

**Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)**

**-COVID landscape: potential terrorism and counter-  
terrorism**

*Friday, 17 December 2021*

*09.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST)*

**Concept Note**

**I. Introduction**

The United Nations Security Council resolution 2129 (2013) directs the Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) to identify emerging issues, trends, and developments in consultation with relevant partners, and advise the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) on practical ways for Member States to implement relevant counter-terrorism resolutions. As such, CTED incorporates the latest evidence-based research in its work and publications through close engagement with its Global Research Network (GRN) publications (such as Trends Alerts; Trends Reports; Analytical Briefs; Research Digests) keep Member States updated on evolving trends and challenges in counter-terrorism and countering violent extremism.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented the world with a generational challenge that has significantly impacted all aspects of the geo-political and policy landscape, including counter-terrorism and countering violent extremism (CVE) policy measures. CTED has been at the forefront of monitoring and analyzing the impacts of the pandemic on terrorism, counter-terrorism, and CVE. A series of reports on the COVID-19 pandemic, published in June and December 2020, and June and December 2021 has provided policymakers with an analysis of the key short, medium, and long-term impacts of the pandemic on terrorism, counter-terrorism, and CVE.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Member States and the international community have continued to face a wide range of challenges distinct in scale, intensity, and impact, which have also exacerbated humanitarian and other socio-economic crises around the world. Against this backdrop, it is imperative to understand and analyze the impacts of the pandemic on terrorism, counter-terrorism, and countering violent extremism and better integrate evidence-based research on this issue to existing counter-terrorism policies and practices.

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Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of CTED, Ms. Michele Coninsx will provide opening remarks and

The meeting will bring together several Global Research Network, as well as Civil Society actors to share their research and experience with policymakers, practitioners, civil society and other researchers, enabling an interactive discussion on future trends and challenges pertaining to the impacts of the pandemic on terrorism, counter-terrorism, and countering violent extremism.

event will be held via Microsoft Teams.

Please complete the form [available here to RSVP](#)  
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An email with log-in details will be provided by Thursday, 16 December 2021.

### **IV. Date and venue**

The meeting will be streamed live on Microsoft Teams on December 17, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. ES Tube Channel.