

Summary Report¹

- Event:** United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF)-led visit to Nigeria for a series of meetings in the framework of CTITF's initiative on Integrated Assistance for Countering Terrorism (I-ACT)
- Organizers:** United Nations Office of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF)
- Date and Venue:** 2-6 August 2010; Abuja, Nigeria
- Participants:** *Four-person delegation from among CTITF member entities:* Associate Expert from CTITF Office in New York; CTITF I-ACT Entities Focal Point (from Vienna-based UNODC), International Monetary Fund (IMF) representative, 1540 Committee expert.
UN entities in Abuja.
Nigerian government officials from various departments and entities across government: “National Focal Point on Terrorism” (entity with multi-departmental representation primarily from security, law enforcement, justice and transport sectors); Ministry of Foreign Affairs National Authority on Chemical and Biological Weapons Conventions; Nigerian Nuclear Regulatory Authority, and various law enforcement departments/ministries.

1. Objectives

- Obtain updated information on the status of Nigeria’s implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and copies of (draft) legislation.
- Dialogue with relevant government entities on sharing practices and options to facilitate further implementation of requirements of resolution 1540 (2004).
- Identify areas of possible assistance needs to implement the resolution, noting complementary needs already identified by Nigeria and by other UN entities.
- Identify next steps to facilitate Nigeria’s implementation of the resolution taking into account other national priorities.

2. Background

Participation in this CTITF-led country visit arises from the 1540 Committee experts being one of the 30 entities and observers in the CTITF, established in 2005 “to ensure overall coordination and coherence in the counter-terrorism efforts of the United Nations system” including to assist States in the implementation of the 2006 UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (for background, see www.un.org/terrorism/pdfs/Fact%20Sheet.pdf).

The CTITF initiative on Integrated Assistance for Countering Terrorism (I-ACT) aims to provide a country requesting assistance, currently Nigeria and Burkina Faso, with one entry point for requests for technical assistance across all four pillars of the Global Strategy, and ensure coordination of technical assistance capacities and delivery from all CTITF entities. This does not preclude each CTITF entity

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conducting assistance activities in accordance with its mandate. CTITF organised the visit within the I-ACT framework to refine a 'mapping report' of Nigeria's technical assistance needs to implement the Global Strategy, Pillars II and III being relevant for resolution 1540 (2004).

3. Consultations and Bilateral Dialogue

The I-ACT initiative with a synopsis of this country visit is featured in the first CTITF newsletter at www.un.org/terrorism/pdfs/CTITF_beam_vol1_14oct.pdf. From the perspective of the 1540 Committee, the mission to Abuja enabled relevant agencies across government to communicate with each other in identifying their activities directly related or complementary to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). In meetings and dialogues, the 1540 Committee expert focused on nuclear, chemical and biological aspects of the resolution and complementarity of implementation alongside other national priorities. These dialogues built upon communications with related Nigerian officials at previous outreach events relevant for resolution 1540 (2004).

Additional highlights of the mission related to facilitating implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) included:

- discussion of relevance to implementation of the resolution of various draft bills in the chemical, nuclear and biological areas as well as provisions within the 'Draft Prevention of Terrorism Bill'.
- discussion of implementation of the Green Customs Initiative bringing together lists of chemicals associated with a number of conventions, including the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), to improve management of customs activities associated with import and export of many types of chemicals.

4. Additional comments

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