national, regional and international level between Customs authorities and other law enforcement authorities.
- Use the full extent of the law to secure an appropriate level of punishment (deterrent).
- Provide financial support to ensure that Customs authorities can contribute to WCO Security Programme activities.
- Make use of the available WCO Security Programme training and reference materials.





WCO Security Programme

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(API and PNR)

IEDs
(Global Shield)

Strategic Trade
(STCE Programme)

Small Arms and Light-Weapons
(SALW Project)

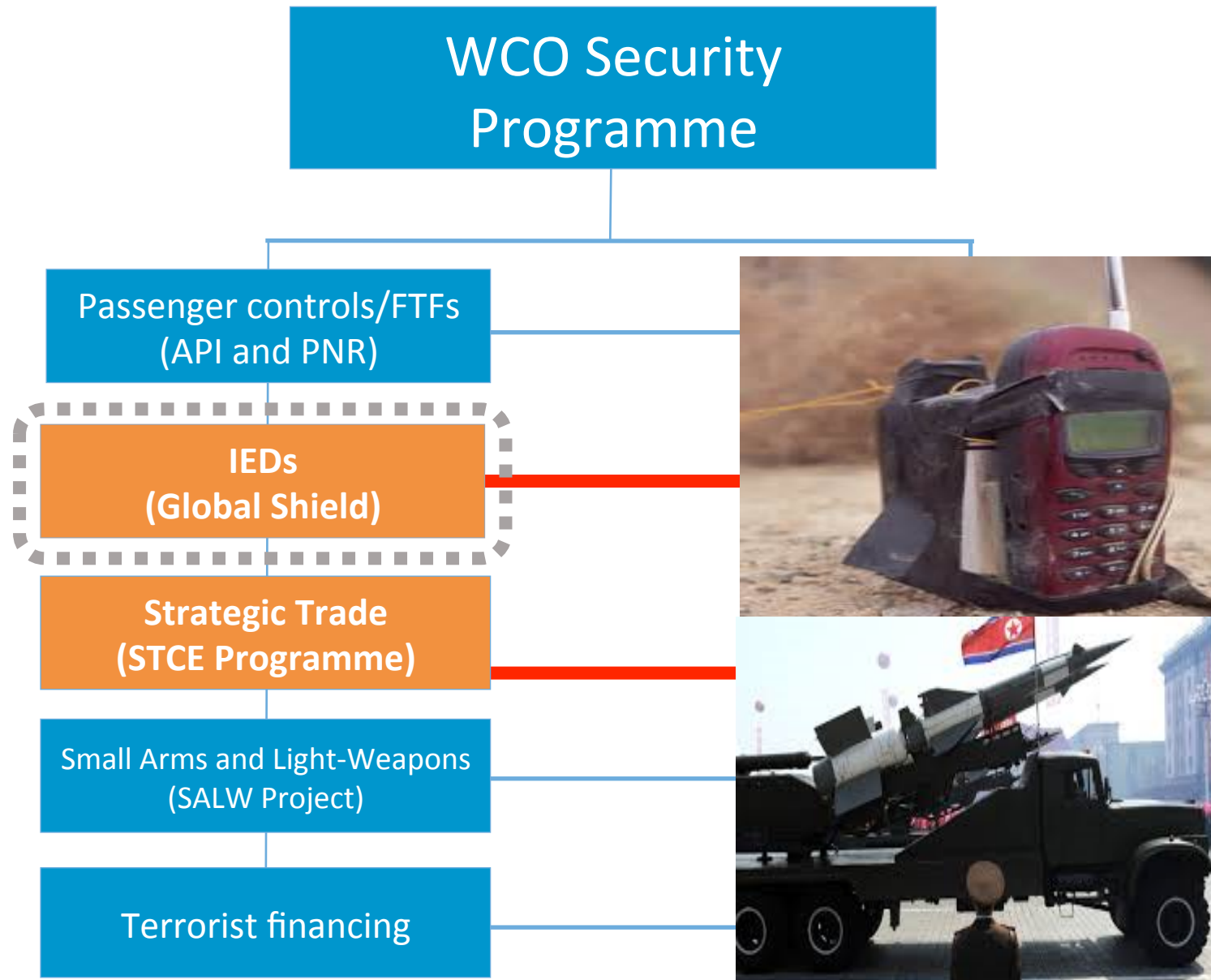
Terrorist financing

The GTAS Solution:

Free
No Cost to use, free to
modify to fit your nation's needs.
Transparent
Human-readable source code.
Always Improving
A community of developers
collaborate on its improvement.
Easy To Deploy
Download code, build application,
and start the server.
Flexible
Wide range of tools available

