



2023 Counter-Terrorism Week SIDE EVENTS

19-23 JUNE 2023

UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS • NEW YORK

Fighting terrorism in Africa: building multi-actor approaches and institutional cooperation

The International Franco-Ivorian Academy for Combating Terrorism

22 June 2023, 17:15 – 18:30

UNHQs Conference room 3, New York (hybrid)

Concept Note

Context

Africa has become in recent years one of the most affected areas in the world by terrorist attacks. In West Africa, Sahelian terrorist groups are a daily and permanent threat for the lives of populations, Sahelian states and neighboring countries. Exploiting existing conflicts and vulnerabilities, terrorist groups are developing networks across the African continent and they increasingly benefit from support from other regions of the world.

A strong and collective response is needed to counter this threat of unprecedented magnitude that requires new approaches and innovative tools, which can contribute to face more effectively this cross-border security challenge.

In this context, France and Côte d'Ivoire established the Académie Internationale de Lutte contre le Terrorisme (AILCT) in 2019 in Jacquville, Côte d'Ivoire. This project aims at lifting all barriers that can prevent an efficient cooperation in countering terrorism, through creating a common counter-terrorism community and culture, both within public administrations (soldiers, police officers, magistrates...) and among African and international partnerships.

2023 COUNTER-TERRORISM WEEK

www.un.org/counterterrorism/CTweek2023-SE
[@UN_OCT](https://twitter.com/UN_OCT) | [#CTWeek](https://twitter.com/CTWeek) | [#UNiteToCounterTerrorism](https://twitter.com/UNiteToCounterTerrorism)

The 3rd Counter-terrorism week on the theme “Addressing Terrorism through Reinvigorated Multilateralism and Institutional Cooperation” offers an appropriate opportunity for France and Côte d’Ivoire to promote the innovative and partnership-based approach of the project of AILTC.

Objectives

This side event will be the occasion to present the results of the Académie since its creation, including the training provided to more than 1,000 trainees and auditors from thirty African countries.

The Side Event will aim to increase the visibility of the Academy, to garner further support from partners so as to benefit to a greater number of trainees and auditors.

Discussions will also consider how the Académie’s internationalization could promote an effective and durable tool in our collective fight against terrorism, and help to accelerate its actions within three complementary pillars:

- i) an inter-ministerial executive school for officials in charge of counter-terrorism,
- ii) a training center for special forces and special intervention units,
- iii) a strategic research institute.

Agenda

Duration	19 June 2023 (08:00 - 09:30)
17:15 – 17:25	<p>Opening session by Côte d’Ivoire and France (15 mn)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SEM. Tiémoko Moriko Ambassadeur, Représentant Permanent - Ms. Isis Jaraud-Darnault, Political Minister Counselor
17:25 – 17:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenges in the region : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o African Union (tbc) o M. Marc Porret, chief of Africa section, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)
17:35-18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the Academy, successes and challenges ahead : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ms. Amel Djerdoubi-Lariviere, DCSD o Permanent Mission of Côte d’Ivoire to the UN

18:00 – 18:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengths and challenges of multi-stakeholder approaches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o European Union (name tbc) - Prospects for the United Nations in Africa and possible synergies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ms. Delphine Schantz, Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime New York Office (ONUDD) o Ms. Guadalupe Magre, Chief - Special Project Section (UNOCT)
18:15-18:30	<p>Q&A</p> <p>Closing remarks by France and Côte d'Ivoire</p>
Close of Side Event	

Venue and Format

The event will be in person at the United Nations Headquarters (CR3)

[RSVP link](#)