



# 2023 Counter-Terrorism Week SIDE EVENTS

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## High-level Forum on Strengthening Cooperation to Enhance Terrorism Responses in Africa

20 June 2023, 13:15-14:30 EDT

UN Secretariat Conference Room 12 & online

### Concept Note

Africa has faced a growing terrorist threat in recent years and many initiatives have been launched to address it. These initiatives contribute to international peace and security and some of them have achieved significant results in preventing and countering terrorism in Africa.

To assess local, national, regional, and international responses to terrorism, all stakeholders need to focus on sustainable measures and strategies that are context-tailored and reflect the local realities on the ground. These efforts should adopt a comprehensive approach that engages different segments of societies and aim to enhance the capacities of local, national, and regional stakeholders, including criminal justice practitioners. They should embrace preventive measures that are based on national ownership to ensure that the responses are aligned with local needs. More importantly, such efforts need to be built on strong partnerships that enable the implementation of a whole of society initiatives in the fight against terrorism.

By working together on all levels, real steps towards peace and security can be taken, protecting people from the threat of terrorism, for the Africa we want, and the one that African people deserve.

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## Objective

This side event will showcase effective local, national, regional, and international responses to terrorism across the African continent, including terrorism prevention, criminal justice responses, and the handling of individuals formerly associated with terrorist group. It will also take stock of current achievements and best practices, examine persisting challenges and ways to enhance African-led approaches with regional and international support. Participants will hear from panelists on successful partnerships that improved the prevention and countering of terrorism in Africa and learn how to adopt the best practices and reshape the responses to terrorism within a reinigorated and robust multilateral system.

## Co-organizers

### **African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT), African Union**

ACSRT functions as a research centre of excellence of the African Union in matters concerning the prevention and combating of terrorism and violent extremism in Africa.

### **Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping & Peacebuilding (CCCPA)**

CCCPA is an Egyptian public agency and an African Union Center of Excellence that is specialized in training, capacity building and research in the fields of conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management, peacekeeping, peacebuilding, women, peace and security, transnational threats, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR), and preventing radicalization and extremism leading to terrorism.

### **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)**

The Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC is the key United Nations entity with the mandate and expertise to deliver counter-terrorism legal technical assistance to Member States for the ratification, legislative incorporation, and implementation of the international legal instruments against terrorism.

### **Women in International Security - Horn of Africa (WIIS-HoA)**

WIIS-HoA is a non-profit organization dedicated building peace and promoting security in the Horn of Africa by advancing gender equality and women's contributions to peace and security.

## How to join us

The event will be accessible in-person in the UN Secretariat Conference Room 12 and online. The link to the event will be shared in due course. The event will be held in English.