

**Open meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee  
with the CTED Global Research Network**

**“Emerging threats, trends and developments in terrorism and counter-  
terrorism: reflecting on 20 years of countering the terrorist threat”**

*Friday, 3 September 2020, 10.00 a.m.–12.00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)*

**Concept note**

**I. Introduction**

1. In its resolution 2129 (2013), the Security Council directs the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) to identify emerging issues, trends and developments relating to the relevant Security Council resolutions on terrorism. In accordance with that resolution, and in order to strengthen its existing research and analysis capabilities, CTED launched the Global Research Network (GRN) in February 2015.
2. Currently consisting of over 100 leading research institutes and think tanks from across the world — including those regions most affected by terrorism — the GRN provides CTED with evidence-based research insights from diverse regional perspectives, with the aim of supporting the Committee’s efforts to promote Member States’ implementation of the relevant Council resolutions.
3. In its resolution 2395 (2017), the Council recognizes CTED’s relationships with relevant experts in, inter alia, academia and think tanks, and takes note of the value of their participation in briefings, workshops, and open meetings to support the Committee’s efforts to advance implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014) and other relevant counter-terrorism resolutions, as well as to promote analysis of emerging threats, trends and developments. Council resolution 2395 (2017) also reiterates CTED’s essential role to identify emerging issues, trends and developments relating to the implementation of the relevant Council resolutions, and the importance of its work with relevant partners in this area, including through the GRN.
4. Since the second open meeting of the Committee with the GRN, held on 16 November 2017, and the adoption of resolution 2395 (2017), CTED’s engagement with the GRN has been further bolstered and directly reflected in its analytical publications, including its Trends Reports, Trends Alerts, and Analytical Briefs. Through this collaborative exchange of information and analysis, the Committee and CTED are able to keep abreast of emerging terrorism trends, developments and challenges, as well as effective approaches to address them.
5. The year 2021 marks the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1373 (2001) and the establishment of the Committee and thus provides an opportunity for the Committee and relevant stakeholders (notably the GRN) to discuss and identify key trends, challenges and lessons learned from the last 20 years of counter-terrorism and countering violent extremism (CVE) in order to impact and shape the future policy response and multilateral actions.

## II. Objective of the open meeting

6. The purpose of the Committee's third open meeting with the GRN is to provide the Committee and Member States with an overview of the most recent and most relevant research into key emerging issues, trends and developments in the context of the commemoration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "9/11" terrorist attacks, the adoption of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), and the establishment of the Committee. GRN entities will share forward-looking perspectives on key thematic and regional challenges, rooted in an analysis of the evolution of the terrorist threat and counter-terrorism responses over the past two decades.

7. The open meeting will provide an opportunity to address the current gaps between research and policy in addressing existing and emerging trends, challenges and issues in the areas of terrorism, counter-terrorism and countering violent extremism with a view to ensuring human rights compliant, gender-sensitive, and whole-of-society approaches. Presentations by representatives of GRN member entities will be followed by an interactive discussion between the panellists and relevant stakeholders.

## III. Format of discussions

8. The open meeting, pursuant to the list of regional and thematic briefings for 2021 adopted by the Committee on 29 April 2021, will include a panel of GRN experts and will consist of an opening session; presentations by GRN members; an interactive discussion; and a closing session. The Committee Chair will act as Chair and moderator. Participating members of the GRN will be encouraged to raise issues and questions during the question-and-answer sessions.

9. The open meeting will be held in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York, with limited seating capacity for Committee members. Speakers from the GRN and CTED will join virtually, via Cisco Webex.

10. Member States, United Nations entities, and international and regional organizations wishing to participate in the open meeting are requested to contact the Committee Secretariat for instructions.

11. GRN member entities are requested to fill in the form available [here](#) in order to confirm their participation. Those unable to participate in the event may submit questions to the panellists via e-mail to [cted-par@un.org](mailto:cted-par@un.org) until 30 August 2021.

12. An annotated agenda and meeting documentation will be posted on the Committee's website (<http://www.un.org/securitycouncil/ctc/>).

## IV. Date and venue

13. The open meeting will be streamed live on UN Web TV on Friday, 3 September 2021, from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. EDT.

## V. Outcome

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14. CTED will prepare and submit to the Committee a summary report on the outcomes of the meeting.

15. The outcomes of the meeting and its preparatory round-table discussions will also be fed into the work of the Committee and CTED, including in the context of, inter alia, forthcoming open and closed regional and thematic briefings of the Committee and CTED's forthcoming publications, its policy and technical advice to the Committee and United Nations entities, its substantive and technical support, and its capacity-building guidance.

### **VI. Communications**

16. CTED will promote the open meeting through the appropriate channels. A press release may be issued following the open meeting.