

UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme

Building National Capacities to Counter Terrorist Travel: Highlighting Achievements, Impact, and Lessons Learned from the Field

24 June 2021
8.00-9.30 am, EST

I. Event Purpose and Objectives

The 2021 Counter-Terrorism Week is being held in a year of counter-terrorism milestones, including the twentieth anniversary of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) adopted after the 9/11 attacks, the fifteenth anniversary of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, and the tenth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT). The Second Counter-Terrorism Week will provide Member States, international and regional organizations, civil society organizations, and other partners an opportunity to discuss counter-terrorism challenges and priorities and develop appropriate responses.

To contribute to the global conversations on counter-terrorism, the UNOCT's Countering Terrorist Travel Programme will convene an interactive side event "Building national capacities to counter terrorist travel: highlighting achievements, impact and lessons learned from the field", with a purpose to discuss national perspectives on the use of transformative technologies to prevent and counter terrorist threats through travel data collection, analysis, and exchange, while upholding human rights.

Just over two years after its launch on 7 May 2019, the CTTTP has received official requests from 42 beneficiary Member States for technical assistance to build national detection capabilities to use API and PNR and other travel information to counter terrorists and serious criminals. The CTTTP currently provides technical assistance to 13 Member States and 1 regional intergovernmental organization across four pillars: (i) establishment of legislative framework aligned with international norms; ii) set-up and enhancement of national detection/targeting centers also, known as the Passenger Information Units (PIU); iii) establishment of carrier engagement capacities; iv) and technical support, including the deployment of the UN goTravel software system.