API & PNR Processing Today







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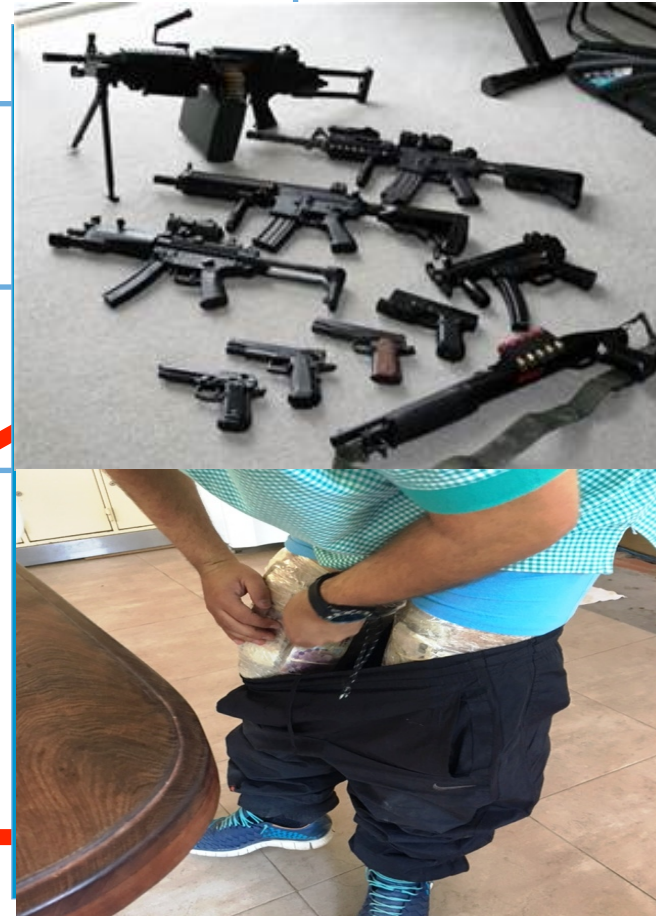
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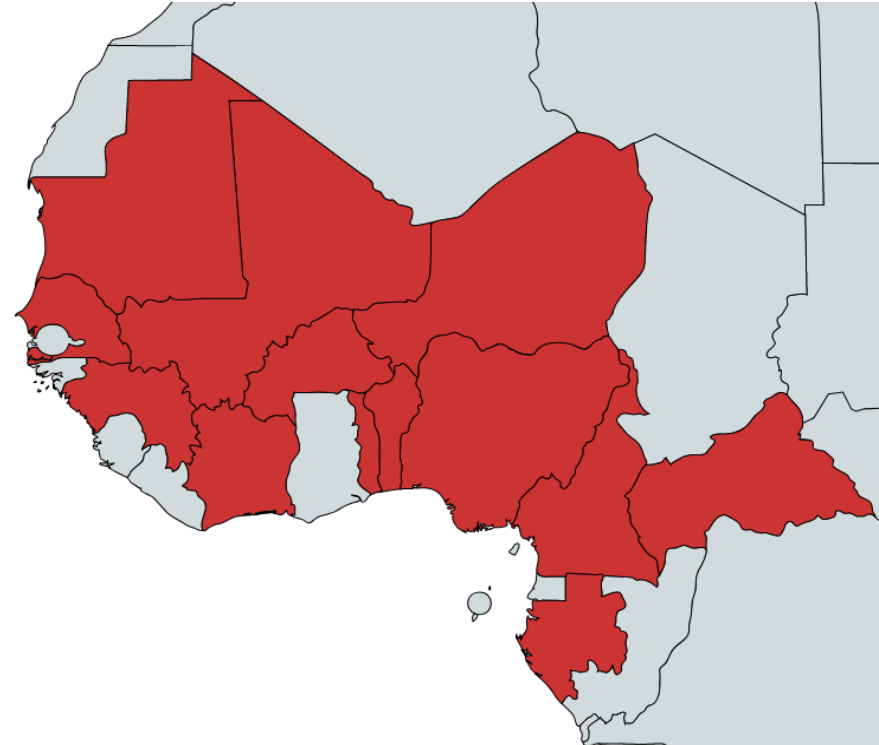
Security Project Fund – Regional Security Projects



