



The International Institute for
Justice and the Rule of Law



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2025

12
YEARS

10,500+
ALUMNI

50+
GRANTS

280+
COURSES AND
WORKSHOPS

130+
PARTICIPATING
COUNTRIES

Our Mission is to enhance and strengthen the competencies of criminal justice practitioners and other stakeholders to address terrorism and related transnational criminal activities within a rule of law framework and to promote cooperation and information exchange on a national, regional and international basis.

Our Vision is to be an internationally-recognised multinational organisation focused on building the capacity of justice practitioners to fight terrorism, and transnational crime in line with human rights and the rule of law. It designs and delivers tailored training and capacity-building programmes as well as activities that help governments and practitioners address—in a practical, effective and collaborative manner—the evolving nature of contemporary transnational threats.

Since its inauguration in 2014, the IJJ has trained more than 10500 criminal justice practitioners through its interactive workshops – in Malta and abroad – that enhance the competencies of parliamentarians, judges, prosecutors, police, prison, and other criminal justice practitioners to address terrorism and related transnational criminal activities within a rule of law framework. The IJJ tailors its programmes to the needs of the regions it

serves, including North, West and East Africa; the Middle East; and select engagement in the Balkans, and Central, South and Southeast Asia.

The IJJ's continued growth will include developing, implementing and operationalising international good practices and developing new strategies and techniques to fully address the contemporary manifestation and evolving nature of global terrorism.



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Message from the Executive Secretary



This 2025 Annual Report marks an important chapter for the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IJ). It reflects not only a year of growth and achievement, but also the extraordinary dedication of the people who bring our mission to life every day.

As my first Annual Report as Executive Secretary, it is also an opportunity to share my deep appreciation for the professionalism, commitment, and sense of purpose that define this institution.

Since joining the IJ in 2024, I have had the privilege of getting to know the Institute from the inside: its programmes, its strengths, and above all, its people. This experience has only reinforced my admiration for the highly qualified and diverse team whose expertise, long hours, and unwavering commitment continue to shape the IJ's impact around the world. Together with practitioners and partners across regions, they work every day to strengthen justice systems through practical, collaborative, and rule of law-based approaches to countering terrorism and related transnational crimes.

As we begin this new chapter together, I firmly believe that the IJ must remain in a strong position to respond to the evolving challenges of today's international security environment, particularly in the field of counter-terrorism (CT). Preserving the IJ's Justice practitioner-focused identity, strengthening our agility, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the Institute will remain central priorities in the years ahead.

In 2025, the IJ deepened its focus on ensuring that every activity contributes to meaningful and measurable impact in advancing effective counter-terrorism efforts. While expanding the reach of our programmes remains important, our priority is understanding how this work translates into real change on the ground for CT Justice practitioners. We have seen inspiring examples of practitioners trained through IJ programmes leading national initiatives, strengthening institutional frameworks, and mentoring colleagues in high-risk environments. These examples demonstrate how practitioner-centred training can extend far beyond the classroom to shape policy, practice, and institutional resilience at the national, regional and international level.

Indeed, the impact of our work extends well beyond the countries where activities take place. By supporting local and regional systems to investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate complex cases effectively and fairly, we help build front-line capacities that reduce reliance on external intervention, enhance international cooperation, and address threats before they escalate across borders. In doing so, we contribute not only to the security of our partner countries



—first and foremost in Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia— but also to the broader international community.

The IJJ continued to expand its programming in 2025, delivering a wide range of tailored activities and longer-form courses to practitioners from across regions. Thousands of training days were completed, and our global alumni network, now more than 11000 strong, continues to grow. These criminal justice professionals remain at the heart of our mission. Their courage, professionalism, and dedication to the rule of law continue to inspire our work, and we are honoured to support them as they strengthen justice systems in their home jurisdictions.

The IJJ's greatest asset is its community: the Governing Board of Administrators, Advisory Board members, donors, partners, alumni, and of course, our international highly-qualified staff. I have seen first-hand the remarkable level of dedication across the Institute. I remain committed to fostering a constructive, supportive, and forward-looking environment where teamwork, mutual trust, and collaboration continue to thrive.

At the same time, we remain mindful of the challenges ahead. The global environment is increasingly uncertain, and securing sustainable resources requires constant effort and careful stewardship. Yet even in the face of these challenges, our resolve remains strong. Challenges also create opportunities — to innovate, adapt, forge new partnerships, and strengthen the impact of our work.

We firmly believe in the importance of our mission and in the tangible difference it makes. The dedication of our team, the strength and value of our in-house expertise, the commitment of our alumni, and the trust of our partners give us confidence that, together, we will navigate these challenges with resilience and optimism.

I extend my deepest appreciation to our Governing Board of Administrators, Advisory Board members, partners, and donors for your steadfast support. Your trust and investment enable the IJJ to deliver practical, effective, and sustainable assistance to capable local and regional partners, helping to reduce the spread of terrorism while fostering conditions conducive to stability, prosperity, and security.

Looking ahead, our commitment remains clear. We will continue to sharpen our focus on practical impact, institutional resilience, and the sustainability of our work, while remaining closely connected to those on the front lines of justice. With your continued support, the IJJ stands ready to meet tomorrow's challenges with the same dedication and sense of purpose that have defined our first decade.

Mr. Naoufel Gaied
Executive Secretary

The International Institute for
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Overview of the IJ



At the June 2012 Ministerial Plenary Meeting of the Global Counter-terrorism Forum (GCTF), members called for the establishment of the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IJ) as a key platform to provide innovative and sustainable training to implement the counter-terrorism-related, rule of law-based GCTF good practices. The Group of 8 (G8) welcomed the proposed establishment of the IJ at its June 2013 Summit. Various governments and international, regional, and non-governmental organisations then collaborated to develop the IJ's mandate and structure. The IJ was formally inaugurated in June 2014.

