



**United Nations Security Council  
Counter-Terrorism Committee  
Executive Directorate (CTED)**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CTED Launches Report Sharing Civil Society Perspectives on the rising challenges posed by ISIL in Africa**

**New York, 4 April 2022** – Today, the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) launched its latest report “[Civil Society Perspectives: ISIL in Africa – Key Trends and Developments](#).” The report – a new type of publication for CTED - reflects the outcomes of two virtual roundtables, convened by CTED in October and [November 2021](#), and attended by more than 50 representatives of African civil society organizations (CSOs), located in 15 Member States.

The report sets out CSO perspectives on the worrying trajectory and impact of ISIL-affiliated groups’ activities in Africa and showcases their insights on the gaps and challenges in African Member States’ ability to implement the relevant Security Council resolution. It also includes a series of key challenges, recommendations and observations identified by the CSOs, designed to inform responses by Member States, capacity building partners and CTED.

ISIL in Africa will be the focus of a [joint open briefing](#) on 7 April 2022 by the Counter-Terrorism Committee and the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da’esh), Al Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertaking and entities.

The report was prepared by CTED in accordance with Security Council resolution 2617 (2021), in which the Council notes the importance of engagement with locally-focused entities. In the preamble to the resolution, the Council recognizes “the importance of civil society, including community-based civil society, grassroots organizations, the private sector, academia, think tanks, media, youth, women and cultural, educational and religious leaders in increasing awareness about the threats of terrorism and more effectively tackling them.”

CTED Acting Executive Director Weixiong Chen commended the launch of report, describing it as “an important and innovative way of ensuring that valuable community-based and grassroots civil society perspectives were more effectively integrated into the work of the Security Council, as required under resolution [2617 \(2021\)](#).”

A brief overview of the report is available [here](#); and you can download the full report [here](#).

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## ***Background***

The **Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC)** was established by Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), which was adopted unanimously on 28 September 2001 in the wake of the 11 September terrorist attacks carried out in the United States. The Committee (which consists of all 15 Members of the Security Council) was tasked with monitoring implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), which requests States to implement a number of measures intended to enhance their legal, institutional and operational abilities to counter terrorist activities at home, in their regions, and around the world.

**H.E. Mr. T. S. Tirumurti**, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, was appointed Chair of the Committee on 13 January 2022.

The **Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)** was established by the Council as a special political mission of the United Nations, tasked with assisting the Counter-Terrorism Committee in monitoring Member States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant counter-terrorism resolutions. Acting on the Committee's behalf, CTED conducts on-site country assessments visits, with the consent of the host State, to identify progress made and remaining challenges in addressing threats posed by terrorists to international peace and security. The findings of the assessment visits also form the basis for technical assistance and capacity-building projects delivered by partner entities.