



**IBMATA**  
INTERNATIONAL BORDER MANAGEMENT  
AND TECHNOLOGIES ASSOCIATION

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# WELCOME

The International Border Management and Technologies Association (IBMATA) is a not for profit international non-governmental organisation (NGO) committed to the safe and secure movement of people and goods across international borders.

The challenges facing border agencies across the globe – whether run by immigration, customs, police, or a combination of these – have never been greater.

In a world of globalisation, the volume of people and goods crossing borders continues to rise year on year. Managing these volumes whilst meeting public expectations of facilitation and security is becoming ever more complex.

The demands of both the international freight and travel industries for modern and innovative approaches to border control are increasing annually. Border agencies are relying increasingly upon technology – whether visible, in the form of automated border controls, or invisible such as data analytics and risk assessment – to manage these pressures.

At the same time threats posed by international organised crime, terrorism, smuggling, trafficking, and irregular migration must be met.

Border agencies cannot solve these pressures alone.

More than ever, they need help not just from other government departments and agencies, but also from other international partners and stakeholders.

# OUR CHAIR

IBMATA is chaired by leading border management expert Tony Smith CBE, a former head of the UK Border Force.

During his 40-year career, Tony served as Gold Commander for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic programme, which saw three million athletes, coaches, spectators and officials processed at the UK border for the competition on top of business as usual.

He also served as Regional Director for London and the South East in the UK Border agency, Head of Border Control in the UK Immigration Service and Head of Ports and Border Management in Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Tony was awarded the CBE in 2013 for services to the safety and security of London 2012. After retiring from public service, he became Managing Director of Fortinus Global Ltd.



# HOW CAN WE HELP..

Our mission is to bring together experts, practitioners, academics, policy makers and technology providers to develop and promote best practice in the application of modern border management principles; and the intelligent use of new and emerging technology.

This will be achieved by:

- Building a platform for communication and collaboration between government and border agencies, intergovernmental organisations, non-government organisations, international transportation agencies, ports, airports and technology suppliers;
- Developing and managing a series of international events and workshops for members and partners;
- Building a library of relevant materials relating to the principles of modern day border management and latest advances in technology; and
- Working with our members and partners to identify models of best practice.

# WHO CAN JOIN?

Membership is open to members of the following groups or organisations:

- All government departments and agencies charged with the responsibility of managing the international movement of people, goods and materials across national borders; including pre-entry, on-entry and after entry applications;
- Intergovernmental organisations with a vested interest in the management of people and goods across international borders;
- Non-governmental organisations with a vested interest in the management of people and goods across international borders;
- Transportation companies (including airlines, shipping companies, rail operators, freight forwarders) with a legitimate interest in supporting our aim;
- Port, airport, and other management entities with a legitimate interest in supporting our aim; and
- Those technology suppliers, business integrators and other private sector entities who support the safe and secure movement of people and goods across international borders whilst facilitating flow, in accordance with the aims of the organisation.

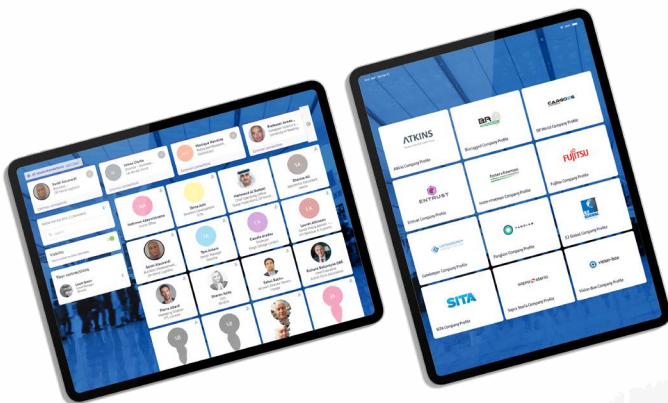
# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Discounted delegate access to our Border Management and Technologies Summits, with opportunities to meet with and hear from key government and industry speakers.

Access to any IBMATA member events and members only workshops when attending our events.



Access to our members only platform, online and through our App where you can access our private discussion forum as well as network with other members.