The IJ designs and delivers workshops, expert meetings, and other activities tailored to the needs of criminal justice sector practitioners. All IJ programmes are fundamentally committed to advancing the legal framework through which criminal justice practitioners pursue justice for terrorism and related activities by integrating human rights, justice, and the rule of law. The IJ's mission is to deliver tailored capacity-building programmes that help governments and practitioners address the evolving and multifaceted threat of terrorism and related transnational crime in a practical, effective, and coordinated manner.

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Senior Management

The IJ was led by Steven Hill, former Executive Secretary, followed by Officer-in-Charge and Director of Administrative and Outreach, Reinhard Uhrig, with a team of seconded and contracted Directors and an international staff from more than seventeen countries.

Academic Unit

The Academic Unit, led by Naoufel Gaied, oversees the delivery of the Counter-Terrorism Academic Curriculum (CTAC), an innovative online course (eCTAC), and an ambitious Research Agenda.

Administrative & Outreach Unit

The Administrative and Outreach Unit provides essential support for the IJ's capacity-building mission through accounting, administration, human resources, procurement, communications and outreach, fundraising and grant administration, including Monitoring and Evaluation. The Unit is led by Reinhard Uhrig.

Programmatic Unit

The Programmatic Unit, designs and organises capacity-building workshops and professional exchanges and produces guidance documents for criminal justice counter-terrorism practitioners, tailored to national and regional contexts across Africa, the Middle East, the Asia-Pacific, and beyond. This work supports the implementation of relevant GCTF Good Practices and recommendations, the UN Counter-Terrorism Strategy, UN Security Council Resolutions, and other regional and international frameworks. The Unit is led by Winthrop Wells, Senior Manager and Officer-in-Charge, Programmatic Unit.



CT PHARE

The Council Conclusions on EU External Action on Preventing and Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism of June 2020 highlighted the need to strengthen the human rights-compliant criminal justice chain worldwide and recognised the critical role of the GCTF and the IJJ in this effort. In support of these conclusions, the IJJ launched the CT PHARE project in late 2022. Funded by the EU's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), this project aims to ensure that states' counter-terrorism policies, legislation, and judicial strategies, as well as daily investigative and prosecutorial practices, adhere to internationally recognised human rights standards. The facility is led by Paul Madden.

Prosecution, Rehabilitation and Reintegration (PRR)

This project responds to the European Union (EU)'s call for more coordinated and joint programming among the three Global Counter-Terrorism Forum (GCTF)-inspired institutions – the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF), the International Centre of Excellence for Countering Extremism and Violent Extremism (Hedayah), and the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IJJ) – to strengthen efforts related to the Prosecution, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration (PRR) of

individuals returning from Iraq and Northeast Syria. This includes Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs) and their family members, specifically in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. The facility project is led by Quentin Balthazart.

Seconded Advisers

The IJJ has on its staff three seconded senior advisers. Senior legal adviser Manwah AlOthman, a judge and prosecutor seconded by the State of Kuwait, senior investigations adviser John Hughes, experienced law enforcement officer seconded by the United Kingdom and chief legal adviser Judge Emrecan Kılıç seconded by Türkiye.

Governing Board of Administrators

The IJJ is guided in its mission by an international Governing Board of Administrators, representing 12 governments and the European Union.

Advisory Board

The IJJ Advisory Board comprises a distinguished group of subject-matter experts, experienced practitioners, and leaders from partner organisations and academic networks, offering valuable strategic advice.





The IJJ and the GCTF

The IJJ plays a pivotal role in implementing GCTF's good practices and framework memoranda (www.thegctf.org). It is the only organisation specifically tasked with supporting the practical application of these good practices for criminal justice practitioners. The IJJ works closely with Working Group Co-Chairs to develop key GCTF documents, such as the Neuchâtel Memorandum on Good Practices for Juvenile Justice in a Counter-terrorism Context and the Rabat-Washington Good Practices on Addressing Homegrown Terrorism.

The IJJ provides tailored programmes to assist national, regional, and sectoral entities in implementing GCTF good practices. These practices are embedded in all the IJJ's programmatic and academic activities, ensuring their application to the real-world challenges faced by criminal justice practitioners.

Advancing the GCTF Mission

The IJJ works closely with the GCTF, engaging with its Co-Chairs, Working Groups, Members, and Inspired Institutions to strengthen coordination and advance the GCTF mission. By fostering collaboration, the IJJ aligns thematic and geographic priorities while integrating lessons learned into future initiatives. As an implementing partner for the Criminal Justice and Rule of Law Working Group (CJ RoL WG), co-chaired by Italy and Nigeria, the IJJ organises expert meetings, conducts surveys, and develops policy tools.

GCTF-Inspired Institutions

The IJJ collaborates closely with its fellow GCTF-Inspired Institutions, including the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (www.gcerf.org), and Hedayah (www.hedayah.com), with which the IJJ has worked on numerous significant projects.

Advancing Impact

The IJJ strives to address evolving threats to international peace and security by delivering targeted programmes for impact. In line with its vision, the IJJ plays a pivotal role as an implementing partner in counter-terrorism efforts through a multilateral, multi-stakeholder approach, sustained through clear thematic or geographic foci. As a GCTF-inspired institution, fostering sustainable dialogue between practitioners, governmental stakeholders and civil society for comprehensive investigations and prosecutions in line with human rights and the rule of law, the IJJ supports the GCTF's priorities, and the objectives set out in its framework documents.

The IJJ supports justice practitioners by providing training and capacity-building programmes that enhance skills, promote international cooperation, and strengthen judicial integrity. By equipping professionals with essential tools and methodologies, the IJJ helps uphold the rule of law, protect human rights, and foster a more effective and cohesive global judicial community.

The opportunity to reflect on last year's impact is invaluable to set clear goals for the future and ensure that our judicial cooperation remains dynamic and responsive to the needs of our community of practitioners and partners.

