Strategic Vision

Vision

Our vision for Integrated Border Management is to deliver excellent border management outcomes for South Africa by planning and acting within one framework whilst retaining agency-specific accountabilities.

Mission

The BCOCC mission, as the country’s principal integrated border management structure, is to facilitate inter-agency cooperation and coordination; smooth and easy transit across the ports of entry for legitimate traffic; whilst at the same time deterring, detecting, preventing and interdicting without prejudice or favour and in accordance with the law, individuals and organisations engaged in illegal cross-border activity.

Culture and Behaviours

The BCOCC will, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, read with Section 4 of the Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act, foster a shared common culture amongst border management agencies. This will include the skills and competencies to work collaboratively and at a minimum, over time, institutionalise the following shared values:

- **Service to our country** – Defend and uphold the Constitution and contribute to Government’s developmental agenda;
- **Vigilance** – Deter, detect and prevent threats to our economy and society;
- **Assertiveness** – Act decisively, with courage and knowledge;
- **Integrity** – Act honestly, fairly and with dependability;
- **Professionalism** – Act with professional pride, efficiency and effectiveness, commitment to doing a good job and leading by example;
- ** Discipline** – Respect and obedience to the chain of command and organisational policies and procedures.

**Border Control Stakeholders**

Currently, a number of state departments and agencies are directly involved in border management through their respective enabling legislation. Border management activities are co-ordinated on a non-statutory basis by the BCOCC, established under the principles of Cooperative Government in Chapter 3 of the Constitution. SARS is the current lead agency and chairs the BCOCC.

The various agencies involved in border control include:

- **Department of Home Affairs (DHA):** regulates and facilitate the legal entry and exit movement of persons across South Africa’s borders and the sojourn of foreigners in the RSA;
- **South African Revenue Service (SARS) – Customs:** controls the movement of goods across borders;
- **South African Police Service (SAPS):** prevents, combat and investigate crime; maintain public order; protect and secure the inhabitants of the country and their property; and uphold and enforce the law.
- **The Department of Health (DOH):** controls and regulate cross-border movement of medicaments and other health care products; prevents and controls cross-border transmission of contagious communicable diseases; and mitigate any health risks associated with cross-border movement;
- **The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF):** regulates the importation of animals; plants, their products and other regulated articles that can carry pests, diseases and other bio-security threats which could harm South African agricultural industries, the environment and society;
- **The Department of Transport (DOT):** regulates the movement of vessels, craft and vehicles in and out of the country;
- **The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI):** formulates import and export policy that is administered by SARS – Customs;
- **The State Security Agency (SSA):** collects, collates and analyses information on security threats posed by movement of people and goods across international borders;
- The Department of Public Works (DPW): manages the provision and maintenance of accommodation (operational and residential) and required infrastructure in order to support the border control operations;

- The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA): regulates and monitor cross-border movement of tourists within the Trans-Frontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs); indigenous plants and animals; and hazardous and dangerous materials;

- Parastatals and regulatory bodies with an interest in border management are:
  - Airports Company of South Africa (ACSA): is responsible for managing all commercial airport infrastructure and security
  - Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS): is responsible for regulating the airspace
  - Transnet Group: is responsible for managing infrastructure and security at sea ports