PREVENTING AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND TERRORISM

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) – a specialized training agency of the United Nations – supports the (re-) establishment of peaceful, just and inclusive societies (SDG 16) by enabling individuals and organizations to contribute meaningfully to sustainable peace.

With 60 years of experience in capacity building, we provide customized, creative and results-based learning solutions, carefully crafted for countries and communities emerging from conflict and facing specific development needs. At the core of our success is our specific methodology that allows for the creation of powerful and inspiring spaces, products and services (online and face-to-face) for high-quality learning and collaboration.

Our training programmes have mentoring and coaching as their key ingredients and promote participation, dialogue, local ownership and multiplication of knowledge for sustainable impact and behavioural change.

Thematic Areas:
- Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE)
- Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)
- Counter-Terrorism (CT)
- Human Rights and the Rule of Law
- Support to Victims of Terrorism
- Gender Mainstreaming

Our Services:
- Training and facilitation
- Coaching & Mentoring
- Training of Trainers (ToT)
- E-learning & Online Facilitation
- Online Courses & Master Degrees
- Advisory
- Advocacy
- Learning Support Materials

In addition, we are members of The Extremism and Gaming Research Network and The Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact.

Our partners:
Flagship projects:

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**Strengthening Counter-Terrorism Capacities of the Ministry of Interior in Libya**

Since the official establishment of ISIS in Libya in November 2014, the group has grown into becoming the most significant ISIS affiliate outside of Syria and Iraq, as well as the most dominating extremist group engaging in Libya. The current initiative aims to build and strengthen the capacities of the Libyan Ministry of Interior to efficiently prevent and counter this threat, while ensuring that the respect for human rights and the rule of law remains the fundamental basis of the fight against terrorism.

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**Translation of “E-Learning Course on Human Rights and Counter-Terrorism in Central Asia” to local languages**

It is important to further strengthen cooperation and coordination among Central Asian countries in order to mitigate potential risks of incursions by violent extremists and terrorist groups around the border areas with Afghanistan, and to enhance border security by building the capacities of relevant law enforcement and security agencies. Translating the e-learning course into local languages will ensure the full inclusion of language minorities and thus increase communication and influence. Mainstreaming human rights in the context of countering terrorism will enhance the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia.

This initiative will be implemented in partnership with the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism - United Nations Counter-Terrorism Center (UNOCT-UNCCT) and the United Nations Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, in close collaboration with key stakeholders at the local level, at the national and regional levels.

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**Xenophobia, Racism and Other Forms of Intolerance in the Name of Religion or Belief in the Western Balkans**

Over recent years, there has been a notable increase in frequency and lethality of terrorist attacks on the basis of xenophobia, racism and other forms of intolerance, or in the name of religion or belief. The current initiative aims at mapping the landscape of xenophobia, racism and other forms of intolerance in the Western Balkans, followed by capacity building activities to build and strengthen the capacity of key stakeholders in preventing and countering this threat. The present initiative will be delivered in partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) as well as key national and local stakeholders.

Future projects:

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**Youth for Peace in Mozambique**

According to recent statistics, violent extremism continues to stand a growing threat in Mozambique. The country was ranked 15th on the 2020 Global Terrorism Index (GTI), which compares the impact of terrorism between 135 countries. Recent insurgencies in Capo Del Gado calls for immediate action from the international community to support national and local efforts to prevent and counter the spread of violent extremism. The present initiative aims to create and sustain youth-friendly spaces to actively engage in innovative peacebuilding activities, contributing to building and sustaining peaceful co-existence and a culture of tolerance in their communities. The initiative will be delivered in partnership with key national and local stakeholders.

Our mission:

The work of UNITAR in the field of Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) and Counter-Terrorism (CT) is anchored in the four pillars of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2016. The Global Strategy sets a strategic and operational framework to enhance national, regional and international efforts to counter terrorism.

In line with the Strategy, UNITAR is currently increasing its efforts at the international, regional, national and local levels to support Member States and other stakeholders in need by providing high-quality learning and capacity-building solutions designed to help them:

- Address conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism.
- Prevent and counter violent extremism and terrorism.
- Ensure respect for human rights and the rule of law as the fundamental basis of the fight against terrorism.