Memorandum of Understanding Established with Partners

The UN is a key partner, and the IJ actively supports the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, along with relevant UN General Assembly and Security Council Resolutions. The IJ has worked in partnership with several UN bodies, including the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED), UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), UN Development Programme (UNDP), UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).



United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism

The IJ and UNOCT signed a Memorandum of Understanding in September 2020, renewed in July 2023, to formalise a strong partnership and shared vision.



Kuwait Institute for Judicial and Legal Studies (KIJLS)

This MoU aims to establish a strategic framework for cooperation between the two institutes and strengthen collaborations in supporting criminal justice practitioners' efforts to address counter-terrorism and violent extremism within a rule of law and human rights context. In October 2023, the IJ and KIJLS held their first joint workshop in Kuwait, focused on the framework for collecting evidence related to crime and tracking financial flows.



The Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA)

Since 2021, GIABA has been a crucial supporter of IJ's CFT initiatives in West Africa. This partnership marks a significant step towards strengthening efforts to combat money laundering and terrorism financing across the ECOWAS region.

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L'Institut Supérieur de la Magistrature (ISM), Morocco

This partnership focuses on collaborative efforts to strengthen the capacities of magistrates and advance cooperation in judicial training, sharing best practices, and implementing innovative educational strategies. Through this initiative, the IJ and ISM are taking crucial steps toward empowering judicial professionals and promoting the rule of law in the region.

مجلس وزراء الداخلية العرب
The Arab Interior Ministers Council



The Arab Interior Ministers Council (AIMC)

The AIMC has been an essential collaborator in the progression of IJ's initiatives. This formal agreement establishes a foundation for enhanced cooperative efforts aimed at counter-terrorism within the Middle East and North Africa regions. This reaffirms our dedication to implementing practical and sustainable solutions that contribute to global security enhancement.



Centre de Formation Judiciaire (CFJ)

This partnership reflects a natural evolution of the strong ties already established between the two institutions. Several senior CFJ staff members are alumni of the IJ, having participated in specialised training programmes and practitioner-led workshops designed to strengthen legal frameworks, investigative techniques, and inter-agency cooperation.



General Secretariat of the League of Arab States (LAS)

Together, the IJ and the League of Arab States will implement specialised training programmes, facilitate the exchange of expertise, and support national and regional efforts to uphold the rule of law, addressing pressing security challenges in accordance with human rights and international standards.



Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism (CoE-DAT)

This agreement with CoE-DAT sets the foundation for sustained collaboration aimed at building the capacity of criminal justice actors and enhancing coordination in countering terrorism and other complex transnational crimes.

Academic Unit

496

PRACTITIONERS
TRAINED UNDER THE
ACADEMIC UNIT

214

TOTAL TRAINING
DAYS IN 2025

8

TOTAL NUMBER
OF COURSES

The Academic Unit (AU) provides comprehensive, long-form courses for criminal justice practitioners involved in counter-terrorism operations. With a focus on practical and core skills, AU courses enable participants to work closely with counterparts from other jurisdictions thereby strengthening professional networks and cooperation at regional and international levels.

Functioning as a 'Centre of Excellence' for development and dissemination of good practices in counter-terrorism investigations and prosecutions, the AU draws on extensive in-house expertise through the IJ Resident Fellows and Senior Advisors, Advisory Board as well as the IJ's broader network. The AU's courses are tailored to meet the needs of IJ partner countries and employ innovative pedagogical approaches including 'flipped learning' which uses self-paced study of online materials followed by online and in-person tutorials dedicated to practical exercises and interactive discussion to deepen learning. Building on these courses, the Academic Unit is developing a research agenda aimed at producing applied research that directly strengthens the daily practice of justice practitioners in counter-terrorism.

Launched in 2020, the Counter-Terrorism Academic Curriculum (CTAC) course continues to provide practitioners with a unique and inno-

vative skills-based counter-terrorism training. The CTAC uses a hybrid learning model, starting with the online component (eCTAC), to enhance the skills of practitioners in proactive, intelligence-led cases. Participants who successfully complete the eCTAC, take part in an intensive in-person course that concentrates on responding to terrorist attacks. Both online and in person components use peer-to-peer learning, simulated cases and engaging discussions to maximise participants' benefit from the course. Materials are tailored to regional security contexts and legal traditions while prioritising the importance of the rule of law and human rights standards.

A key aim of AU activities and courses is to foster networking opportunities and mutual support. Participant numbers are strictly limited to encourage collaboration and those who successfully complete the course join an active and supportive alumni network.

2025 Key achievements

In 2025, the IJJ further consolidated its role as a centre for innovation in counter-terrorism training and research. The AU launched the development of its applied research agenda, aimed at producing practitioner-oriented analysis to support daily counter-terrorism investigations and prosecutions. The first research article developed under this agenda was initiated in 2025 and will be finalised and published in 2026.

The AU also undertook a comprehensive review and modernisation of the CTAC modules and online learning platform, updating course materials and pedagogical tools to make them more interactive, dynamic and responsive to the evolving needs of practitioners. This work strengthens the effectiveness of the CTAC's hybrid learning model and enhances participants' engagement throughout the online and in-person phases.

In addition, 2025 marked the delivery of the first CTAC edition dedicated to Anglophone trial judges, expanding the reach of the Trial Judges' CTAC programme and addressing the growing need for specialised judicial training in terrorism-related cases.

The AU also successfully implemented a CTAC course dedicated to Arabic-speaking practitioners, further strengthening the delivery of the programme across the IJJ's three working languages—Arabic, English and French—and reinforcing the global reach and inclusivity of the CTAC curriculum.

Finally, the Unit developed a new Advanced Training format, designed as an intensive three- to four-day programme focusing on specialised counter-terrorism themes and advanced practitioner skills. The first two editions of this new format are scheduled to be implemented in February and March 2026, marking an important step in expanding the IJJ's training portfolio.

The IJJ now offers three specialised versions of the CTAC course. Each course is adapted to different legal systems and tailored to meet the needs of practitioners from Africa, the Middle East, South and Southeast Asia. Courses are delivered in Arabic, English, or French.

