

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and the Government of Benin signed a Letter of Agreement to strengthen cooperation against terrorist travel, deepening their partnership in preventing and countering terrorism and its nexus with transnational organized crime.

The agreement will enable the delivery of technical assistance to the national authorities of Benin under the [United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel \('CT Travel'\) Programme](#), strengthening national capacities and supporting efforts to detect and address threats, as well as providing a framework to cooperate, leverage respective expertise, and share best practices, challenges, lessons learned and recommendations with regard to the implementation of Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) systems.

The effective processing and analysis of passenger data is essential to the identification, detection, and interception of suspected terrorists and other serious criminals. Within the framework of this agreement, UNOCT and Benin will cooperate on capacity-building activities to strengthen national capabilities in line with requirements established by United Nations Security Council resolutions regarding the collection, processing, and safeguarding of API and PNR data, as well as international standards and recommended practices, and human rights principles, particularly those relating to privacy and data protection.

1. The development of necessary legislative frameworks regulating the collection, transmission, use, retention and sharing of passenger data, in compliance with internationally recognized standards;
2. The institutional set-up and development of operational

other serious crimes, including their related travel, by collecting and analyzing passenger data, both API and PNR, in line with United Nations Security Council resolutions [2178](#) (2014), [2396](#) (2017), and [2482](#) (2019), international standards and best practices and human rights principles.

A flagship global initiative led by the [United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism \(UNOCT\)](#), the Programme follows an "One-UN" approach to provide comprehensive, yet tailored assistance to beneficiary Member States, with the support and expertise of six implementing partners: the [United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate \(CTED\)](#), the [United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime \(UNODC\)](#), the [International Civil Aviation Organization \(ICAO\)](#), the [United Nations Office of Information and Communication Technology \(OICT\)](#), the [International Criminal Police Organization](#)