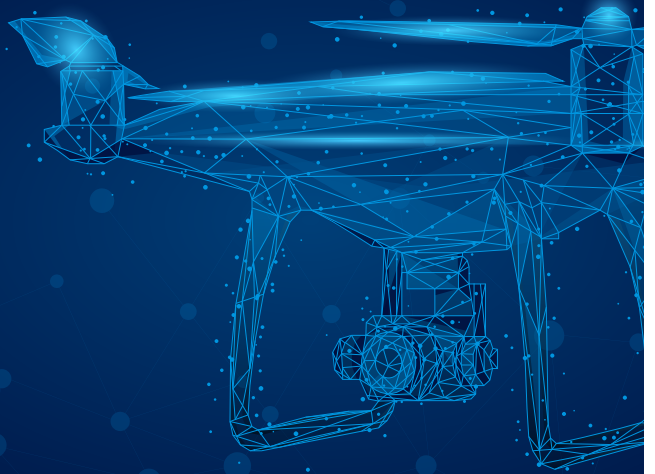




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Autonomous and Remotely Operated Systems

# AROS PROGRAMME



**The international community faces a challenging threat as terrorist groups continue to adapt and evolve, moving beyond conventional attacks to threaten individuals, populations, facilities, and public order. This new modus operandi includes the use of Autonomous and Remotely Operated Systems (AROS) for reconnaissance, direct and indirect attacks, and distribution of support propaganda.**

Moreover, evidence demonstrates that terrorists have begun to weaponize AROS, to execute lethal attacks, and spread chemical, biological, or radiological materials for example. On the other hand, AROS capabilities have also proven to be useful in efforts aimed at preventing and countering criminal and terrorism-related threats.

To leverage the benefits, mitigate the risks, and counter the threats posed by AROS, UNOCT launched the Global Counter-Terrorism Programme on Autonomous and Remotely Operated Systems (AROS Programme), in January 2021.

This programme is implemented in partnership with the United Nations Department of Operational Support's Global Service Centre (DOS/UNGSC), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and Conflict Armament Research (CAR).

The activities are delivered in cooperation with the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED) and the Counter-Terrorism Committee, the United Nations Department of Peace Operations (DPO), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), Global Compact entities, intergovernmental organizations, national and sub-national authorities, private sector, and civil society.



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## Our approach

- ✓ **Gathering experts and policymakers** to raise awareness on the benefits and threats associated with autonomous and/or remotely operated systems (AROS).
- ✓ **Fostering partnerships** between Member States, intergovernmental organizations, the private sector, and civil society.
- ✓ **Delivering certified training courses** for operators, analysts and investigators.
- ✓ **Developing training materials and guidance**, including curricula, model SOPs, etc.
- ✓ **Producing and sharing analytical and research products** to help guide the global conversation on AROS.
- ✓ **Providing equipment and consulting services** to support national capabilities to use and/or counter AROS.



## Our goals

**Raise awareness** on and promote the exchange of good practices, expertise, and guidance related to autonomous and/or remotely operated systems (AROS)

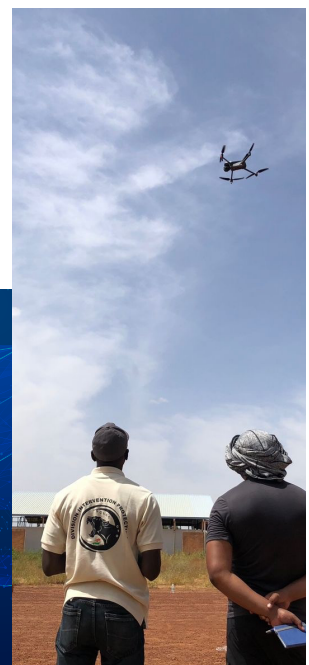
**Enhance the capacity** of Member States to investigate and counter terrorist threats related to AROS

**Enhance the capacity** of Member States to use autonomous and/or remotely operated systems (AROS) including unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), for non-lethal/non-kinetic human rights-compliant purposes



## Partnerships

The programme is continuously exploring partnership opportunities with Member States, intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations, academia, and the private sector, including support with the development and delivery of guidance, training courses, equipment, etc.



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