About the "Counter-Terrorism: Academic Curriculum" (CTAC) courses:

Investigation and Prosecution Counter-Terrorism Academic Curriculum (IP CTAC):

- Launched in 2020
- Focuses on building the capacities of prosecutors, examining judges, and investigators for both proactive and reactive investigations and prosecutions.

Trial Judges' Counter-Terrorism Academic Curriculum (TJ CTAC):

- Launched in 2023
- Designed to enhance judges' skills for managing and adjudicating terrorism-related cases.

- Focuses on the unique needs and roles of trial judges in counter-terrorism proceedings.

Financial Counter-Terrorism Academic Curriculum (FIN CTAC):

- Launched in 2024
- Enables in-depth consideration of specialised issues relevant to countering the financing of terrorism including emerging payment methods, seizure and confiscation, cryptocurrencies, targeted financial sanctions, and collaboration with the private sector.



Key Courses and Events in 2025

Criminal Justice Issues Regarding Youth Involved in Terrorism, UNAFEI

14 January to 15 February - Tokyo, Japan

The Academic Unit actively contributed to the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Programme titled “*Enhancing Policy and Practice in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Senior Seminar)*”, in partnership with UNAFEI. Through the participation of IJJ’s Resident Fellow as a key expert, the Academic Unit supported the delivery of substantive lectures, expert guidance, and interactive sessions alongside UNAFEI professors and other specialists.

Focused on “Criminal Justice Issues Regarding Youth Involved in Terrorism,” the programme brought together 18 criminal justice professionals from Bangladesh, Brazil, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Maldives, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, Thailand, Uzbekistan, and Japan. The training featured individual presentations, lectures, group workshops, discussions, and study visits, providing a platform to exchange country experiences, examine international trends, and identify best practices in the investigation, prosecution, rehabilitation, and prison management of youth involved in terrorism.

Supported by the Government of Japan

CTAC for Nigerien Justice Practitioners

24 to 28 February - Hammamet, Tunisia

The programme equipped investigators, prosecutors and investigative judges with practical skills to manage complex terrorism cases, with a focus on post-attack coordination, handling weapons and electronic evidence, witness protection, inter-agency cooperation, and compliance with international legal and human rights standards. The training also reinforced participants’ understanding of international standards, including the Palermo Convention, the Convention against Torture, and the UN Convention on Transnational Organised Crime. Through hands-on exercises and expert-led discussions, the training strengthened participants’ confidence and capacity while identifying priority areas for further development, including rehabilitation of returnees, crime scene management and advanced investigative tools.

Supported by the United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office



IP CTAC - Seventh edition dedicated to French-speaking practitioners from West Africa, Central Africa, and the Sahel

19 to 29 May - Dakar, Senegal

This programme brought together 21 prosecutors, investigators, and investigative judges from Benin, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal, Chad, and Togo, all of whom had successfully completed the eCTAC held between October and December 2024. The course provided a unique opportunity to foster regional collaboration and strengthen capacity in the fight against terrorism.

Supported by the Government of France, Centre de crise et de soutien (CDCS)

IP CTAC – Eighth edition dedicated to French-speaking practitioners from West Africa and the Sahel

29 September to 3 October - Sliema, Malta

This programme focused on the themes introduced during the eCTAC held from 9 June to 11 July 2025. It brought together senior investigators, prosecutors and law enforcement officials from Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Togo, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, and the Central African Republic. Participants engaged in interactive discussions, practical exercises, and case studies focusing on the emergence of the terrorist threat in the Sahel, the Gulf of Guinea and Central Africa, its financing mechanisms, causes of expansion, and strategies to counter it.

Supported by the Government of Denmark



IP CTAC - Third edition for Anglophone practitioners from West and East Africa

13 to 17 October - Sliema, Malta

Following the eCTAC held from 20 October to 2 December 2024, this edition brought together 25 prosecutors and investigators from Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, and Tanzania. Participants engaged in discussions, practical group exercises, and scenario-based learning throughout the course. The programme included interactive, case study-based exercises on responding to terrorist attacks, inter-agency coordination, and crime scene management. Additional sessions addressed a range of topics, including arrest and detention, witness protection, case management, and terrorist financing. The course culminated in a mock court exercise in which participants developed legal arguments on the admissibility and disclosure of sensitive material.

Supported by the United States Department of State





FIN CTAC for Trial Judges from Southeast Asia

15 to 19 September - Jakarta, Indonesia

Building on the topics introduced during the online component implemented from May to June 2025. The in-person course brought together judges and judicial officers from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand, and was delivered alongside distinguished international judicial, law enforcement and subject-matter experts. Through interactive discussions, case studies and presentations, participants deepened their knowledge of case management, evidence, asset recovery, sanctions, terrorist financing and emerging technologies, while benefiting from insights shared by senior Indonesian counterparts and the generous support of the host country.



Supported by the Government of Canada





TJ CTAC – Third edition dedicated to French-speaking practitioners from West Africa and the Sahel

17 to 21 November - Valletta, Malta

The programme brought together 25 trial judges from West and Central Africa for advanced training, peer exchange and practical simulations, addressing key themes such as terrorist financing, procedural guarantees, evidentiary challenges, rehabilitation, and the judicial management of complex terrorism cases. Through expert-led sessions and realistic mock trials, the programme strengthened regional judicial cooperation and enhanced participants' capacity to uphold the rule of law while effectively adjudicating terrorism-related cases.

Participants expressed deep appreciation for the programme's practical and collaborative approach. As one judge stated: "We thank you for the expertise we have gained during this activity... we leave with a constant commitment to safeguarding the rights of the parties while exercising discretion in handling matters related to terrorism." Another affirmed: "We promise to put into practice all good practices, sound procedures, and effective mechanisms learned here to be efficient in the fight against terrorism."

