

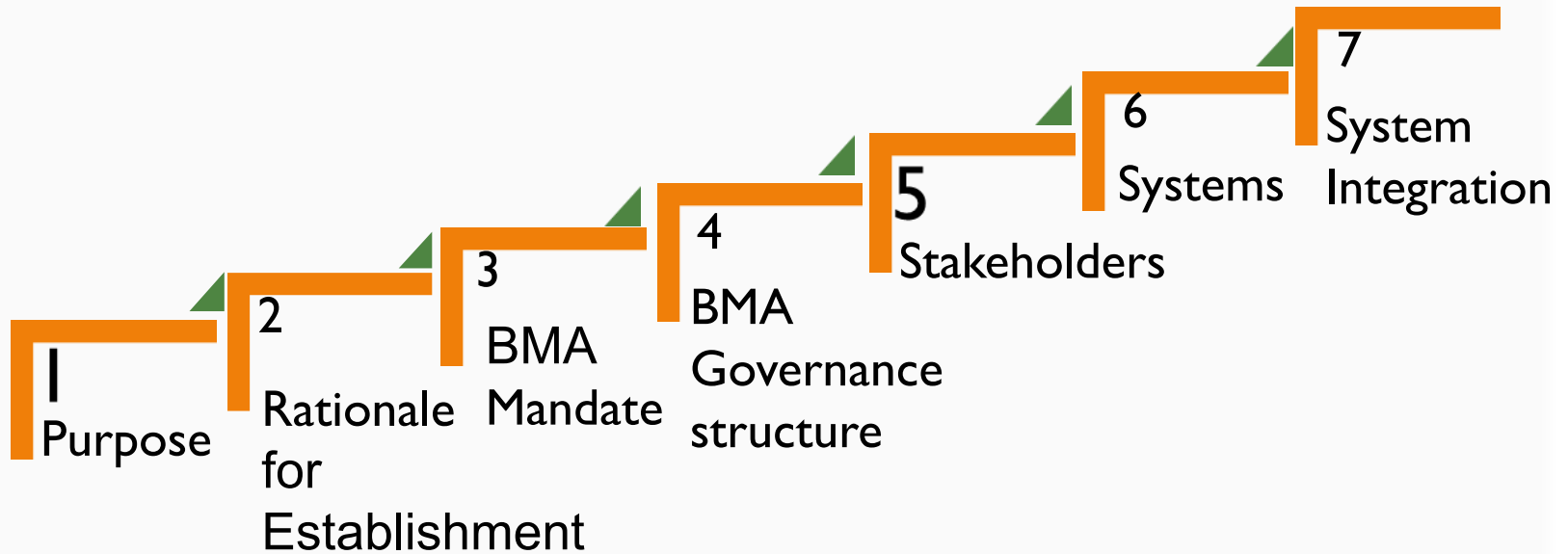
BORDER MANAGEMENT INTEGRATION IN AVIATION

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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW



PURPOSE OF THE PRESENTATION



**The purpose of the presentation is to
discuss Border management
integration in aviation**



RATIONALE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BMA

- 1994 - multi-agency approach with 7 departments across **72** PoE & borderline,
- Adopted 7 **SoPs** – implementing 58 fragmented pieces of legislation,
- Multi-agency approach created silos, **fragmentation**, under-utilization of resources, & facilitated corrupt tendencies,
- Five (5) **iterations** were applied to coordinate these role players: *failed*, Need for **integration** arose in 2009,
- On **1 April 2023**, BMA was established and it was officially launched by HE Ramaphosa, on 5 October 2025, in Musina.



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THE BMA MANDATE

I. LEGISLATIVE

The BMA is a border law enforcement authority and 3rd armed force in the RSA, established in terms of the BMA Act No 2 of 2020- read with schedule 3 (A) of the Public Finance Management Act and section 199(3) of the RSA Constitution, i.e., it is a National Public Entity that functions within the border law enforcement area and ports of entry.

