

2023 Counter-Terrorism Week SIDE EVENTS

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Launch of the Compendium of Good Practices for Measuring Results in Counter-Terrorism and Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism: A Joint EU-UN Publication

Sharing Experiences from the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, the European Union, and Member States

20 June 2023, 8 a.m. – 9.30 a.m. EST, Conference Room 11

Background

The need to assess and strengthen monitoring and evaluation (M&E) capacities in the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy has been increasingly recognized in relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly and reports of the Secretary-General, as well as the first independent UN system-wide <u>meta-synthesis</u> of evaluation results under the UN Global Counter Terrorism Strategy conducted in 2021 under the aegis of the Resource Mobilization, Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (RMME WG) of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact ("Counter-Terrorism Compact"), with the financial support of the State of Qatar.

In furtherance of these objectives, the RMME WG and the European Union (EU) have created a joint Management Group¹ to guide an independent consultancy team to develop a *Compendium of Good*

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¹ comprising representatives from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), the EU, and the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF)-inspired institutions such as the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) and Hedayah

LAUNCH OF THE COMPENDIUM OF GOOD PRACTICES FOR MEASURING RESULTS IN CT/PCVE: A JOINT UN-EU PUBLICATION SHARING EXPERIENCES FROM THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM COORDINATION COMPACT, THE EUROPEAN UNION, AND MEMBER STATES

Practices for Measuring Results in Counter-Terrorism and Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism, with the financial support of the EU. The Compendium provides good practices in M&E for CT/PCVE.

The methodology used relies on the collection of data (reports, products, toolkits, guidance, and other UN and EU materials, including the meta-synthesis study) from Member States, the EU, Counter-Terrorism Compact entities, and civil society organizations, a participatory process that includes survey tools and a series of consultative workshops and follow-on interviews with experts in evaluating CT and PCVE interventions. The consultative workshops, including an online workshop (March) and two workshops held in Rabat (April) and Brussels (June), brought together experts from the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities, the European Union (EU), Member States, and civil society organizations.

This work culminated in the development of the Compendium of Good Practices and supported the creation of a *Community of Practice* on M&E of CT/PCVE initiatives, to be hosted on the <u>UNOCT Connect</u> <u>& Learn platform</u>, to strengthen knowledge and capacities of stakeholders.

The Third Counter-Terrorism Week, which will be held in hybrid format from 19-23 June 2023 at the UN Headquarters in New York, provides an ideal setting to present the results of this joint work focusing on the Compendium of Good Practices for Measuring Results in CT/PCVE and the Community of Practice – two key initiatives that are currently being implemented to respond to some of the recommendations of the meta-synthesis study under the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

Description & Objective

The side event will take place on 20 June 2023, from 8 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. EST, at Conference Room 11. It is co-organized by the RMME WG (UNOCT, UNODC, CTED and UNICRI), the EU, and the State of Qatar.

The side event will **launch the Compendium of Good Practices for Measuring Results in CT/PCVE** through a presentation of the Compendium and demonstration of illustrative case study examples from the UN, EU, and Member States, highlighting good practices in M&E for CT/PCVE programmes that stakeholders can draw from in monitoring, evaluating, and learning from the results of CT/PCVE initiatives. It will discuss the methodological criteria for selecting good practices and provide examples of evaluation processes, methods, approaches, and tools used by the UN, EU, and Member States.

The side event will also discuss next steps to further build on the recommendations of the meta-synthesis study and transform them into concrete action – specifically as related to strengthening evaluation knowledge and capacities of stakeholders and the creation of a knowledge platform for sharing information – including ongoing efforts aimed at fostering a Community of Practice on M&E for CT/PCVE interventions. It will provide an opportunity to showcase UN system-wide coordination and collaboration on strengthening M&E of CT/PCVE efforts within the framework of the RMME WG.

The objectives of the side event are as follows:

- Support experts and evaluators in Member States, the EU, the UN, and civil society organizations in monitoring, evaluating, and learning from the results of CT/PCVE initiatives through the launch and dissemination of the Compendium;
- Contribute to advancing the discussion in achieving a culture of quality measurement of results in the context of CT/PCVE programming and initiatives;
- Inform about and disseminate the work of the RMME WG to a broad audience, as part of efforts to strengthen the design and delivery of targeted, effective, and efficient CT/PCVE interventions;
- Foster increased dialogue, collaboration and shared learning in monitoring and evaluating results of CT/PCVE initiatives and help expand the Community of Practice on M&E for CT/PCVE.

