

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF COUNTER-TERRORISM

### 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the AFI-SECFAL Plan

# UNOCT in Africa: An Overview of Programmatic Activities

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**FOCUS ON** 



#### STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

 The Under-Secretary-General provides strategic leadership to United Nations counter-terrorism efforts

#### **COORDINATION AND COHERENCE**

**ABOUT UNOCT** 

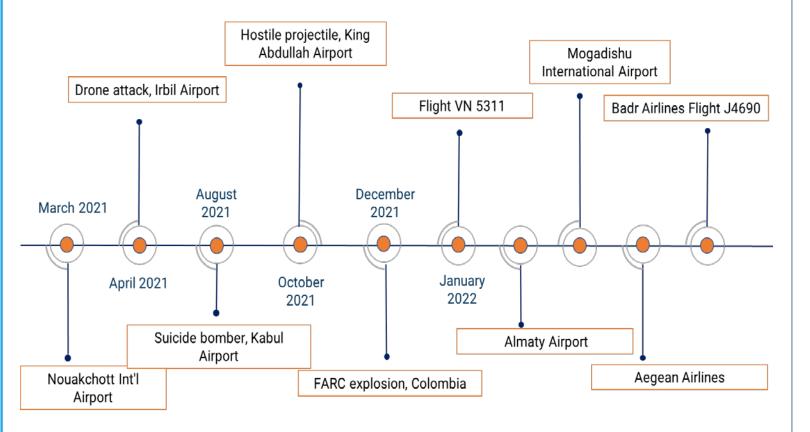
- All-of-UN approach: the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, brings together 38 UN entities, plus INTERPOL and the World Customs Organization
- 8 thematic Inter-Agency Working Groups

#### **CAPACITY BUILDING**

- UNOCT provides most of its technical assistance and capacity building support to Member States through the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) and Special Projects and Innovation Branch (SPIB)
- Global, regional and national levels



### **RECENT TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN AVIATION**



### **SNAPSHOT**

#### **Mission**

- Develops and tests a **national** interagency information-sharing **framework**;
- Enables transmission of relevant terrorist threat information from the information holders (counterterrorism agencies) to the aviation security decision makers (aviation security agencies);
- → Helps Member States implement timely, risk-based aviation security measures.

#### **Programme Launch**

- → September 2021 tied with 20<sup>th</sup> Anniv. of 9/11
- → February 2022: Botswana successfully completes implementation

#### **Programme Overview**

- Mandate: Security Council Resolution 2309, UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, ICAO – Annex 17 (Security)
- → Collaboration: CTED, ICAO, INTERPOL, UNODC
- → Duration: until December 2023
- → Locations: Africa and Southeast Asia





#### UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme Programme Snapshot

Assisting Member States in building their capabilities to detect and counter the movement of terrorists and serious criminals using travel information, both advance passenger information (API) and passenger name records (PNR), in accordance with Security Council resolutions 2178 (2014), 2396 (2017), and 2482 (2019), international standards, human rights principles, and relevant privacy laws





### **UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme**

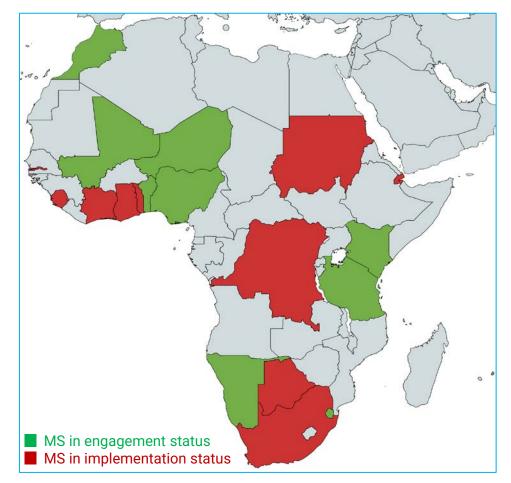
**Implementation in Africa** 



### **20** Beneficiaries $\rightarrow$ Comprehensive, tailored assistance: air + maritime domains - >>-**Cooperation with** regional organizations $\rightarrow$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Regional Informal Working Groups**

on Passenger Data

### **CT Travel Programme Footprint: Africa**





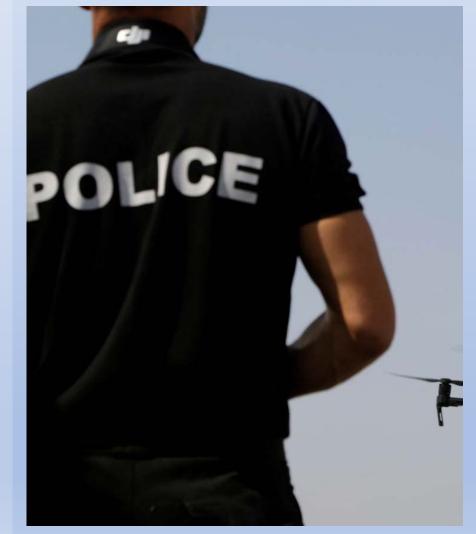
### Global Autonomous & Remotely Operated Systems (AROS) Programme

Implementation period: 2021 – 2024

Partners: Department of Operational Support (DOS) Department of Peace Operations (DPO) International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Conflict Armament Research (CAR)

**Coverage**: Global (with a focus on Central Asia / Africa) **Objectives**:

- Enhance global coordination and awareness on AROS, threats, and benefits
- Exploring and sharing the uses of **Digital Forensics** for counter-UAS through information gathering and curriculum of training
- Support Member States' efforts to understand, mitigate, investigate and counter threats and risk posed by AROS for terrorism-related purposes
- Promote and provide capacity-building for the human rights compliant / non-lethal use of AROS capabilities for CT purposes (BSM, ISR, CBRN detection, etc.)





### **Global AROS Programme**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

**1**. Mobilization of the global community, identification of good practices and, where required, technical assistance on strategy, legislative and regulatory changes

- Understanding the global UAS / AROS landscape
- Increasing global coordination and mobilization on UAS / AROS
- Awareness raising and knowledge building on UAS / AROS
- Conducting policy-oriented research on UAS / AROS

**2.** Operationalization of good practices and strategies into practical capacity building

- Countering UAS / AROS terrorist threats
- Investigating UAS / AROS attacks through the collection, processing and analysis of digital forensics for intelligence and prosecution purposes
- Using UAS / AROS for CT: protection of critical infrastructure and vulnerable targets, ISR, BSM, etc.
- Development of training curricula on UAS, AROS





## **CYBERSECURITY AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES**

Strategic United Nations commitment to the world without terrorism

Member States have primary responsibility for combatting terrorism

UNCCT/UNOCT Global Programme on Cybersecurity and New Technologies



Knowledge development and awareness raising



Capacity building for policy development



Capacity building for preparedness, resilience, mitigation and response



Capacity building for investigations





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