



# UNOCT FUSION CELLS

## PROGRAMME:

STRENGTHENING NATIONAL CAPACITY  
THROUGH DEVELOPING NATIONAL  
INTERAGENCY COORDINATION  
MECHANISMS

## WHAT ?

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) Fusion Cells or National Interagency Coordination Mechanisms (NICM) Programme provides specialist technical support to selected Member States in Africa in partnership with Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), United Nations Police (UNPOL), the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and The African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT/CAERT).

The Programme focuses on strengthening existing national counter-terrorism centres that are already engaged in collecting all – source threat reporting and their production of strategic and operational level outputs, such as national threat assessments.

Moreover, where possible, the Programme supports Member States' capacity to develop and maintain terrorist watchlists in accordance with human rights.

The Fusion Cells Programme (NICM) responds to 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 its 2018 addendum, and other relevant international instruments and standards.

The Programme is funded by the United Nations Peace and Security Sub-Fund (China), managed by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG), to the sum of 2.5 million USD over three years.

## HOW ?

The Programme provides expertise to help beneficiary countries develop legislative and institutional frameworks that support robust, relevant and fit for purpose fusion cells that have effective concepts of operations and standard operating procedures.

**National level deep-dive assessment missions**, conducted during the initial phase of the project, review legislative and institutional frameworks, operational readiness, existing standard operating procedures and other relevant mechanisms in order to determine the beneficiary countries' current capacities relating to collecting, analysing and using all – source threat information.

Study visits will be conducted to a country with recognised expertise in operating a Fusion Cell in order for beneficiary countries to gain a greater understanding of advanced procedures and mechanisms.

A **Compendium of Good Practices** and Related Guidelines will provide a detailed "A to Z manual" on how to establish and operate Fusion Cells.

To support the drafting of the Compendium of Good Practices, an Expert Working Group (EWG) was established and a series of Expert Group Meetings (EGM) will be held.

## TRAINING

Each beneficiary country receives:

- (1) A foundation and intermediate level intelligence officer training course and foundation level information analyst course;
- (2) A "train the trainers" course; and
- (3) Threat assessment report writing.

Each course provides training for up to 15 staff members as well as up to three (3) months of expert mentoring to support the newly trained students and to aid in the development of standard operating procedures and other institutional frameworks and operating practices as identified through the Compendium of Good Practices and related guidelines.

## WHERE ?

This Programme is initially focused on Africa, with possibility to expand to other continents.

## WHEN ?

The three-year Programme was launched in January 2020.

## WHO ?

Implementing partners are CTED, UNPOL, INTERPOL and CAERT.



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