Participants & Format

The audience of the side event will comprise representatives and evaluation experts from Member States, civil society organizations, academia, the EU and the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities. The side event will be held in **hybrid** format with approximately 35-50 participants attending both in person and virtually. The side event will be **90 minutes** and conducted in **English**. There will not be interpretation services. Questions will be posed in the chat and in-person. Following the side event, the Management Group will prepare a summary report (which will include the interventions made, key outcomes, and list of participants). The summary report will be circulated to the RMME WG members and made available on the websites of co-organizers.

Agenda

The agenda for the side event is as follows:

- 7:30-8:00 [Registration/connectivity check]
- 8:00-8:15 Introductory remarks
 - Ms. Oguljeren Niyazberdiyeva, Chief of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General (OUSG) and Chair of the RMME WG, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) (moderator of the side event) (5 minutes)
 - Ms. Maria Rosa Sabbattelli, Head of Unit, Global and Transregional Threats and Challenges, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI 1), European Commission (5 minutes)
 - **Mr. Ali Almansouri**, Second Secretary, Legal Affairs and Counter-Terrorism, Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations (*5 minutes*)

8:15-8:25 Setting the stage

• **Mr. Masood Karimipour,** Chief of Terrorism Prevention Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (*3 minutes*)

Insights on the work of the RMME WG in strengthening evaluation capacities to increase accountability of CT/PCVE efforts and supporting the delivery of technical assistance informed by evaluation and oversight results.

• **Mr. David Scharia**, Chief of Service, Legal Affairs, Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) *(3 minutes)*

Perspectives on how to monitor and evaluate results of CT/PCVE interventions to ensure the integration of CTED analysis and recommendations for appropriate programming response to identified gaps.

• **Mr. Leif Villadsen**, Deputy Director and Senior Programme Officer, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) (*3 minutes*)

Advocacy for strengthening research and implementation of the recommendation of the meta-synthesis study on 'grounded research' with partners in and beyond the UN to study what works and what does not, stimulate critical thinking and produce new understandings and approaches on contemporary violence, asymmetrical conflicts, and peacebuilding.

8:25-9:10 Presentation of the Compendium of Good Practices for Measuring Results in CT/PCVE & Illustration of Case Studies

- **Ms. Georgia Holmer,** Senior Associate Fellow, Royal United Services Institute (5 *minutes*)
- Ms. Claudia Wallner, Research Fellow, Terrorism and Conflict, Royal United Services Institute (5 minutes)

Overview of the Compendium of Good Practices, including methodology, objectives, scope, key conclusions, applicability, and good practices in M&E of results of CT/PCVE initiatives, with a view to foster collaboration and shared learning among relevant staff and experts across the UN, EU, GCTF-inspired institutions, and Member States.

• Ms. Katharina Kayser, Chief, Independent Evaluation Section, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (5 minutes)

- Mr. André Alves dos Reis, Performance and Impact Manager, Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) (5 minutes)
- Ms. Melanie M. Minzes, Counterterrorism Team Lead, Office of Sanctions and Counterterrorism, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State (5 minutes)

Illustration of three select case studies of good practices in M&E for CT/PCVE from the UN, EU and a Member State, based on the Compendium of Good Practices

• Interactive discussion/Q&A (20 minutes)

9:10-9:25 Next steps

• Ms. Katharina Kayser, Chief, Independent Evaluation Section, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (5 minutes)

Overview of initial achievements; advocating for stronger support from Member States for the full-fledged, independent evaluation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, in coordination and cooperation with Counter-Terrorism Compact entities

• **Ms. Josephine Mwenda**, Programme Management Officer, Evaluation and Compliance Unit, Office of the Under-Secretary-General (OUSG), United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) (*5 minutes*)

Overview of initial achievements; advocating for sustained engagement and sharing of evaluation experiences and practices in a structured setting with specific focus on the Community of Practice.

• **Q&A** (5 minutes)

9:25-9:30 Closing remarks

Reflections on key outcomes from the side event and the way forward.

- **Ms. Oguljeren Niyazberdiyeva**, Chief of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General (OUSG) and Chair of the RMME WG, UNOCT (2-3 minutes)
- Ms. Maria Rosa Sabbattelli, Head of Unit, Global and Transregional Threats and Challenges, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI 1), European Commission (2-3 minutes)