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Heads of African Counter-Terrorism and Security Agencies discuss the Evolving Field of Intelligence Analysis in the Context of Counter-Terrorism

Fez, Morocco – 4-5 June 2024 - The High-Level event of Heads of African Counter-Terrorism and Security Agencies in Africa, known as the Marrakech Platform, started in Fez, today to discuss the evolving field of intelligence analysis in the context of counter-terrorism.

Launched in June 2022, the Marrakech Platform is designed to promote regional cooperation and capacity-building in counter-terrorism in Africa. It provides a unique forum for African counter-terrorism and intelligence agencies to discuss current threats including new and emerging technologies, and to coordinate effective responses to the diverse challenges posed by terrorism on the continent.

The opening ceremony of the third edition of this annual meeting was co-chaired by the Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), Vladimir Voronkov, the

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well as four regional organizations, namely Accra Initiative, Africa Focus Group of the Global Coalition to Defeat Daesh, Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) and the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL).

This two-day event focused on Intelligence Analysis in the context of Counter-Terrorism and discussed key topics such as the threat landscape in Africa as well as its challenges and opportuniti nt

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The Marrakech Platform is co-organized by the Kingdom of Morocco and UNOCT through its Programme Office for Counter-Terrorism and Training in Africa Rabat The Programme Office supports African Member States in their efforts to counter terrorism and violent extremism and plays a key role in delivering counter-terrorism technical assistance in the region.

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