Supported by the Government of Germany





TJ CTAC - Fourth edition dedicated to French-speaking practitioners From West Africa and Central Africa

10 November 2025 to 12 December - Online

The IJ launched the fourth edition of its TJ eCTAC on 12 November 2025, marking the start of the online component of this programme dedicated to French-speaking trial judges from West Africa and Central Africa. The programme brings together senior trial judges from Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Togo, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, Mauritania, and Chad. Running from 12 November to 12 December 2025, the TJ CTAC aims to strengthen judicial capacities to handle terrorism cases effectively, upholding the rule of law and human rights. The IJ thanks the Government of France for its continued partnership and support.

Supported by the Government of France

"I greatly value this programme, which I find highly enriching for legal practitioners. Upon its completion, I would welcome the opportunity to further develop my expertise through similar programmes focused on counter-terrorism and the protection of human rights."



IP CTAC - Second edition for Arabic-speaking practitioners from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

20 October to 21 November - Online

The IJJ developed and implemented an eCTAC for Arabic-speaking practitioners from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Delivered via the IJJ's dedicated learning platform (CANVAS), the course ran from 22 October to 20 November 2025 and aimed to enhance the knowledge and practical skills of justice practitioners engaged in counter-terrorism efforts across the region.

The programme brought together 25 prosecutors, investigators, and judges from Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, and Mauritania.

Supported by the United States Department of State

"The programme has enabled me to gain a deeper understanding of the interplay between special investigative techniques and criminal procedure, particularly with regard to the analysis of terrorist financing and the tracing of suspicious financial transactions. In addition, the training has enhanced my ability to assess the procedural validity of sensitive investigative measures and to anticipate challenges relating to the admissibility of evidence before the court."



IP CTAC - Second edition for Arabic-speaking practitioners from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

24 to 28 November - Rabat, Morocco

The IJ delivered the in-person component of its eCTAC from 24 – 28 November 2025, bringing together 19 judges, prosecutors, and investigators from Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Mauritania, and Morocco, all of whom had successfully completed the online phase of the programme, which focused on proactive, intelligence-led investigations and prosecutions.

The in-person course emphasised reactive counter-terrorism investigations and provided a highly interactive, practitioner-focused learning environment. Participants engaged in group exercises and scenario-based simulations, applying investigative and prosecutorial methods introduced during the online phase. Through these exercises, participants practiced responding to terrorist attacks, strengthening witness protection measures, managing evidence, and enhancing coordination across agencies at both national and regional levels.

Supported by the United States Department of State

Since its establishment in 2020, the courses have trained **practitioners from 39 countries** across Africa, the Middle East, South and Southeast Asia, and have cultivated a vibrant alumni network.

2025 marked a milestone year for the CTAC courses with the successful continuation of the TJ CTAC and FIN CTAC courses, delivered in the IJJ's official three languages. These courses represent a significant expansion of the curriculum, addressing critical needs in the fight against terrorism. The programmes not only enhance the skills of practitioners but also foster greater international cooperation and knowledge sharing, solidifying the programme's role as an effective resource in the global counter-terrorism landscape.

Programmatic Unit

916

PRACTITIONERS
TRAINED UNDER THE
PROGRAMMATIC
UNIT IN 2025

1896

TOTAL TRAINING
DAYS IN 2025

24

TOTAL NUMBER
OF PROGRAMMES

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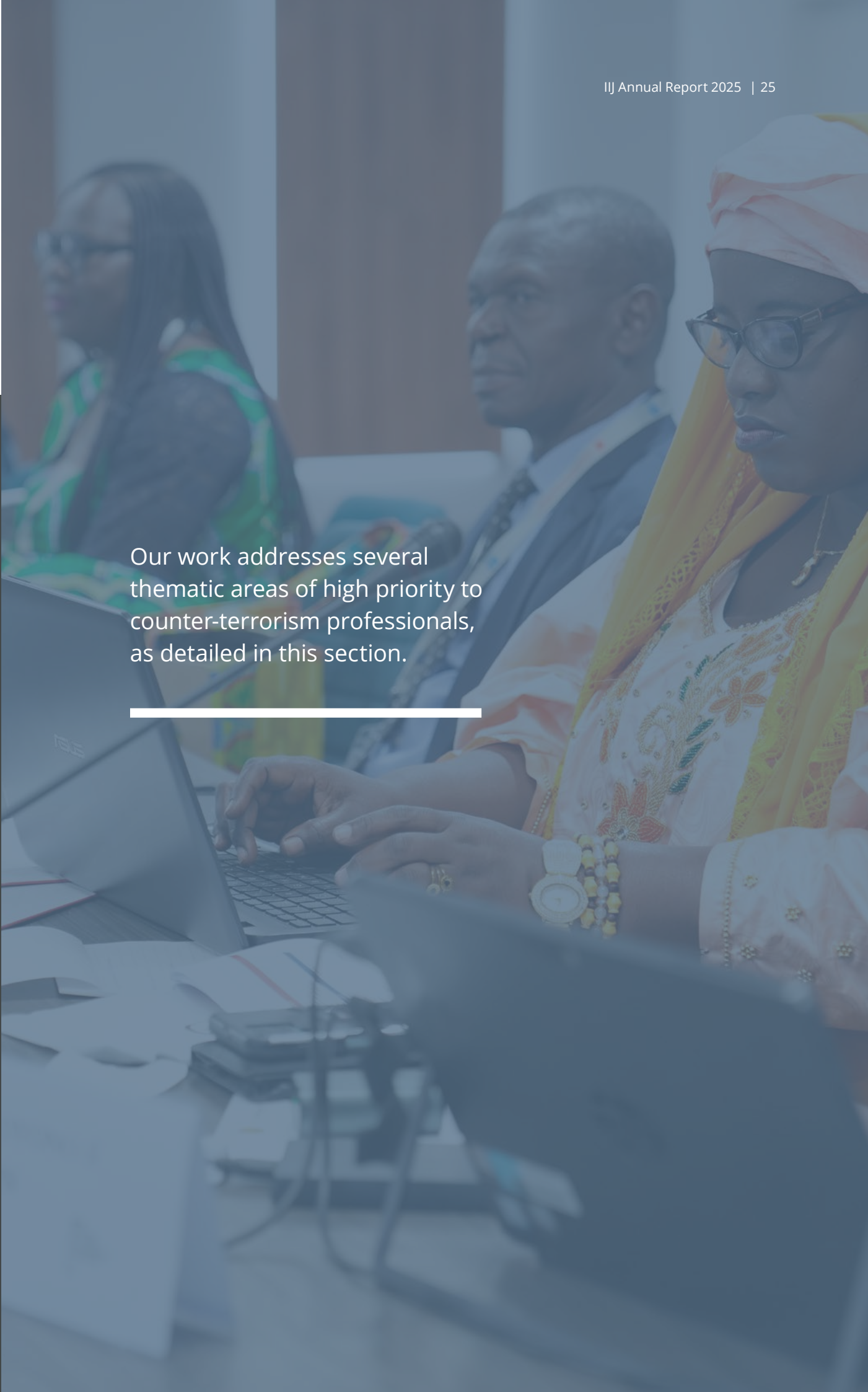
This work supports the implementation of relevant GCTF Good Practices and recommendations, the UN Counter-Terrorism Strategy, UN Security Council Resolutions, and other regional and international frameworks.

