



Academic institutions, and the evidence-based research they produce, make a vital contribution to the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) and its Executive Directorate's (CTED) efforts to identify emerging issues, trends, and developments, and can assist in the formulation of recommendations to Member States on how to respond to these.

On 19 February 2015, in accordance with Security Council resolution [2129 \(2013\)](#), CTED launched its [Global Research Network](#) (GRN), whose aim is to strengthen CTED's research and analysis capabilities. This network helps CTED keep abreast of emerging terrorism trends and challenges and identify good practices in the implementation of Security Council counter-terrorism resolutions. Since 2015, the GRN has grown into a vibrant and diverse network of over 100 leading think tanks and research institutions from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Oceania.

CTED regularly brings relevant research and analysis, and other issues raised by its research partners, to the attention of the CTC and other Member States. This occurs through CTED-organized briefings, meetings, and workshops in New York, events co-organized with GRN members across the world, and virtual events, allowing policymakers to engage with researchers on their evidence-based findings.

CTED produces regular, publicly available analytical products that integrate, or are based on, the findings of GRN researchers. This way, the Global Research Network provides a unique platform for dialogue between policymakers and researchers on issues of concern to the Security Council, the CTC, and United Nations Member States.

The Committee and CTED will continue to strengthen engagement with relevant academic institutions and researchers, and are interested in hearing from institutions working on evidence-based research relevant to the CTC's and CTED's mandate, particularly institutions or researchers working in the regions most affected by terrorism.