

2021 United Nations Counter-Terrorism Week

Side event

“Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on terrorism, counter-terrorism, and countering violent extremism”

Thursday, 25 June 2021, 12.30–2.00 p.m. EDT

Closing remarks of

**Assistant Secretary-General Michèle Coninx
Executive Director, CTED**

Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

We have heard several thought-provoking presentations and discussions on this important issue.

I wish to express my gratitude to all our panellists for their valuable insights and contributions.

I also wish to thank you all for joining us today and for your active interest and participation.

Our speakers have highlighted many key issues and challenges in addressing the potential short-term, medium-term, and long-term impacts of the pandemic on our efforts to counter terrorism and violent extremism.

However, they have also made a number of useful recommendations on adapting our efforts as we emerge from the pandemic and move into the “next normal”.

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

The United Nations will continue to lead the global effort to prevent and counter all threats to international peace and security, including terrorism and violent extremism leading to terrorism, acting in accordance with a “One-UN” approach and working closely with Member States and with all its key partners.

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The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have reaffirmed the need to further strengthen our cooperation and coordination.

CTED, through its engagement with the research community and all its United Nations and other partners, including civil society and the private sector, will continue to monitor, facilitate and promote the efforts of Member States to implement the relevant Security Council resolutions on terrorism.

And we shall also continue to share our analysis through our publications and other outreach, helping to ensure that Member States and relevant practitioners are kept abreast of the latest evidence-based research on the pandemic’s impact on counter-terrorism responses.

I thank you all once again for your participation and look forward to our continued constructive dialogue and strong partnership.

Thank you.