Our goal is to equip front-line practitioners to more effectively bring terrorist actors to justice through criminal justice systems, thereby strengthening international security and keeping societies safer.

In 2025, the Programmatic Unit organised **24** programmes that improved participating practitioners' skills to tackle pressing counter-terrorism challenges and to leverage cutting-edge tools to detect, disrupt, investigate, and prosecute transnational terrorist groups' criminal activity.

Our work addresses several thematic areas of high priority to counter-terrorism professionals, as detailed in this section.

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Battlefield Evidence

Advancing frontline counter-terrorism practitioners' sharing and use of information and material collected by the military for civilian criminal justice outcomes, including prosecution and border security. Guided by the Council of Europe-IJ *Comparative Practices on the Use of Information Collected in Conflict Zones as Evidence in Criminal Proceedings*, the United States *Non-Binding Guiding Principles on Use of Battlefield Evidence in Civilian Criminal Proceedings*, and the *GCTF Abuja Recommendations on the Collection, Use and Sharing of Evidence for Purposes of Criminal Prosecution of Terrorist Suspects*.



Battlefield Evidence Middle East and North Africa Workshop

27 to 28 October - Amman, Jordan

The IJ convened over 40 judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and military practitioners from Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Türkiye, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America for a landmark workshop that built on the IJ's multi-year Battlefield Evidence Initiative, which assists frontline counter-terrorism practitioners in leveraging information and material collected by military forces or other actors in conflict zones for use in civilian criminal justice proceedings. Key multilateral institutions also participated, including NATO, INTERPOL, the Council of the European Union, the Arab Interior Ministers Council, and the Arab Center for Legal and Judicial Research under the League of Arab States. Participants explored concrete methods for identifying, obtaining, and sharing information and materials from conflict zones, and for using such evidence in criminal proceedings related to terrorist offences. The workshop thus provided a unique platform to translate comparative experiences into actionable guidance that will help advance justice and accountability for terrorism-related and other offences linked to conflict zones in the MENA region and beyond.

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Battlefield Evidence Asia-Pacific Workshop

10 to 11 December - Semarang, Indonesia

The IJJ convened over 40 practitioners from Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Maldives, the Philippines, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America, as well as representatives of key multilateral institutions, for our first Battlefield Evidence programme in the Asia-Pacific region. The participating prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers, and military practitioners exchanged comparative experiences and good practices in collecting and sharing information and material from conflict zones and using it to support civilian law criminal justice outcomes, with experts from UN CTED, UNOCT, INTERPOL, and Conflict Armament Research contributing valuable insights. The workshop strengthened practitioners' capacities to obtain battlefield evidence and to use it lawfully and effectively to advance terrorism investigations and prosecutions, in line with the rule of law.

Supported by the United States Department of State Bureau of Counterterrorism, in partnership with the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JCLEC)





CoE-IJ Comparative Practices on the Use of Information Collected in Conflict Zones as Evidence in Criminal Proceeding

16 to 17 October - Berlin, Germany

The IJ, in partnership with the Council of Europe CDCT Secretariat, officially launched the Comparative Practices on the Use of Information Collected in Conflict Zones as Evidence in Criminal Proceedings, hosted by Germany's Federal Ministry of Justice and supported by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Counterterrorism. The publication consolidates state experiences in obtaining, sharing, and using conflict zone information as evidence in terrorism-related criminal cases. The launch brought together over 50 criminal justice practitioners, policymakers, and multilateral representatives to discuss the practical application of this guidance, followed by a closed practitioners' roundtable on emerging trends and challenges.

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*CoE-IJ Comparative Practices on the Use of
Information Collected in Conflict Zones as
Evidence in Criminal Proceedings*

Launch Event
16 October 2025



Countering the Financing of Terrorism

Enhancing the capacity of criminal justice practitioners and key stakeholders to address terrorism financing through a systematic approach that fosters proactive investigations; strengthens international, regional, and interagency cooperation; and reinforces public-private partnerships to detect and disrupt terrorist actors' criminal exploitation of financial systems. Implementing guidance issued by the standards-setting Financial Action Task Force.

Training for Somali Practitioners on Countering the Financing of Terrorism

13 to 14 February - Nairobi, Kenya

The IJ delivered its first CFT programme in East Africa, bringing together 16 Somali practitioners from the Financial Reporting Centre, National Intelligence and Security Agency, Judicial Training Institute, Attorney General's Office, and judiciary, with Somali Police Force representatives joining online. The training focused on mitigating terrorist financing risks, including those linked to DNFbPs, virtual assets, mobile money, and informal money transfer systems, while strengthening interagency and public-private cooperation. Guided by international facilitators and experts from UN CTED, IMF, GIABA, and private sector partners, participants developed institutional action points to enhance Somalia's CFT framework, including drafting AML/CFT provisions, improving regional and international cooperation, and conducting sectoral risk assessments.

