

Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

Concept Note

CTED Launch Event for the Analytical Brief on “Establishing Effective Public-Private Partnerships on Countering the Financing of Terrorism”

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trends, including to better understand the nexus between terrorism and organized crime, increase knowledge and skills of relevant experts, and strengthen the integrity of the financial sector.

6. PPPs may operate on several fronts, encompassing policy formulation, legislative frameworks, information exchange mechanisms, technological innovations, and capacity building initiatives. Government agencies often provide the regulatory oversight, legal framework, and enforcement powers, while private sector partners contribute valuable expertise, innovative technologies, access to vast datasets, and real-time insights derived from their operational experiences.

7. Through joint task forces, working groups, or information-sharing platforms, stakeholders pool their resources to analyze trends, identify patterns, and detect anomalies that could indicate TF activities, thereby enabling proactive measures to disrupt them. Furthermore, PPPs facilitate capacity building and training programs, equipping stakeholders with the necessary skills to navigate complex financial landscapes and stay abreast of evolving threats. These partnerships continue to evolve and adapt, driven by a shared commitment to stay ahead of criminals and terrorist financiers and creating a more resilient and secure financial system.

8. However, while PPPs offer immense potential in combating financial crimes, including terrorism financing, their implementation also raises challenges. Privacy concerns, data security, regulatory compliance, and the need for standardized frameworks for interoperability and information sharing remain significant considerations in leveraging those partnerships effectively. Such frameworks should include clear provisions on what information can and cannot be shared and under which circumstances and with which stakeholders, as well as oversight and accountability mechanisms to safeguard the rights to privacy and data protection.

9. ³ on this topic noted that the landscape of PPPs for sharing financial information is characterized by a wide diversity, encompassing various mechanisms of information exchange between the public and private sectors, whether occurring within an explicitly labelled PPP or through other modalities. It also underscored the need for States to allocate sufficient resources to both public and private sector stakeholders and to continue to strengthen collaboration frameworks for a range of competent national authorities and the private sector to effectively combat terrorism financing, while ensuring full respect for international law, including international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international refugee law.

II. Identifying ways to further enhance PPPs on CFT

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pitfalls to avoid. They will also emphasize why a comprehensive and inclusive approach is key to developing successful PPPs and offer their thoughts and experience on which stakeholders should be included. By bringing together diverse stakeholders and experts, CTED aims to foster a more sustainable, inclusive, and innovative approach to PPPs in the area of countering the financing of terrorism. The launch event seeks to serve as a spur for informed discussions, enhanced collaborations, and initiatives in the realm of public-private partnerships.

11. The discussions will focus on the following key areas:
 - (i) Acknowledging that PPPs can take various forms and have different modalities of operation but are, at the base, instruments that provide the opportunity for proactive sharing of relevant information and mechanisms to address information exchange that requires immediate and urgent action;
 - (ii) PPPs as a tool for fostering more effective implementation of CFT measures;
 - (iii) Addressing challenges in institutionalizing partnerships with the private sector on financial information-