An Expert Working Group (EWG) meeting was held at the National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) in Islamabad on 26 July 2022. The meeting was chaired by National Coordinator (NC) of NACTA, who approved the work plan for 2022-23 to be implemented by UNODC under the Canadian funded project. It was attended by representatives from Ministries, Provincial Home Departments and Provincial Counter Terrorism Departments, Intelligence Agencies. The EWG is a foundational pillar of the UNODC Country Programme 2022-25 governance arrangements. It provides technical and substantive input for programme implementation including oversight.
Use of Forensic Evidence in CT Cases

A multi-agency workshop on the use of Forensic Evidence in Counter Terrorism Cases was held at Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA) in Lahore from 26-29 July 2022. The training brought federal and provincial law enforcement agencies (LEAs), provincial counter terrorism departments (CTD) and experts from forensic science laboratory of Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa. The objective of the workshop was to facilitate exchange of knowledge on the use of forensic science in terrorism cases and investigation processes. It also provided the participants with first-hand practical experience of the role of forensics in investigation.

Web Story: Multi-Agency workshop on forensic sciences

Presenting Forensic Evidence During Terrorism Trials for Prosecutors

A workshop on presenting forensic evidence during terrorism trials for prosecutors held from 2-5 August 2022 at Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA) Lahore. The training was attended by provincial prosecutors. The participants were provided with hands-on training on the required use of forensics evidence during investigations and presentations during trial of terrorism cases. The substance of the four day training was focused primarily on the introduction and scope of forensics; specifically, in its identification, collection, preservation, and processing. The participants were given case studies to understand the above concepts, using state-of-the-art mock crime scenes and other facilities available at PFSA.

Web Story: Workshop on presenting forensic evidence
Countering the Use of Internet for Terrorist Purposes

A workshop on countering the use of internet for terrorist purposes was held in Karachi from 3-5 August 2022 at Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) Sindh. The training brought together technical teams from federal and provincial law enforcement agencies (LEAs). The objective of the workshop was to impart specific technical knowledge for a proactive and effective investigation of offences which involve use of internet. The training also aimed to facilitate exchange of knowledge by presenting recent case studies that involved increasing use of the internet by terrorist organizations and their supporters for a wide range of purposes. It also provided the participants the knowledge to use customized electronic evidence guide for Pakistan which is a customized tool to enable security evidence in a cross border cases using MLA requests.

Web Story: Workshop on countering the use of internet

Requesting Electronic Evidence Across Borders

Pakistan was the first pilot country in Asia to partner with UNODC for customizing the global practical guide on requesting electronic evidence across borders in line with its domestic legal framework and procedures.

A workshop from 27-28 September 2022 brought together 20 officials including 4 female representatives from federal and provincial law enforcement agencies to enhance their understanding of the legal and practical aspects of the investigation of terrorism-related cases involving electronic evidence. The deliberations helped the participants gain the knowledge of necessary tools in handling electronic evidence in terrorism-related cases, along with the methodology and expertise focused on preservation, voluntary disclosure, emergency disclosure and mutual legal assistance related requests.

Web Story: Workshop on requesting electronic evidence
Workshop on United Nations Sanctions Regime (UNSC)

A workshop on United Nations Security Council Sanctions regime was held in Karachi from 26-27 September 2022. The event was jointly organized with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Ministry of Interior (MoI) and National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA). The workshop brought together 25 participants including five females from legal, financial intelligence and law enforcement officials from 13 agencies discussed targeted financial sanctions under the UNSC Sanctions Regime in Pakistan and facilitated an opportunity to share knowledge and tools on good practices for implementation of UNSC resolutions.

Web Story: Workshop on United Nations Sanctions Regime

Technical Meetings on UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme!

Several technical level meetings were held with Pakistan Customs on the UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme in which project experts from various UN organizations participated virtually and briefed relevant officials on key contours of the software related to using Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) to detect and counter terrorist related threats.
Customization of CT Curriculum

With the aim of harmonizing and having a common counter-terrorism (CT) investigation curriculum across all Provinces, UNODC held several meetings with senior officers from the National Police Academy (NPA). The series of meetings gave UNODC an opportunity to present previously developed counter-terrorism training manuals to NPA in detail, obtain their input and feedback for its customization. During the 1st meeting UNODC experts met with Mr. Umar Riaz, Director of Training, to design and agree on a roadmap to customization process. In follow up meetings, detailed presentation on review process of the customization of CT modules was presented to Mr. A. D. Khawaja, Commandant & Mr. M. Naeem Skaikh, Deputy Commandant of NPA.