II. CORE

Section 4 (2) read with section 5 provides the functions of the BMA as:
Facilitate and manage the legitimate movement of persons within the border law enforcement area and at ports of entry;

Facilitate and manage the legitimate movement of goods within the border law enforcement area and at ports of entry;

Cooperate and coordinate its border law enforcement functions with SAPS, SARS, SANDF, border communities, or any other persons.

Section 4 (2) emphasizes that border law enforcement functions shall be exclusively performed by the officers of the BMA,



BMA GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

BTC

Border Technical Committee: Advise the Inter-Ministerial Consultative Committee on the border management operations (Sec. 24 (1) of the BMA Act).

Commissioner

- Commander of the Border Guard (Sec. 11 (4) BMA Act);
- Chief Executive Officer (Sec. 11 (2) BMA Act includes administrative and strategic planning functions;
- Accounting Authority (Sec. 11 (3) BMA Act and Ch. 6 PFMA);
- Chairperson of BTC (Sec. 25 (5).

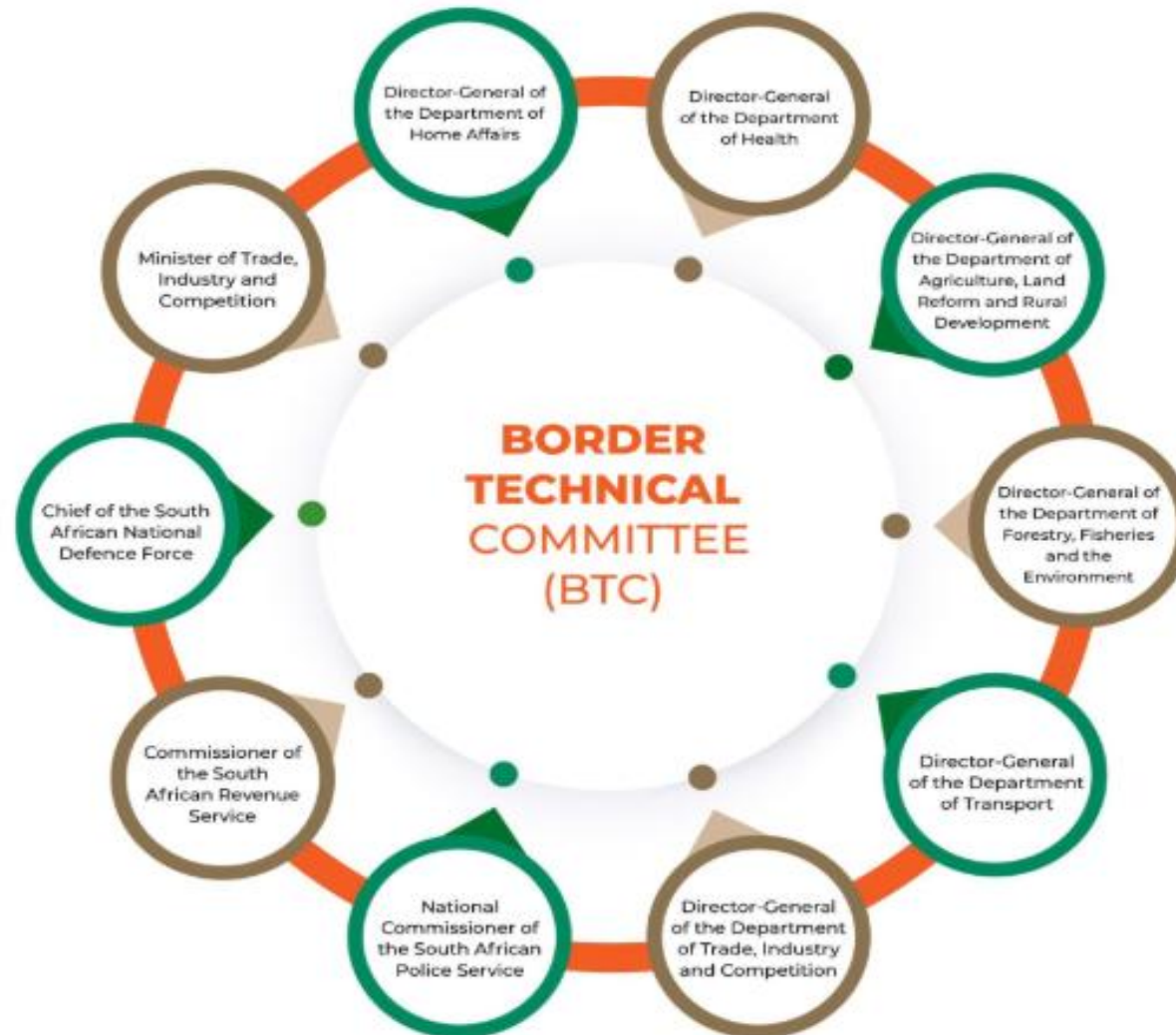
IMCC

Oversight over border management operations, receiving quarterly reports from BTC (Sec. 24 (1) of the BMA Act).

