



The EGM is expected to take place over two days of discussions. CTED and the TOE will facilitate the discussions, with the support of the expert consultant hired under the project. The EGM is expected to address, *inter alia*, the following topics:

Legal accountability frameworks ó criminalization of SGBV offences under relevant legal frameworks and their interlinkages, including as terrorist offences, violations of domestic criminal code (e.g., rape et al.), trafficking offences, and core crimes under international law, including serious violations of international humanitarian law; implications for victimsøaccess to justice and reparations

Approaches to investigation and prosecution development of prosecutorial strategies; evidentiary and procedural standards and challenges; gender-sensitive and victim-centred approaches; emerging and promising practices (including, inter alia, cumulative charges/prosecutions); access to justice and reparations for victims; role of civil society.

Institutional capacity and cooperation cooperation between investigative and prosecutorial authorities, including through specialized units; domestic, regional and international cooperation, including with civil society and UN/international investigative mechanisms; capacity building gaps and opportunities.

III. Participants

The EGM will convene expert practitioners, including from law enforcement, judiciary, international investigative mechanisms and relevant UN agencies, as well as experts from academia, think tanks and civil society, who have extensive experience on the subject of accountability for SGBV crimes, including in terrorist contexts.

IV. Date and Venue

The EGM will take place on 10-11 May 2023 at the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to the United Nations in New York City. It will be conducted in English, in a hybrid format, with no interpretation provided.





Expert Group Meeting: Towards meaningful accountability for sexual and genderbased violence in terrorist context

Agenda

Location: Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations, New York

Day 1: Wednesday, 10 May 2023

8:30 ó 9:00 Arrival and registration of participants / Welcome Coffee

9:00 ó 9





Day 2: Thursday, 11 May 2023

9:00 - 9:15 **Recap Day 1**

- 9:15 11:00 First Session: Prosecution and Adjudication of SGBV/Terrorism [Moderation: Sofia Coelho Candeias, TOE]
 - Ø What are the main challenges relating to the prosecution and adjudication of SGBV in terrorist contexts (including with respect to developing prosecutorial strategies, evidentiary standards, considering possible charges, sentencing practices, victim and witness participation in criminal proceedings)?
 - Ø What are some of the promising and emerging practices in this space?

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:30

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[Moderation: Chloe

- Ø What are the main obstacles for victims and survivors to access or engage in accountability processes and reparation schemes? How can they be overcome?
- Ø What role can civil society and UN/international investigative mechanisms play in supporting criminal justice responses to SGBV crimes in terrorist contexts?
- Ø How can non-judicial mechanisms (including in the context of other transitional justice processes and mechanisms) enhance meaningful accountability for SGBV in terrorism contexts?
- 12:30- 2:00 Lunch
- 2:00 3:30 **Third Session: Institutional Capacity and Cooperation** [Moderation: Aleksandra Dier, CTED and Sofia Coelho Candeias, TOE]
 - Ø How can cooperation between investigative and prosecutorial authorities be enhanced at domestic level? What are ongoing challenges to law enforcement/judicial cooperation at regional and international level? How can the engagement between prosecutorial authorities be expanded?
 - Ø What type of training and technical/capacity-building support do practitioners from law enforcement, prosecution and judiciary have access to?
- 3:30 3:45 **Coffee Break**
- 3:45 4:45 Way Forward and Concluding Observations

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David Scharia, Chief of Branch, CTED

4:45 ó 5:00 Closing remarks

Chloe Marnay-Baszanger, Team Leader, Team of Experts