



# Factsheet

## Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism



### Thematic Areas

- Preventing violent extremism.
- Countering violent extremism.
- Counter-Terrorism.
- Human rights and the Rule of Law.
- Support to victims of terrorism.
- Gender mainstreaming.



### Our Services

- Training facilitation.
- Coaching and mentoring.
- Training of Trainers.
- eLearning.
- Master degrees and postgraduates.
- Advisory.
- Advocacy.
- Learning support materials.

We are a member of the *United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact* and engaged in the *Extremism and Gaming Research Network*.

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) – a specialized training agency of the United Nations – supports the (re-) establishment of peaceful, just and inclusive societies (SDG 16) by enabling individuals and organizations to contribute meaningfully to sustainable peace.

With over 60 years of experience in capacity building, we provide customised, creative and results-based learning solutions, carefully crafted for countries and communities emerging from conflict and facing specific development needs. At the core of our success is our specific methodology that allows for the creation of powerful and inspiring spaces, products and services (online and face-to-face) for high-quality learning and collaboration.

Being committed to reinforcing national institutions to ensure impact and sustainability of training results, UNITAR runs several projects supporting the Académie Internationale de Lutte contre le Terrorisme (AILCT) in Côte d'Ivoire. The AILCT supports African countries in building their capacities and in enhancing inter-ministerial coordination and cooperation to counter terrorism.



## Flagship Projects

### Enhancing the Fight against Terrorism in the Gulf of Guinea Region

In the area of counter-terrorism, UNITAR supports the activities of the Académie Internationale de Lutte contre le Terrorisme (AILCT) based in Côte d'Ivoire. To this end, UNITAR works closely with the Directorate for Cooperation of Security and Defence of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs that assumes a leadership and coordinating role for support directed to the AILCT.

The project supports the further development of the AILCT's infrastructure and the conduct of specific training. Training courses target counter-terrorism practitioners mainly from police, customs, military, justice. For them, the AILCT offers a unique opportunity: They can enhance their knowledge and practical skills, and exchange with their colleagues from other African countries. Training participants come, i.a. from Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Congo-Brazzaville, Gabon, Guinea Conakry and Ivory Coast, Mauritania, Rwanda, Togo and Tunisia.

### Supporting training courses on assistance to victims of terrorism at the AILCT

A second project, focuses on an important aspect in the area of counterterrorism: Assistance to victims of terrorism.

This project underscores the importance of providing support and assistance to victims of terrorism while promoting, respecting and protecting their rights. It is in line with the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and reflects the importance of cooperation at national, regional and international levels in the fight against terrorism.

Tailored training courses at the AILCT target counter-terrorism practitioners from various African countries, particularly from West Africa and the Gulf of Guinea. They will acquire knowledge, skills and abilities to plan, prepare and handle the provision of different forms of assistance to victims of terrorism in their country.

By bringing together participants from various African countries, the project will also contribute to enhancing cooperation and exchange of information at the regional level.



## Future projects

UNITAR seeks to strengthen its efforts to counter and prevent terrorism and violent extremism.

For example, more projects are being developed to further support the AILCT and build the capacities of governments, practitioners, and other stakeholders. These projects focus on, but are not limited to, the Gulf of Guinea and West African region.

2023

Gulf of Guinea  
West Africa

2024 Goal

Gulf of Guinea  
West Africa

The work of UNITAR in the field of Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and Counter-Terrorism is anchored in the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2016.

The Global Strategy sets a strategic and operational framework to enhance national, regional and international efforts to counter terrorism.

UNITAR supports Member States and other stakeholders by providing high-quality learning and capacity-building solutions designed to help them:

- Address conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism.
- Prevent and counter violent extremism and terrorism.
- Support and assist victims of terrorism.
- Ensure respect for human rights and the rule of law being fundamental to the fight against terrorism.