

**WORKSHOP ON  
BUILDING CAPACITY IN THE AREA OF COUNTERTERRORISM IN WEST AFRICA  
IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY  
16-17 FEBRUARY 2010  
SHERATON  
ABUJA, NIGERIA**

**AGENDA**

**16 February 2010**

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**09h00-9h45**    **Welcome**

- **Charles Okae**, Director Peacekeeping and Regional Security, Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission
- **Alistair Millar**, Director, Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation
- **Representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark**

**09h45-10h45**    **UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy** – This session will provide an introduction and overview of the UN Strategy and its significance for the United Nations and the sub-region. It will consider to what extent stakeholders in the sub-region are aware of the Strategy and the UN's Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and what additional steps should be taken by the Task Force and others to raise this awareness.

- **Alistair Millar**, Director, Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation
- **Jan Neutze**, Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, United Nations

**10h45-11h00**    ***Coffee Break***

**11h00-12h00**    **Regional and Sudregional Counterterrorism Framework** – This session will examine the regional and subregion counterterrorism and related frameworks adopted by ECOWAS and the African Union and their relation to the international framework.

- **Abdoulaye Cissé**, Chef du Departement de Formation et d'Equipement, Centre Africain d'Etudes et de Recherche sur le Terrorisme (CAERT)
- **Issouf Traoré**, Counterterrorism Focal Point Officer, ECOWAS Commission

**12h30-14h00** *Lunch*

**14h00-15h30** **Terrorism and Related Security Challenges in West Africa: Threats, Vulnerabilities, and Capacity Gaps** – This session will look at the nature of the terrorist threat, how is it connected to other security threats in West Africa, and some of the regional dimensions of the threat.

- **C. Nna-Emeka Okereke**, Research Fellow, African Centre for Strategic Research and Studies, National Defence College, Nigeria
- **Roger Ouedraogo**, INTERPOL Regional Bureau Abidjan
- **Anneli Botha**, Senior Researcher, Institute for Security Studies

**16h00-16h15** *Coffee Break*

**16h15-18h00** **National responses, capacity needs, and priorities** – This session will provide ECOWAS member states an opportunity to highlight their priorities in dealing with the security threats that they face and their capacity constraints in this regard. This session will illustrate the manner in which states are dealing with their security challenges and identify the areas of greatest need that would require the support of the international community.

- **Veronica Omofonma**, Principal Programme Officer, ECOWAS Police, ECOWAS Commission
- **ECOWAS member state representatives**

**20h00-22h00** *Dinner*

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**09h00-10h30** **Enhancing the UN's efforts to build states' capacity to prevent and combat terrorism** – This session will seek to identify 1) what activities in West Africa have been undertaken or are planned by UN bodies and agencies to strengthen the subregion's counterterrorism capacity and assess their impact; 2) in what areas more work needs to be carried out and 3) how they could coordinate their support.

- **Cecilia Ruthström-Ruin**, Deputy Director of the Division for Treaty Affairs and Chief of the Terrorism Prevention Branch, UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

- **Marc Porret**, Legal Officer, Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED), United Nations
- **Elizabeth Diaw**, Deputy Director, Intergovernmental Action Group Against Money Laundering (GIABA)

**10h30-10h45** *Coffee Break*

**10h45-12h45** **Enhancing bilateral and regional and subregional capacity-building efforts in West Africa** – This session will consider what concrete steps should be taken to enhance cooperation and capacity-building efforts in West Africa, with a view to increasing local ownership over them. In particular, it will look at the role for ECOWAS, the African Union, and other regional/subregional and bilateral actors. It will consider to what extent efforts to build counterterrorism and related capacities should be integrated into existing subregional efforts to build related capacities or whether a dedicated subregional mechanism, perhaps under the auspices of ECOWAS, might be necessary to improve subregional cooperation and capacity building on counterterrorism.

- **Jørgen Gammelgaard**, Chief Adviser Counterterrorism, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark
- **Abdoulaye Cissé**, Chef du Departement de Formation et d'Equipement, CAERT
- **Seydou Doumbia**, Principal Programme Officer, CIVPOL, ECOWAS Commission
- **Interested donor/partner countries**

**12h45-14h00** *Lunch*

**14h00-16h00** **Recommendations for the way ahead** – This session will consider some preliminary recommendations that were developed in the first stage of the project and consider additional recommendations developed over the course of the two days. It will also seek to identify specific capacity building priorities going forward.

**16h00-16h15** *Coffee Break*

**16h15-17h00** **Wrap-up**