UNODC’S COUNTER-TERRORISM LEARNING PLATFORM

The Platform is an interactive tool specifically designed for the training of criminal justice officials in the fight against terrorism, whilst incorporating them into a single virtual community where they can share their experiences and perspectives to fight terrorism.

With a double objective:

- Provide **tailor-made training** to practitioners to implement the universal instruments against terrorism and strengthen their cooperation in this area.
- Provide a gateway to a **virtual global Community** made up of past and present officials trained by UNODC, for networking, exchanging information, sharing best practices, cooperating judicially and continuing the learning process.

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BACKGROUND

The idea for a counter-terrorism learning Platform stemmed from the success of the **first online training courses developed and delivered in 2008 and 2009** by the UNODC’s Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB), together with the DiploFoundation.

TPB has run **five online training courses in English and French** on Global norms and International Cooperation against terrorism jointly with INTERPOL, training some **126 individuals from 72 countries worldwide**.

Participant feedback:
- 100% of respondents would **recommend the course** to someone else;
- 92% agreed or strongly agreed that the course was **highly collaborative and interactive**, and felt that they **learned much** through sharing knowledge with other participants;
- 95% rated course tutors as **excellent** in all respects;
- 100% found course texts **interesting, relevant, current, up-to-date** and covered different viewpoints.
The Counter-terrorism Learning Platform is available in the six languages of the United Nations (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).

The Platform consists of three main activities:

1. **Online Training Courses**

   In the framework of its technical assistance mission, UNODC offers Member States online training courses for their criminal justice staff.

   These courses are conducted entirely online, over a period ranging from one day to six weeks depending on the needs of each audience and of the training objectives.

   They are delivered by UNODC TPB experts, jointly with other organizations, such as INTERPOL.

   See the list of the available courses, regularly updated, on: http://ctlp.unodc.org

**Training Delivery Method:**

Each course is interactive and is conducted daily by expert tutors. It provides documents to read and to discuss, online activities to complete (such as solving a case study), online seminar sessions with lecturers and a final assignment.

**Available Courses:**

- Global Norms against Terrorism at Work: Setting International Law in Motion (available in Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish)
- International Cooperation in Criminal Matters: A Key Tool in the Fight against Terrorism, jointly with INTERPOL (available in Chinese, English and French).

These online training courses highlighted the following advantages:

- **Cost-effectiveness**
- **A world-wide audience,** allowing the simultaneous training of participants from all five continents
- **A high level of organizational flexibility** for the participants (training delivery method compatible with working hours)
- **Continual daily interaction** with the participants
- **The development of networks to strengthen international cooperation.**
2. Virtual Community of Practitioners

The Community is an online forum for criminal justice practitioners who have already participated in training provided by UNODC.

It allows practitioners to contact and create networks with their counterparts, share good practices but also to be kept abreast of legal developments in the field, to be informed about upcoming training opportunities and to engage in “continuous learning”.

The activities of the virtual Community of practitioners:

- **Live Events**: Practitioners can participate in discussions or “round-tables” regularly organized by UNODC where they can meet and interact with a special guest, dignitary or expert involved in the fight against terrorism.

- **Discussion Rooms**: Within various forums dedicated to different issues in the struggle against terrorism practitioners can discuss their concerns and perspectives with their counterparts.

- **Community Members**: All the members of the Community are listed in a directory to enable quick, direct and constant contact with their counterparts. Everyone can communicate one-on-one through the "Chat Rooms".

3. Legal Resources

The members of the virtual Community have a direct access to legal resources on international terrorism contained in the Database (ELRIT) of UNODC’s TPB:

- International Legal Resources
- National Legal Resources
- Additional Legal Resources

and numerous other documents recommended by the tutors.

**CONTACT**

For further information: http://ctlp.unodc.org or ctlp.support@unodc.org
HOW CAN I REGISTER FOR AN ONLINE TRAINING COURSE?

1) Visit the platform website and check the available training courses (section “available courses”):

http://ctlp.unodc.org

2) To apply for an online training course, please register on the platform login page.

3) Fill in the registration form and do not forget the required fields.

4) Tick the option “I'm interested in enrolling in courses”, select the course you would like to apply for, attach your CV and click on “submit my application”.

You will be sent a receipt of acknowledgment to the e-mail address that appears on your registration form. Selected applicants will receive an e-mail from UNODC at the latest two weeks before the beginning of the course for which they have been accepted.
HOW CAN I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OF PRACTITIONERS?

Have you already been enrolled on a course delivered by UNODC’s Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB) and you would like to become a member of the virtual community of practitioners?

1) Visit the platform website:

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To become a member of the virtual community of practitioners, click on “Submit my application” on the platform login page.

2) Fill in the registration form.

3) Tick the option “I’m interested in becoming a community member only” and then click on “submit my application”.

You will be sent a receipt of acknowledgment to the e-mail address that appears on your registration form.

From now on, you are invited to participate in the wide range of activities organised by the virtual community!