

High-Level Launch Event of Five Thematic Modules  
to Protect Vulnerable Targets against Terrorist Attacks

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I wish to thank the Office of Counter-Terrorism and Under-Secretary-General Voronkov for organizing this event and voice a big congratulation on UNOCT on the launching of the five thematic modules to protect vulnerable targets against terrorist attacks.

The issue addressed in the modules and the mission before us today are challenging ones.

In accordance with Security Council resolutions 2341 (2017), 2396 (2017) and 2617 (2021), m

CTED is a close partner in the United Nations Global Programme on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable Targets. Since its launch in 2021, this programme has achieved concrete results, including through national capacity consultations led by CTED with Tunisia and Togo, with more beneficiary States following in the months to come.

The programme is a demonstration of close partnership, cooperation and coordination by UNOCT and CTED and the other programme partners, such as UNAOC, UNICRI and INTERPOL. It incorporates elements that CTED has identified as gaps or good practices and needs for technical assistance from our assessment visits.

The five modules launched today will have added value to Member States in strengthening their capacity as well as in enhancing their understanding on how risk assessments and measures should be taken into account in front of the threats against vulnerable targets.

In this regard it is also of utmost importance to address the gender implications, and ensure that national frameworks provide for effective measures and safeguards to comply with international human rights standards.

The modules being launched today will be promoted through CTED's work.