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Regional Workshop on “Following the Money” - Advanced Tools for Investigating Illicit Financial Networks and Prosecuting Terrorist Financing Cases

1 to 3 July - Semarang, Indonesia

The IJ held its third regional workshop in collaboration with JCLEC, as part of a series of regional workshops under the Canada Global Affairs-funded project focused on building capacity and improving cooperation mechanisms to counter CFT in Southeast Asia. These workshops are designed to address issues identified as key for the Southeast Asian region, with a focus on improving CFT-related institutional frameworks, regulations, and procedures.

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Countering the Financing of Terrorism



First Expert Group Meeting on CFT in Southeast Asia

7 to 8 October - Manila, The Philippines

The IJ held its first Expert Group Meeting aimed at developing Good Practices Manual on Establishing Effective Public-Private Cooperation (PPC) in CFT in Southeast Asia. The activity became the first step towards developing a regional guiding document to address a gap identified by participating jurisdictions within the framework of the multi-year Canada-funded project on Building Capacity and Improving Cooperation Mechanisms on Countering the Financing of Terrorism in Southeast Asia.

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Training of Trainers for West African Practitioners on Mitigating Terrorist Financing Risks

11 to 14 November - Dakar, Senegal

The IJJ convened its Second Training of Trainers (ToT) for West African practitioners on Mitigating Terrorist Financing Risks in Dakar, Senegal, building on the first ToT held in Malta in October 2024. The programme strengthened the capacity of practitioners from Benin, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Senegal, and Togo working on countering the financing of terrorism (CFT), equipping them with advanced skills to design and deliver their own capacity-building initiatives. It was delivered with the support of key partners, including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA), and the Centre de formation judiciaire (CFJ) Senegal, with which the IJJ has a Memorandum of Understanding.

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Emerging Technologies

Equipping practitioners to leverage new and emerging technologies (including digital evidence and applications of artificial intelligence (AI)) for law enforcement purposes, and to counter terrorist exploitation of technologies (including AI, online gaming platforms, and 3D-printed weapons) through criminal justice systems.

Workshop on Developing Effective Structures and Processes for the use of Digital Open-Source Intelligence as Evidence in Judicial Proceedings

14 to 15 January – Nairobi, Kenya

For this workshop the IJ convened 31 practitioners from Kenya, Uganda, Somalia, and the UK to strengthen the use of digital open-source intelligence in counter-terrorism prosecutions. Participants explored practical and legal challenges in collecting, authenticating, and presenting open-source evidence, while sharing good practices on team structures, tools, and procedures that ensure human rights compliance. By the conclusion of the workshop, attendees gained a deeper understanding of the benefits and risks of digital open-source evidence and identified opportunities to enhance their legal frameworks for robust, rights-compliant counter-terrorism prosecutions.

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Emerging Technologies



Training on Digital Evidence in a Counter-Terrorism Context for the Attorney General’s Office (AGO) in Libya

27 to 28 January - Valletta, Malta

The IJ delivered digital evidence training for the Attorney General’s Office of Libya that brought together criminal justice practitioners from Libya, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Malta, the UK and the US to address terrorist misuse of emerging technologies and strengthen the collection, authentication, preservation, and presentation of digital evidence in line with the rule of law. Expert-led sessions covered legal frameworks, cross-border cooperation, human rights considerations, and practical techniques, enhancing participants’ capacity to investigate and prosecute terrorism cases in increasingly digital environments.

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Expert Meeting on Artificial Intelligence and Criminal Justice Counter-Terrorism Approaches in Latin America

4 December - Buenos Aires, Argentina

The IJJ brought together criminal justice practitioners and policymakers from seven Latin American governments and experts from INTERPOL, Tech Against Terrorism, Moonshot and IQuilibriumAI, to hold the first expert meeting on artificial intelligence (AI) and criminal justice counter-terrorism approaches in Latin America. The IJJ was honoured to welcome Argentinian Attorney General Eduardo Casal and United States Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Heidi Gómez Rápalo to provide opening remarks. Participants shared their experiences with how terrorists are exploiting AI to recruit, coordinate attacks, and disseminate propaganda, and the opportunities and challenges law enforcement are facing in utilising AI. Going forward, the IJJ, in partnership with countries in Latin America and outside experts, will develop a guide containing cutting-edge technology trends and practical lessons for criminal justice practitioners and policymakers on how to counter terrorist use of AI and how to use this technology for law enforcement in Latin America.

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Prosecution, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration of Foreign Fighters and Family Members

Facilitating governments' domestic prosecution (when appropriate) and rehabilitation and reintegration of foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs) and associated family members, including individualised risk assessments, international sharing and use of evidence, and effective probation, parole, and post-release rehabilitation and reintegration practices. Guided by relevant international laws and standards, including United Nations Security Council Resolutions 2178 and 2396.

Central Asian Counter-Terrorism Workshop: Building Cooperation and Coordination to Promote the Rule of Law

14 February - Tokyo, Japan

The IJ, with the generous support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and valuable contributions from the United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI) and the Embassy of France in Japan, organised a Central Asian Counter-terrorism Workshop in Tokyo on Building Cooperation and Coordination to Promote the Rule of Law. The workshop brought together criminal justice practitioners and policymakers from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan to exchange real-life case studies, good practices, and comparative perspectives on FTFs defendants' repatriation, domestic prosecution, rehabilitation and reintegration.

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Juvenile Justice

Supports implementation and operationalisation of *the GCTF's Neuchâtel Memorandum on Good Practices for Juvenile Justice in a Counterterrorism Context* through regional and sector-specific capacity-building and the development of practitioner-oriented tools for those managing juvenile cases.

