

BORDER SECURITY REPORT

VOLUME 52
MARCH/APRIL 2027

THE JOURNAL OF BORDER SECURITY AND TRANSNATIONAL CRIME FOR THE WORLD'S BORDER
PROTECTION, MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY INDUSTRY POLICY-MAKERS AND PRACTITIONERS

COVER STORY

COCAINE CORRIDORS BEYOND BRAZIL: HOW TRANSNATIONAL ROUTES ARE RESHAPING BORDER SECURITY FRAMEWORKS



CONGRESS ISSUE



World Border
Security Congress

13th-15th April 2027 - Lisbon, Portugal
www.world-border-congress.com

SPECIAL REPORT



Morocco's Atlantic Strategy
as a Border Operating
System p.12

AGENCY NEWS



A global review of the
latest news and challenges
from border agencies and
agencies at the border. p.40

SHORT REPORT



Benin and Nigeria catch
smugglers in first-of-its-kind
geospatial intelligence-led
Customs operation p.5

BUYERS GUIDE



Buyers Guide for the latest
technology solutions and
services for your borders.
p.66

NEWWORKS SOLUTION

Dedicated to Empowering African Businesses.

Newworks Solution is a prominent IT organisation dedicated to empowering African businesses with seamless technological solutions to enhance operational efficiency.

We specialise in providing cutting-edge IT solutions tailored to the unique needs of businesses in Africa. With our expertise, we enable organisations to leverage technology effectively, streamline their operations, and achieve success in today's competitive landscape.

Who We Are

Newworks Solution is a reliable organisation that offers state-of-the-art technology solutions for government services, businesses and institutions, for increased efficiency, seamless operations, and transformative growth.



What We Do

Using the latest technologies, we create cost efficient technological solutions for government institutions and organisations in different industries. We design and set up the necessary systems, support and maintenance for your business needs.



Every Traveler Precisely Assessed. Every Decision Certain.

One Platform. Multi-Layered Intelligence.
Unified Decisions.

Newworks
SOLUTION



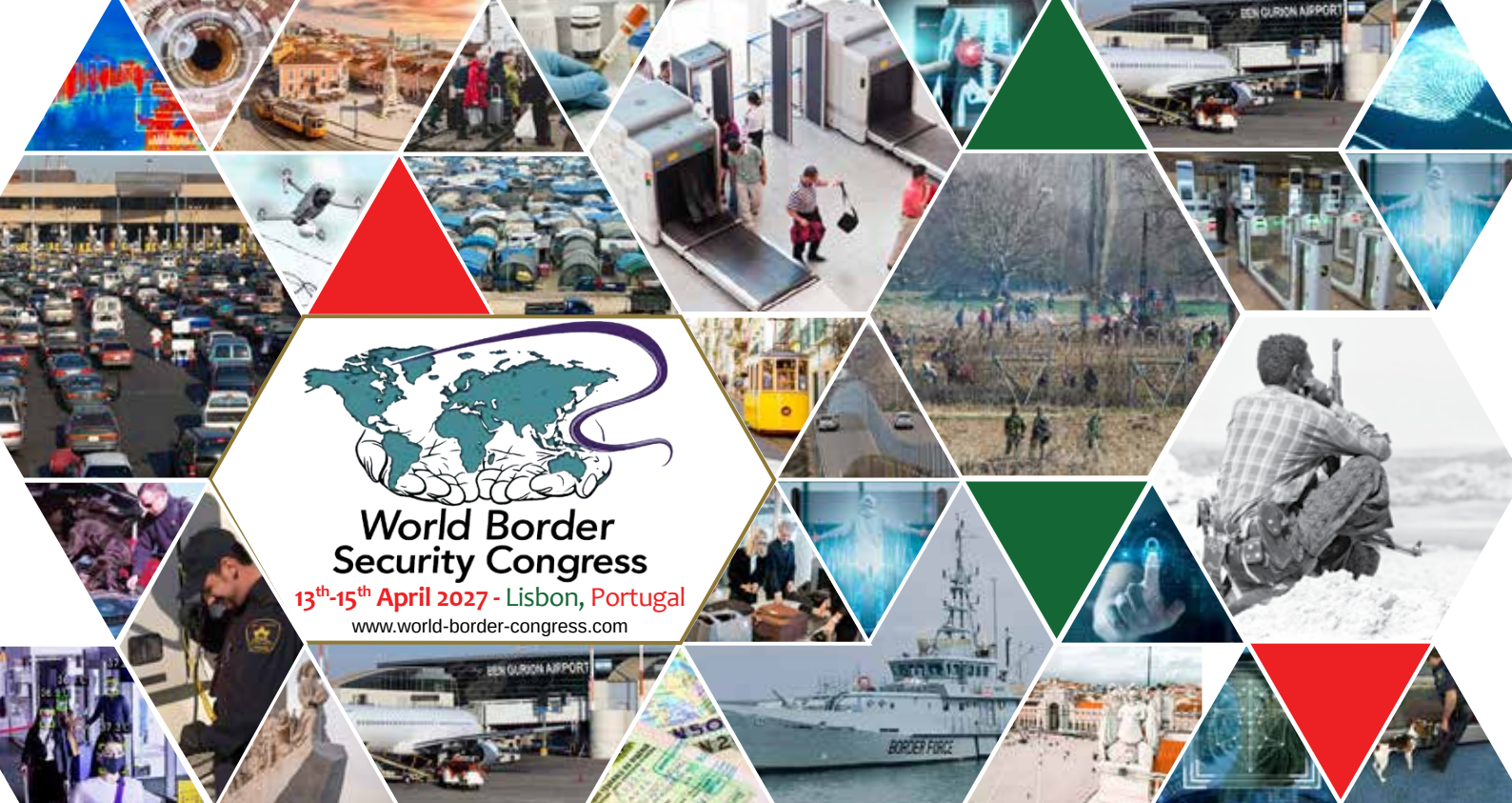
- Detect high-risk individuals through advanced behavioral and data analytics.
- Map hidden networks and relationships across Passenger movements.
- Deliver actionable intelligence instantly to frontline control points.
- Enforce consistent, rule-based decisions across all entry and exit points.
- Operate a fully connected, multi-domain border Security ecosystem.