Asia Pacific Security Project



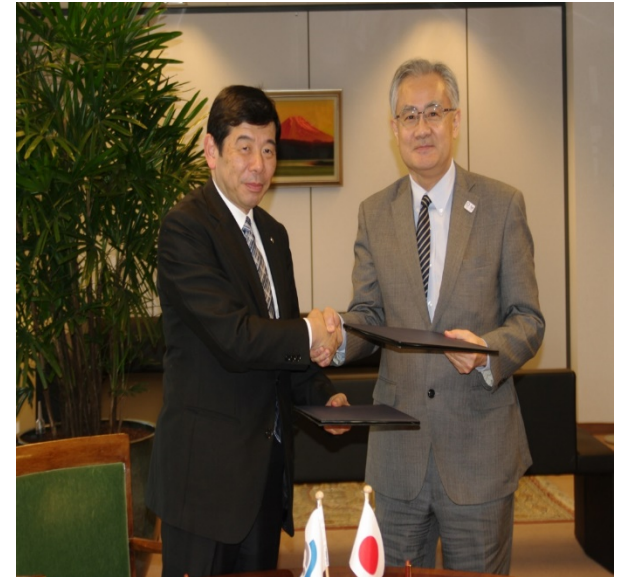
West and Central Africa Security Project



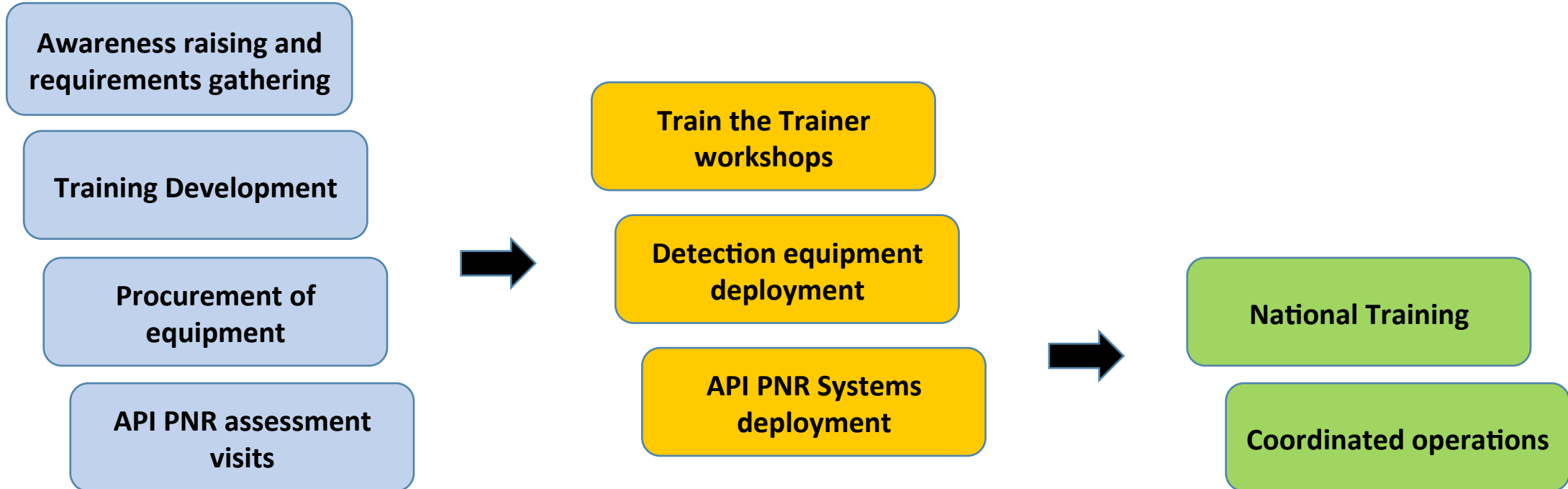
WCO Asia-Pacific Security Project



- Response to terrorist attacks in the region
- EUR7.25million over two years from Government of Japan
- Project delivering three Security Programme initiatives:
 - Passenger Controls (API/PNR Systems)
 - Programme Global Shield
 - Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)



Implementation Approach



Donated detection equipment



Handheld Backscatter X-Rays



Handheld Raman Spectrometers



Global Shield Field Test Kits



Handheld Fluorescence X-Rays



Feedback on Project Outcomes

- **Awareness of security threats**

- overall awareness of the role of Customs has increased
- ongoing need for Senior Management support for operational staff

- **Training**

- content broadly met the needs of the operational staff
- should now be embedded into the curricula of Member administrations
- a pool of trainers (recognized experts) is now available in the region
- benefits came from from other agency participation in training
- budget issues are limiting delivery of training at national level

Feedback on Project Outcomes cont...



- **Donated detection equipment**

- donated equipment will increase the ability to detect security threats
- the handheld backscatter x-ray, while a very valuable detection tool, has a limited capability to detect SALW

- **Coordinated operations**

- awareness raising, training and equipment donation had together raised operational capability
- operations have raised awareness of operational staff of the role of Customs in relation to security threats



Future Activities

■ APSP Phase 2

- additional 12 months of funding from Government of Japan
- Team of three staff (2x Brussels, 1 x Bangkok)
- PGS coordinated operation
- expert support to sustain and embed national Passenger Controls and PGS training



Thank You