Members are invited to contribute to our publication “Border Management Today” at no charge, are added to our mailing list, featured on the members page of the IBMATA website and will receive a copy of the IBMATA member logo for display on their website.







## Home Office



***Our vision in the Home Office is for the most effective border in the world. We have embarked on a transformation journey that will tighten the security of our borders and also improve experience of the majority legitimate passengers arriving at our Borders.***

***We recognise the expertise from around the world in this area, and our approach has involved working with many of our international partners.***

***IBMATA has enabled making further connections and sharing ideas with international partners and the supplier industry as well as strengthening partnerships.***

***There is a lot of commonalities across the Border Agencies and the application of technology at the Border across the world. IBMATA has been very effective in bringing together Border agencies and the industry to discuss the common challenges and explore potential solutions which has proved very useful as we design the future of the UK Borders.***



**LOLADE ONABOLU**  
Senior Programme Director - FBIS Programme  
& MBG People Group Director  
Borders & Migration, Home Office



**“ In an increasingly globalized world where, without exception, every country is faced with migration related challenges which include illegal immigration, movement of illicit goods and inter-jurisdictional crimes. To this end, it is very critical that members of the global community of nations collaborate to create platforms for allowing the sharing of technologies and good practices on its border management. Considering the magnitude of challenges faced by the countries of the world, the notion of porous borders remains the strategic concern of many countries of the world. As such, IBMATA provides such a platform where experts, academics, policy makers and practitioners from all over the world meet to develop and promote contemporary border management practices. At this point, it is very critical to apply vibrant policies that are guided by intelligence and technological provisions in stature and application. As the Border Management Authority, South Africa we pride ourselves in the partnership we developed with IBMATA under the leadership of Mr Tony Smith. As a result, we have learned very critical lessons for IBMATA sessions and that has brought massive improvements on how the BMA conducts its integrated border management operations. ”**

Dr Nakampe Michael Masiapato: D Litt. et Phil. (UJ), Ph.D. (Wits).  
Commissioner & Chief Executive Officer (CEO),  
Border Management Authority (BMA)





**“ Globalisation & technology have made the world “smaller“ and more inter-connected. Coupled with a VUCA (volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous) operating landscape shaped by terrorism, border security poses a great challenge. Now with COVID, it is even more daunting. However, we are not alone in having to face these challenges. In this regard, the International Border Management and Technologies Association (IBMATA) has served as an important platform that allows like-minded partners and thought-leaders to gather and learn from each other, cross-fertilise ideas and share best practices in order to emerge stronger TOGETHER.**

**IBMATA events are well-organised and offer rich insights for those involved in border security and identification. This is especially important for me in my previous role as the Commissioner of the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority, Singapore. I have continued to be involved in and engaged with the IBMATA community.**

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**CLARENCE YEO**  
Senior Advisor (Special Duties),  
Ministry of Home Affairs, Singapore



**“ Travizory has been a member of IBMATA since 2021. Our team has attended numerous events and conferences convened by the IBMATA team, and have found each of them to be a very productive networking and learning opportunity. We have also contributed a series of articles to IBMATA’s flagship publication – Border Management Today – which have garnered significant attention from stakeholders across the industry. We would highly recommend an IBMATA membership for anyone working in Border Security today. ”**

TRAVIZORY

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**“ IBMATA provides the opportunity to meet governments (from around the world) and industry representatives in an informal situation to better understand their needs, objectives and offerings. ”**

**STEWART JEACOCKE**  
Customs, Immigration and Borders Lead, Global  
Government Centre of Excellence,  
IBM Consulting

# SITA

**“ SITA has sponsored most of the recent IBMATA events including those in Dubai, Singapore, Belgium and London. The breadth and depth of the attendees that they attract, as well as the quality of the speakers and panellists, is one of the reasons we continue to support IBMATA. The SITA Borders message of exporting the border, integrated border management and end to end digital identity is very well aligned with the aims and underlying principles of IBMATA, and sponsorship enables us to more effectively reach out to industry and government colleagues, supporting this message. The IBMATA Borders Summits continue to be one of the “must attend” and “must support” events in our calendar. We are delighted to be part of the IBMATA family and to continuing to support their events in the future.**

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**Andy Smith**  
**Director, Government & Industry Relations**  
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