



VIRTUAL COUNTER-TERRORISM WEEK

6-10 JULY 2020

United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre – Virtual Expo

7 July, 11:30 – 13:00 EST

Concept Note

The United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) was established in 2011 and became operational in 2012. It became part of the Office of Counter-Terrorism (OCT) when the Office was established in June 2017. Since its establishment, UNCCT has delivered a broad range of capacity-building support to Member States in support of their implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. Since 2016, UNCCT has been guided by its 5-Year Programme that sets out four outcomes aligned with the Strategy, and 12 related outputs that ensure prioritized capacity-building in a balanced manner.

The UNCCT Virtual Expo is designed to ensure visibility for the Centre's key activities and programmes being implemented in support of Member States' counter-terrorism efforts. The Expo will take place on the UN website starting on 7 July 2020. This will coincide with the Virtual Counter-Terrorism Week which will start on 6 July 2020. The Expo will be live on the UN website for four weeks after the launch.

The aim of the UNCCT Virtual Expo will showcase the history and efforts of UNCCT across the four pillars of the Strategy. To ensure audience engagement, the Expo will focus on core thematic areas through interactive and immersive digital elements. The main focus areas of the Expo will include Victims of Terrorism, Human Rights, Gender Mainstreaming and Equality, Cybersecurity, Border Security and Management, Weapons of Mass Destruction [Chemical Biological, Radiological and Nuclear], Children affected by the foreign terrorist fighter phenomenon, and Strategic Communications.

Key issues to be addressed:

- *Highlighting the historical journey of the UNCCT, accomplishments of the Centre to date and emphasizing the impact of the human life through the work of the Centre;*
- *Illustrating the Global Footprint of the UNCCT through and interactive Geo-map;*



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- *Illustrating the stories of survivors of terrorism showcasing their resilience, solidarity and hope;*
- *Demonstrating the mainstreaming of Human Rights across the work of UNCCT;*
- *Showcasing the different factors and complexities related to gender mainstreaming in PCVE and counter-terrorism, and the exploitation of gender narrative by terrorist organizations;*
- *Highlighting the complex process of repatriation, rehabilitation, reintegration through illustrating the story of Supporting Children affected by Foreign Terrorist Fighters;*
- *Showcasing through crisis communication gamified interactive simulation, how online hate speech and violent narrative could be conducive to violence and what are the appropriate solutions;*
- *Demonstrating new technologies and the cyber threats associated with them and what is the UNCCT doing to tackle such issues through capacity-building support;*
- *Highlighting examples of Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear terrorist threats, and how the UNCCT along with its partners works to tackle this issue; and*
- *Stressing the issues related to border security and management and what the UNCCT is doing through its capacity-building efforts and programming.*