



# 2023 Counter-Terrorism Week SIDE EVENTS

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*Aviation Security contribution to the prevention and response to the evolving global terrorism landscape*

UNHQs Conference room #12

23 June 2023 | 13:15 - 14:30

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# Aviation Security contribution to the prevention and response to the evolving global terrorism landscape

## Background

In its **resolution 2309 (2016)**, the Security Council expresses “particular concern” that terrorist groups are actively seeking ways to defeat or circumvent aviation security and calls upon States to strengthen and promote the effective application of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and to assist ICAO to continue to enhance audit, capacity development, and training programmes to support their implementation. In the same resolution, the Council affirmed the role of ICAO as the United Nations organization responsible for developing international aviation security standards, monitoring their implementation by States, and assisting States to comply with those standards, and calls upon all States to work with ICAO to ensure that those standards are reviewed and adapted to effectively address the threat posed by terrorists targeting civil aviation.

**Terrorist threats to civil aviation** are growing in complexity, with new modus operandi as digital means and unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), as well as a broader range of perpetrators. Terrorist groups continue to perceive attacks against international civil aviation as an effective way to cause substantial loss of life, economic damage and disruption. Because of the global, interconnected nature of the international civil aviation industry, Member States of all regions are potentially vulnerable to such attacks.

The **civil aviation sector** adapts itself to the evolving global threat landscape by changing the security mindset from a reactive security paradigm to a proactive one that supports the resilience of civil aviation’s critical infrastructure against existing, new, and evolving threats. To ensure this proactive approach, States are required to implement a systematic national and sector specific risk assessment mechanism, establish efficient interagency cooperation and information sharing between counter-terrorism and aviation security environments and implementation of risk-based measures at the airports.

In 2021, the [United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism \(UNOCT\)](#), the [United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate \(UNCTED\)](#) and the [International Civil Aviation Organization \(ICAO\)](#), launched the Programme on Threat Assessment Models for Aviation Security (“TAM Programme”) to address these challenges by providing the tools required for a comprehensive threat assessment and enhance Member States capacity to comply with the international obligations for aviation security and development of national interagency coordination frameworks to effectively link the current threat picture to aviation security decisions and response measures.

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Through an ‘All-of-UN’ approach, ICAO, UNCTED and UNOCT cooperate closely on various other initiatives to support Member States in addressing threats posed by misuse of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Cybersecurity and countering terrorist travel using passenger data under the global United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme. These initiatives, related to the implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions, 2178 (2014), 2309 (2016), 2396 (2017), 2482 (2019) and 2370 (2017), fall within the framework of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact and its Working Groups on Border Management and Law Enforcement Relating to Counter-Terrorism and on Emerging Threats and Critical-Infrastructure Protection.

## Side event

### Objectives

1. **Key priorities in addressing aviation related threats:** exchange of view on ways to supports the resilience of civil aviation’s critical infrastructure against existing, new, and evolving threats.
2. **Addressing aviation threats through reinvigorated multilateralism and institutional cooperation:** the importance of “All-of-UN” approach to comprehensively assist beneficiary Member States to implement all four pillars of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular in the area of protection of civil aviation critical infrastructure.

### Outcomes

The outcomes of the event are to underline the importance of the aviation security and its contribution to All-of-UN counter-terrorism efforts in the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism (CT) Strategy as well as showcasing how the ongoing cooperation between ICAO, UNCTED, UNOCT and other Global CT Compact Entities can be seen as an example of “Multilateralism and Institutional Cooperation” leading to enhanced coordination and coherence in the delivery of capacity building and technical support to Member States.

### Format and participation

**The Side Event** will feature (i) presentations; and (ii) moderated panel discussion. The 75-minute event will be held in-person format, in the United Nations Headquarters Conference Room #12 at 13:15 p.m. on Friday, 23 June 2023. You are kindly requested to confirm your participation by using the **RSVP [link](#)**. The meeting will also be available on-demand on [UN WebTV](#).

The target audience of the event includes Member States, experts from the United Nations, global and regional intergovernmental security organizations, the private sector, and academia.

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The Side Event will be held in English.

## Programme

### Master of Ceremony

**Mr. Sylvain Lefoyer**, Deputy Director, Aviation Security and Facilitation, ICAO

### 13:15-13:30 OPENING REMARKS

**Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar**, Secretary General, ICAO

**Mr. Vladimir Voronkov**, Under-Secretary-General, UNOCT

**Ms. Natalia Gherman**, Assistant Secretary-General, UNCTED

### 13:30-13:55 KEY PRIORITIES IN ADDRESSING AVIATION RELATED THREATS

**Ms. Anne-Maria Seesmaa**, Legal Officer, UNCTED

**Mr. Hamad Salem Al Muhairi**, Assistant Director General, Aviation Security Affairs, General Civil Aviation Authority, UAE, Chair of the ICAO Aviation Security Panel

**Mr. John Velho**, Director, Passenger Protect Program and Target Operations, Transport Canada, Government of Canada

Speaker provided by **PM India** (TBC)

### 13:55-14:20 ADDRESSING AVIATION THREATS THROUGH REINVIGORATED MULTILATERALISM AND INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION

**Ms. Christine Bradley**, Chief of Section, Countering Terrorist Travel, UNOCT

**Mr. Ariel Rodelas Penaranda**, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative, Philippines Permanent Mission to the United Nations

**Mr. Solomon Mthandazo**, Counter-Terrorism Analysis Fusion Division, and National Coordinator of the TAM Programme, Botswana

**Mr. Carlos Ruiz**, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Kingdom of Spain

### 14:20-14:30 OPEN DISCUSSION

### 14:30 CLOSING REMARKS

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