Newworks Solution's Unified Passenger Intelligence and Risk System (UPIRS) is a national-level intelligence layer for border management, aligning data, systems, and decision-making across all agencies.

Discover UPIRS

From Insight to Action — Every Decision Informed



**World Border
Security Congress**
13th-15th April 2027 - Lisbon, Portugal
www.world-border-congress.com

Transforming Border Management Strategies Through Co-operation and Technology

SAVE THE DATES

Portugal's border security is shaped by its geography and role within the Schengen Area, placing responsibility on protecting the EU's external frontier. Since the dissolution of the SEF, the border security function is coordinated by the Sistema de Segurança Interna (Internal Security System) and implemented by the Polícia de Segurança Pública (PSP) and Guarda Nacional Republicana (GNR).

Administrative overload and legal migration pressure remains Portugal's main challenges, but the country relies on maritime and airport surveillance rather than land borders. Its Atlantic coastline presents monitoring challenges, particularly for irregular migration routes and drug trafficking. The country faces growing inflows of irregular migrants from Africa, Brazil, and South Asia, creating administrative strain in processing visas, asylum claims, and residency permits, leading to backlogs and delays.

Migration has become more contentious recently, with pressure to tighten rules after years of relatively open policies. At the same time, labour shortages mean Portugal still depends heavily on migrant workers.

Portugal is not unique in its border management challenges and must strengthen surveillance, streamline bureaucracy, and enhance EU cooperation while maintaining its rights-based migration approach.

The World Border Security Congress is a high level 3 day event that will discuss and debate current and future policies, implementation issues and challenges as well as new and developing technologies that contribute towards safe and secure border and migration management.

Join us in Lisbon, Portugal on 13th-15th April 2027 for the next gathering of international border security, protection and migration management professionals.

www.world-border-congress.com

for the international border management and security industry

Co-hosted by:



To discuss exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities and your involvement contact:

Paul Gloc
Rest of World
E: paulg@torchmarketing.co.uk
T: +44 (0) 7786 270 820

Bruce Bassin
Americas
E: bruceb@torchmarketing.co.uk
T: +1 702.600.4651

Jerome Merite
France
E: j.callumerite@gmail.com
T: +33 (0) 6 11 27 10 53

Supported by:

Media Partners:

