

ACSRT Products

ACSRT "Terrorism Daily News Briefs"

The Daily News Briefs is a daily media review which gathers news on terrorist incident, groups, individuals and their activities in Africa and around the world.

This product keeps the ACSRT community abreast of Terrorism-related news, digests and analysis published on different websites.

Africa Terrorism Bulletin (ATB).

As part of its mandate to help build Counter Terrorism capacity of African Union Member States, and keep policy makers and other stake holders abreast with current terrorism and violent extremism trends in Africa, the ACSRT has developed tools for the collection, collation, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of information on related incidents. The dissemination is to be done through the publication of a Monthly *Africa Terrorism Bulletin (ATB)*. The incidents on which data is collected and analyzed for the publication of the ATB are to conform with the African Union definition of a Terrorist Act as captured in Articles 1 and 3 of the 1999 OAU Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism or as subsequently directed by the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC). The Bulletin is to form the basis for the development of the ACSRT *Africa Terrorism Trend Analysis* that the Centre publishes annually, in addition to providing input for the Centre's database.

Annual Terrorism Trend Analysis Report

In conformity with the function modalities of the African Center for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT), this publication aims to provide the AU Member States with the requisite information and data to assist on analysis of terrorism evolution on the continent.

The Report is based on material collected from open sources. It includes information, analysis and statistical data on terrorism incidents. Tracking and analyzing terrorist incidents can help better understanding important features of terrorism, including the geographic distribution of terrorist attacks and perpetrator thereof, their victims, targets, modus operandi, and other relevant details that can be availed to those entrusted with the task of ensuring the safety and security of citizens and the protection of critical infrastructures and sensitive sites.

African Journal for the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism

The ACSRT periodically publishes the "African Journal for the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism". Each volume of the journal contains articles which address specific subject matter issues related to terrorism. The articles in each volume are products of dedicated studies and research carried out by prominent African experts.

The goal is not only to provide answers to theoretical questions, but also to attract the attention of policy makers on important problems and challenges posed by current terrorist trends and developments and the way they could be addressed.

The journal is also designed to be used for brainstorming, the sharing of experiences and best practices among counterterrorism practitioners, officials in the areas of security, judiciary, customs and immigration as well as the community of researchers and experts on Counter-terrorism and organized crimes.

African Model Law on anti-terrorism

The Model Law is a ready-made technical assistance or an aide to African Union Member States to bring their Counter-Terrorism legislation up to date and provide guidance in the effective implementation of international and regional Counter-Terrorism instruments.



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MODALITIES FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF THE AFRICAN CENTRE FOR THE STUDY AND RESEARCH ON TERRORISM (ACSRT)

I. Establishment

1. The African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (hereinafter referred to as the Centre) is established as constituted under Section H, Paragraphs 19 to 21 of the AU Plan of Action on the Prevention and Combating of the Union including in particular, Assembly/AU/Dec.15 (II); EX.CL/Dec.13 (II); EX/CL/Dec.82 (IV); and EX.CL/Dec.126 (V).

2. The Centre is established as a structure of the Commission, in conformity with the Protocol to the OAU Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism, which confers on the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, the responsibility for implementing regional, continental and international counter-terrorism instruments as well as harmonize and coordinate continental efforts in the prevention and combating of terrorism.

II. Purpose

The purpose of the Centre is to contribute to and strengthen the capacity of the African Union in the prevention and combating of terrorism in Africa, with the ultimate objective of eliminating the threat posed by terrorism to peace, security, stability and development in Africa. To this end, the Centre shall serve to collect and centralize information, studies and analyses on terrorism and terrorist groups and develop training programs by organizing, with the assistance of international partners, training schedules, meetings and symposia.

Pursuant to the purpose above the functions of the centre shall be:

| Assist Member States of the African Union in developing strategies for the prevention and combating of terrorism;

| Establish operating procedures for information gathering, processing and dissemination;

| Provide technical and expert advice on the implementation of the African Union counter-terrorism regimes, in particular, the 1999 OAU Convention and its Protocol thereto, the Plan of Action on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism, as well as on the updating and strengthening of policies and programs of the Union relating to counter-terrorism;

| Develop and maintain a database on a range of issues relating to the prevention and combating of terrorism, particularly on terrorist groups and their activities in Africa, as well as on experts and technical assistance available. Such a database as well as analyses shall be accessible by all Member States of the Union; | Develop cooperation and assistance programs with similar and/or interested institutions at the national, regional, continental and international levels, in the areas of research, information gathering and analyses on issues relating to the prevention and combating of terrorism;

| Promote the coordination and standardization of efforts aimed at enhancing the capacity of Member States to prevent and combat terrorism;

| Initiate and disseminate research studies and policy analyses periodically to sensitize Member States, based on the current trends, and/or on the demand of Member State(s). The Centre shall publish, periodically its research and analyses, in an "African Journal for the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism";

| Develop cooperation and assistance programs with similar and/or interested institutions at the national, regional, continental and international levels, in the areas of research, information gathering and analyses on issues relating to the prevention and combating of terrorism;

| Undertake research and converging studies on other global security problems with links to terrorism, which pose a threat to peace and security in Africa;

| Develop capacity for early warning to encourage early response, integrating the concept of Preventive Management of Crisis;

| Provide technical and expert advice on how best Africa can contribute in a more meaningful way to the international campaign against terrorism, particularly the implementation of relevant international instruments by Member States of the African Union;

| Undertake studies and make recommendations on strengthening and standardization of legal norms and cooperation in matters of information-sharing among Member States, mutual assistance, extradition, police and border control (including land, maritime and air) in Africa;

| Conduct studies and analyses on the best strategies and methods for suppressing the financing of terrorism;

| Organize workshops, seminars, symposia and training programs for enhancing the capacity of Member States and Regional Mechanisms in the prevention and combating of terrorism in Africa;

| Submit annual reports on its activities to the Chairperson of the Commission, for consideration by the policy Organs of the Union. The annual report shall include a financial statement on the activities undertaken in the previous year and the budget of activities envisaged for the next fiscal year.

Since the launch of the African Centre for the Study and Research in 13 October 2004, the Centre has delivered various forms of Counter-Terrorism related activities aimed at helping African Union Member States to strengthen their capacities in the areas of prevention and combating of terrorism and to eliminate the threat poses to peace, security and to the development of Africa.

Other facilities provided by ACSRT

ACSRT Database

ACSRT has succeeded in developing its database. Through the database ACSRT can collect, process, organize record and keep as much information as possible on terrorism, more specifically, on terrorist groups and individuals, terrorist activities and related scourges, and avail this information to the Commission and the member states.

ACSRT helped the Centre to Track, study and analyze terrorist incidents, terrorist trends and terrorist developments, understand their meaning and implications, and alert the Commission and Member States accordingly, with advice on what to do.

ACSRT Portal

The ACSRT e-portal is another commitment from the ACSRT to improve the communication and information sharing among the focal points.

Through a single web page, the Focal Point can access a number of tools and resources such as: editorial, news, documents, links other applications, secure messaging, databases, search engine, various information, etc.).

ACSRT Website

The new ACSRT website streamlined its menus to give the audience a quick access to the items he/she is looking for. Its content has been consolidated on the Centre and its activities.

Going forward, ACSRT will continually expand its online content and keep you updated with the latest information

ACSRT Situation Room

Understanding and combating the current terrorism threats, requires continuous updates on information, studies, analysis and research on terrorist incidents, terrorist groups and their activities. To this end, the ACSRT in synergy with the African Union Commission operationalized the ACSRT Situation Room.

The ACSRT Situation Room team is using The Africa Media Monitor (AMM) system developed in collaboration with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) for advanced web mining and information extraction. By dint of AMM the ACSRT Situation Room team can scan and access about 1400 websites 24/7 and retrieve real time information on terrorist incident and developments in four languages.

These information is subsequently extracted and availed to the AU Member States through the ACSRT Daily News Briefs and Bi-weekly Press Review.

The Daily News Briefs is a daily media review which gathers news on terrorist incident, groups, individuals and their activities in Africa and around the world.

The Situation Room allows the ACSRT team to monitor, gather and analyze real time information related to terrorist incident, terrorist groups, and other organized criminal activities, etc.

ACSRT Library

One of ACSRT's cardinal missions is to stimulate scientific, strategic and operational studies and research on terrorism phenomenon in Africa. As a research Centre, the ACSRT needs well-stocked and specialized documentation for the smooth-running of studies carried out by its researchers. This is what led to the establishment of a Documentation Centre specialized in the prevention and combating of terrorism. Partnership with the European Union in 2006 led to the acquisition of two big scanners which helped to set up a virtual library for rapid and secure dissemination of documents to ACSRT researchers and other users.