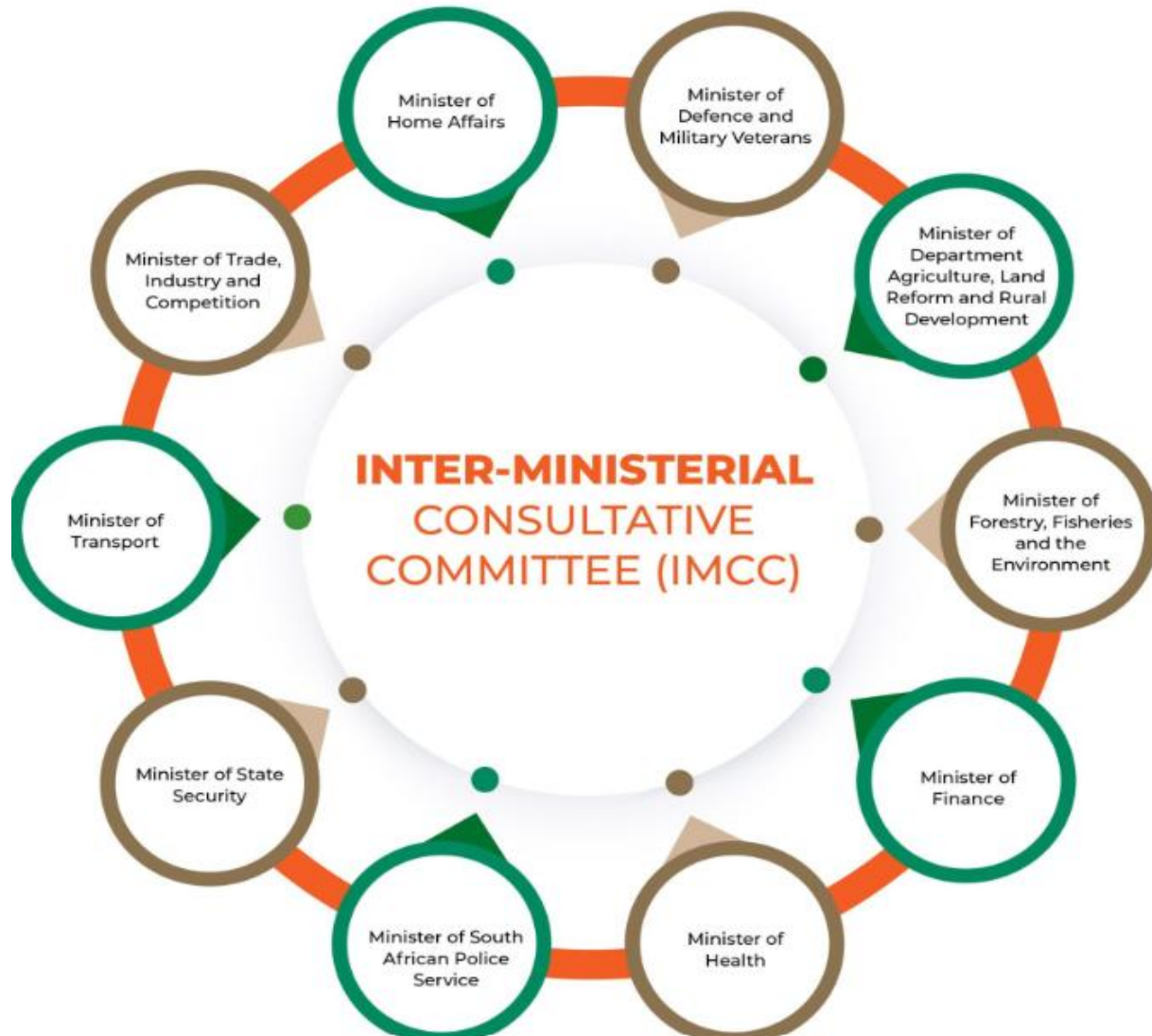
Minister

- Chairperson of the IMCC (Sec. 24 (2) BMA Act;
- Executive Authority of the BMA (responsible for performance of the BMA (Sec. 11 (2)(j) of the BMA Act; Ch 7 PFMA).

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BORDER MANAGEMENT INTEGRATION: STAKEHOLDERS

The integration of border management in aviation involves many stakeholders:

- Regulators: ICAO/SACAA
- Airport Companies: ACSA
- Airlines: IATA, AOC
- Government Authorities: BMA (Border Management Authority), SARS (South African Revenue Service), SAPS (South African Police Service), DoT (Department of Transport), ATNS (Air Traffic & Navigation Services), NDoH (National Department of Health), DSD (Department of Social Development), DFFE (Department of Forestry and Fisheries and the Environment), DALRRD (Department of Land Reform and Rural Development), SANDF
- Security Agencies: SSA, DPCI, CI
- Ground Handlers: Menzies, Nas Colossal. Retailers
- Transportation Providers: Gautrain, Taxis, Buses, e-hailing, private vehicles, etc.
- Clearing Agencies: DHL, Swissport, etc.

BMA has introduced Port Management Committees (PMC) to coordinate operations at ports of entry.

BORDER MANAGEMENT INTEGRATION: SYSTEMS

The integration of border management depends on various systems.

- **API (Advanced Passenger Information)**
- **NPR (Passenger Name Record)**
- **Immigration processing systems:** EMCS (Enhanced Movement Control System), BMCS (Biometric Movement System), **ETA (Electronic Travel Authorization)/EMCS 2.0)**
- Access Control Systems: ACSA permits
- Airport surveillance systems
- Airport baggage screening systems
- Customs Systems: SARS online Passenger Declaration system, Electronic Cargo System. Agriculture and Port Health at Cargo have its own systems to release shipments directed to them by SARS.
- Port Health Screening: Temperature readings
- **E-gates**
- **BMA has introduced Body Worn Cameras, Drones (Land Ports of Entry), and Push to Talk devices.**

The integration of various systems. At an airport is key to ensure the safety and security of travelers, enhance passenger experience, quick and efficient clearing of consignments, etc.

- Single window view
- Real-time data sharing
- **What if biometrics (facial recognition) were embedded into the API/PNR that links to immigration systems?**
- **What if biometrics(facial recognition) is embedded into airport surveillance systems that link to immigration systems?** The airport will thus be able to account for travelers from disembarkation until they leave the airport.
- **Better Collaboration amongst stakeholders outside formal structures such as JOC, LASC, PMC, JPC. (*HANTAVIRUS)**

MAP OF SA'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS



INTEGRATED SMART BORDER

AUTOMATED
SCANNING



INSTANT
VERIFICATION



SEAMLESS
PROCESSING



RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that delegates note *the presentation*



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