

ASIAN NETWORK FOR DOCUMENT EXAMINATION

The Asian Network for Document Examination (ANDEX) is a network that comprises travel document examination experts of immigration agencies at international checkpoints, located in 14 countries in Asia. The network meets on an annual basis to discuss topics of mutual interest and challenges related to frauds in immigration and border management. The network was set up in November 2013 as an initiative of the Document Examination Support Center (DESC), managed by the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

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The ANDEX network strives to strengthen regional travel document examination capacity to counter irregular migration and transnational organized crime through regular and current exchange of information on document and immigration fraud.

OBJECTIVES

ANDEX meetings regularly to strengthen the cooperation among specialists in travel document examination and identity verification. The ANDEX Annual Meeting, organized by IOM and hosted by the Chair of the Network, serves as the primary platform through which Members exchange information to promote regional coordination in curbing irregular migration and countering transnational organized crime.



INFORMATION SHARING

- Create a practical information-sharing mechanism, for practitioners who also handle travel document and identity frauds at international points of entry.
- Exchange information in a timely fashion on intercepted fraud cases in immigration processing.



RAISING AWARENESS

- Raise the collective awareness of participating Members on recent trends observed on documents and identity frauds.



REGIONAL COOPERATION

- Enhance regional cooperation on curbing irregular migration, including migrant smuggling and human trafficking.

ANDEX MEMBER COUNTRIES

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| 1. Bangladesh | 8. Myanmar |
| 2. Brunei Darussalam | 9. Philippines |
| 3. Cambodia | 10. Republic of Korea |
| 4. Indonesia | 11. Singapore |
| 5. Lao People's Democratic Republic | 12. Sri Lanka |
| 6. Malaysia | 13. Thailand |
| 7. Maldives | 14. Viet Nam |
| | 15. IOM |

ANDEX membership is open to all governments and relevant organizations in Asia and the Pacific. After participation in the ANDEX Annual Meeting or after one year of information sharing, interested governments may submit a membership request to the ANDEX Chair via IOM. Admission of an interested party is taken by a vote of consensus. There are no membership fees associated with participation in ANDEX.

ANDEX ENTRY AND EXIT STAMP SPECIMENS E-LIBRARY

The ANDEX Entry and Exit Stamp Specimens E-Library was launched in January 2024. The ANDEX E-Library serves as a centralized and comprehensive repository for the accessibility of entry and exit stamps from various border checkpoints for relevant authorities on a secure database platform. Authorized personnel including immigration officers, border management officials, and other authorized persons, can efficiently access the reference specimens. The establishment of this E-Library is in response to the request by the ANDEX Network, and it includes stamps from participating ANDEX Members and select Observers.

CONTACT

For more information, please contact DESC, which serves as Secretariat of ANDEX.

COMMUNICATION

ANDEX participating Members can share information in the network meetings as well as through a secure platform. IOM's DESC supports this process as Secretariat to facilitate the exchange of information within the ANDEX network.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE

The ANDEX Operational Governance Framework, approved in 2021 as a replacement to the ANDEX Constitution, outlines the details of membership, decision making process and technical support.

THE ROLE OF IOM

IOM first identified the need for a practical network of travel document examination experts in Asia and the Pacific as a means to address irregular migration and transnational organized crime, and subsequently organized the inaugural meeting. The Chair of ANDEX rotates annually among participating Members and hosts the Annual Meeting with the full support of IOM providing technical guidance and facilitation. IOM serves as a full member of the network to provide technical guidance on relevant topics and to assist in the organization of the annual meetings.



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