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Programme on Threat Assessment Models for Aviation Security





ABOUT

The TAM Programme provides tools and technical assistance that enable beneficiary Member States to establish a cohesive approach to the identification, assessment, and management of terrorist threats against civil aviation infrastructure.

As we approach the 20-year anniversary of the attacks of September 11, civil aviation remains an attractive target for terrorist groups. Faced with this reality, it is critical that we do everything in our power to anticipate and counter these threats.

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HOW

The TAM Programme is outcomes-oriented; deliverables are carefully designed to culminate in the operationalization of a custom interagency communication framework to support national cooperation on threats to civil aviation.

Participating Member States can expect:

- Preliminary analysis of the current operating structure and ecosystem;
- Provision of baseline knowledge on threat and risk assessment principles, effective governance models, and operational requirements;
- Participation in roundtable dialogue that establishes the path forward;
- Implementation Plan with planned training activities for a secure civil aviation network;
- → Delivery of bespoke training and technical assistance;
- Support with the development of new common protocols and live demonstration of the new framework;
- Coaching and mentorship to assist with the transition to an operational "go-live" environment.



Civil aviation remains a high-value, high-exposure target for terrorist groups around the world. In order to protect it, Member States need to have dynamic, forward-facing aviation security strategies and measures that keep pace with the ever-evolving threat picture. Furthermore, the selection and implementation of effective security measures requires a robust risk management framework that is rooted in effective and efficient threat assessments on aviation security.

While international obligations require Member States to transmit accurate threat data for aviation security risk management activities, this is not always feasible. The disconnect between a Member State's counter-terrorism ecosystem and counterparts for aviation security may lead to the implementation of insufficient or ineffective security controls that do not reflect the current threat picture.

In an increasingly inter-connected and interdependent aviation network, threats to one Member State may spill over into the aviation systems of other Member States.

There is a solution: Tailored national interagency coordination frameworks can support the flow of information between the Member State's counterterrorism ecosystem and the relevant authorities for aviation security. When implemented, the Member State can strengthen its capacity to understand, anticipate, identify, and mitigate prior to a terrorist attack on civil aviation infrastructure.

Summary: In 2021, the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) launched the Programme on Threat Assessment Models for Aviation Security (TAM Programme) to advance the call for action for greater national cooperation on matters of aviation security.

Objective: To strengthen the capacity of beneficiary Member States and enhance interagency cooperation exchange to inform information the and implementation of measures to prevent terrorist acts against civil aviation, in accordance with relevant international obligations.

Programme Outcomes -----

Member States will develop the capacity to integrate threat information into aviation security risk management measures through:

Increased awareness and understanding of the threat picture

Established consensus on the coordination requirements to identify, communicate, and apply threat information

Strengthened national interagency cooperation required to implement via the new process

Programme Snapshot -----



International Obligations



ICAO Annex 17 - Security UN Security Council: Resolution 2309 (2016) UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy: 7th Rev. (2021)



Duration

January 2021 - December 2023 (36 Months)



Geographic Regions

Global, with an initial focus on Africa and Southeast Asia Confirmed Beneficiaries: Botswana, Nigeria, and the Philippines



Delivery

All-of-UN Approach In collaboration with International Organizations, Regional Bodies, Industry, and Member States



Provides tools and technical assistance for the identification, assessment, and management of terrorist threats against civil aviation infrastructure;



Delivers practical resources to improve situational awareness on current threats to civil aviation;



Enhances cooperation between personnel responsible for counter-terrorism and aviation security operations; and



Results in a tailored interagency communication model that transmits accurate and timely data to counter threats to civil aviation.