



# GLOBAL FUSION CELLS PROGRAMME

**Strengthening National  
Capacity By Enhancing National  
Interagency Coordination  
Mechanisms**

## WHAT?

UNOCT's 5-year Global Fusion Cells Programme aims to assist Member State beneficiaries in strengthening their national interagency coordination mechanisms. The Programme promotes a Fusion Centre approach, where national partners come together in a collaborative effort with a common purpose, and provide resources, expertise, and information, to maximize their ability to detect, prevent, and respond to terrorist and nexus activity. The Programme delivers technical expertise to strengthen national capacity through developing National Interagency Coordination Mechanisms to conduct analysis, create threat assessments, and develop strategic and operational information products.

## WHY?

The Programme responds to all four pillars of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Strategy by supporting the implementation of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 2322 (2016), 2396 (2017), 2482 (2019) as well as the 2015 Madrid Guiding Principles on Foreign Terrorist Fighters and the 2018 addendum, and other relevant international instruments and standards. It also builds upon the good practices identified in the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF)'s Algiers Memorandum and other knowledge products, the Accra Initiative, and the Aqaba Process Initiative.

## HOW?

The Programme is implemented through the UNOCT Programme Office for Counter-Terrorism and Training in Africa, in partnership with the Kingdom of Morocco. The programme's national capacity-building consultations and study visits are informed by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) reporting. Every programme delivery lifecycle is planned, delivered, and implemented with the aim of upholding international commitments to human rights, with an aim to support gender mainstreaming efforts.

## DONORS

The Programme is currently funded by the United Nations Peace and Development Trust Fund, the governments of Qatar, Morocco, Portugal, Russian Federation, and France.

## WHERE?

### 2020 - 2022

Botswana,  
Democratic  
Republic of  
the Congo, Ghana,  
Mozambique, Togo, Uganda,  
and the Southern African  
Develop Community (SADC).



### 2023 - 2024

Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso,  
Cabo Verde, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, the Democratic  
Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea,  
Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-  
Bissau, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Niger,  
Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo.

## DELIVERABLES

### National Technical Consultation

In programmatic terms, the process of understanding starts with a **national technical consultation**. UNOCT meets beneficiary national security entities to better understand the challenges they face relating to national-level interagency cooperation and coordination, information analysis, and information sharing. The discussions focus on the beneficiary's legal and institutional framework and operational readiness.

### Action Plan

The Programme then produces an **Action Plan** or **Roadmap** for each beneficiary which summarizes the findings of the consultation and provides capacity-building and institutional recommendations for the national interagency coordination mechanism.

### Study Visits

The Programme organizes **study visits** to beneficiaries featuring presentations from leading global experts on their experiences in developing their respective counter-terrorism or fusion centre, including the challenges they faced and lessons learned.

### Compendium

The Programme identified, collected, collated and analyzed existing best practices globally to develop a **Compendium of Good Practices and Related Guidelines**, which provides a detailed "A to Z manual" on how to establish and operate a fusion centre.

### Training

Using in-house expertise, the Programme developed a 15-week, **11-course modular training curriculum**, based on international good practice, which it delivers to analysts and other fusion cell-related staff. The duration of each course can be tailored to beneficiaries' training needs.

### Study Guides

To support the delivery of training courses, the Programme developed **seven (7) thematic study guides**.

### Mentoring

The Programme provides beneficiaries with up to **three (3) months of expert mentoring** to support the newly trained students and to assist in the development of standard operating procedures and other institutional frameworks.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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