Global Experts' Dialogue on Advancing Justice for Children in Counter-Terrorism Contexts

29 to 30 April - Sliema, Malta

The IJ convened a high-level dialogue bringing together juvenile justice practitioners, child protection experts, and policymakers from Africa, Southeast Asia, and the MENA region to strengthen child-sensitive justice in counter-terrorism contexts. The hybrid event facilitated cross-regional knowledge exchange on legal frameworks, rehabilitation, reintegration, repatriation, gender-specific challenges, and digital recruitment, while addressing the “double status” of children as both victims and alleged perpetrators. Insights and recommendations from the dialogue will inform the IJ's future programming, supporting more effective, sustainable, and rights-compliant justice responses for children affected by terrorism worldwide.

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International Judicial Cooperation

Strengthening legal and procedural frameworks for international cooperation in criminal matters, including by establishing more robust Central Authorities and improving mutual legal assistance and extradition processes. Guided by the internationally recognised *IJ Good Practices for Central Authorities*.

Phase II: Joint Workshop for Justice Actors from East Africa on Building Strong Procedural Mechanisms for International Judicial Cooperation (IJC)

6 to 7 October - Istanbul, Türkiye

The IJ convened a Joint Workshop for Justice Actors from East Africa on Building Strong Procedural Mechanisms for International Judicial Cooperation (IJC) in Istanbul, Türkiye, under the Canada Phase II Project. The workshop brought together criminal justice practitioners and competent authorities from Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Uganda to share legal frameworks, discuss cross-border challenges, exchange good practices, and strengthen regional networks for investigating and prosecuting organised crime and terrorism. Building on prior Phase I work, the event enhanced participants' understanding of IJC mechanisms, promoted multilateral collaboration, and increased capacity to effectively manage mutual legal assistance and extradition processes across the East African region.

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Workshop on Enhancing Parliamentary Understanding of the Somali International Judicial Cooperation Draft Law

17 to 19 November - Nairobi, Kenya

The IJJ organised a workshop in Nairobi to enhance Somali Parliamentarians' understanding of the draft International Judicial Cooperation (IJC) law, highlighting the importance of equipping Somalia with a clear and enforceable legal framework. The workshop supported Somalia's ongoing legislative process by raising awareness among lawmakers and strengthening the skills of practitioners involved in IJC. Building on Phase I progress, the IJJ continues to assist Somalia in coordination with partners such as UNODC, EUCAP Somalia, and ODPP Kenya to improve international judicial cooperation in the region.

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Information Sharing

Advancing accountability for terrorism and other serious crimes by bringing government policymakers and justice practitioners together with relevant multilateral and non-governmental actors to fill gaps in the landscape of international cooperation and improve the sharing of information for investigative and evidentiary purposes.



Workshop Addressing Terrorism-Organised Crime Links Between Latin America and West Africa

2 to 3 December - Buenos Aires, Argentina

The IJ created a new and urgently needed network by bringing together prosecutors, judges, police officers, and other criminal justice professionals from 14 countries to hold the first workshop of its kind addressing terrorism-organised crime links between Latin America and West Africa. Practitioners from 10 countries in Latin America and 4 countries in West Africa, as well as experts from GIABA, OAS, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, UNICRI - United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, INTERPOL and UNODC, met to share first-hand experiences with the convergence of terrorism and narco-trafficking. Participants examined in detail the current state of government responses to related security threats, including illicit financial flows, and identified challenges to and best practices for prosecuting and investigating such “nexus” cases.

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CT PHARE

275

PRACTITIONERS
TRAINED UNDER
CT PHARE IN 2025

512

TRAINING
DAYS IN 2025

6

PROGRAMMES
+ THE TOOLKIT

CT PHARE – the Counter-Terrorism Platform for Human Rights Engagement – is a three-year global facility (2022-2025), now extended for a fourth year until 2026, funded by the European Union's Services for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI). This facility aligns with the EU Council Conclusions on Counter-Terrorism, including the 2020 Conclusions and the more recent 2022 and 2024 Conclusions outlining strategic priorities and reinforcing EU external-internal coherence in counter-terrorism efforts. This facility also supports EU Council Conclusions on counter-terrorism efforts, with the specific objective of enhancing the adherence of States' counter-terrorism policies, legislation, judicial strategies, and day-to-day investigative and prosecutorial practices with internationally recognised human rights standards. This objective is pursued through a series of dedicated activities structured under three main components. These components are:

Components

CT PHARE activities will be grouped in three main components:

1 Enhancing Knowledge Strengthening Capacities of Counter-Terrorism Practitioners

This first component focuses on improving the knowledge and skills of senior and mid-level counter-terrorism practitioners, ensuring that human rights obligations are effectively integrated into their work. It addresses human rights challenges across the entire criminal justice process, including the definition of terrorism, as well as the stages of investigation, prosecution, trial, and punishment.

2 Supporting Policy and Institutional Reforms

This second component aims to assist in policy, legal, and institutional reforms to integrate rule-of-law and human rights-based approaches into counter-terrorism policymaking and criminal justice processes, ensuring that these frameworks uphold fundamental rights while addressing security concerns.

3 Promoting Transnational Cooperation

This third and last component promotes strategic transnational cooperation by creating and/or strengthening networks that facilitate the exchange of knowledge, best practices, and lessons learned. It focuses on developing and implementing counter-terrorism measures that are compliant with international human rights standards and the rule of law.

The activities implemented under Component 1 follow a sequential waterfall model for Components 2 and 3. Therefore, this breakdown of CT PHARE activities is structured into linear, sequential phases, with each component building upon the deliverables of the previous one. For instance, the good practices, recommendations, and case studies identifying gaps and vulnerabilities during capacity-building activities inform subsequent efforts in policy and institutional reform, training curricula, and transregional cooperation. Furthermore, CT PHARE remains responsive to requests from the EU, providing support for specific activities arising from the implementation of EU political priorities and/or counter-terrorism dialogues.

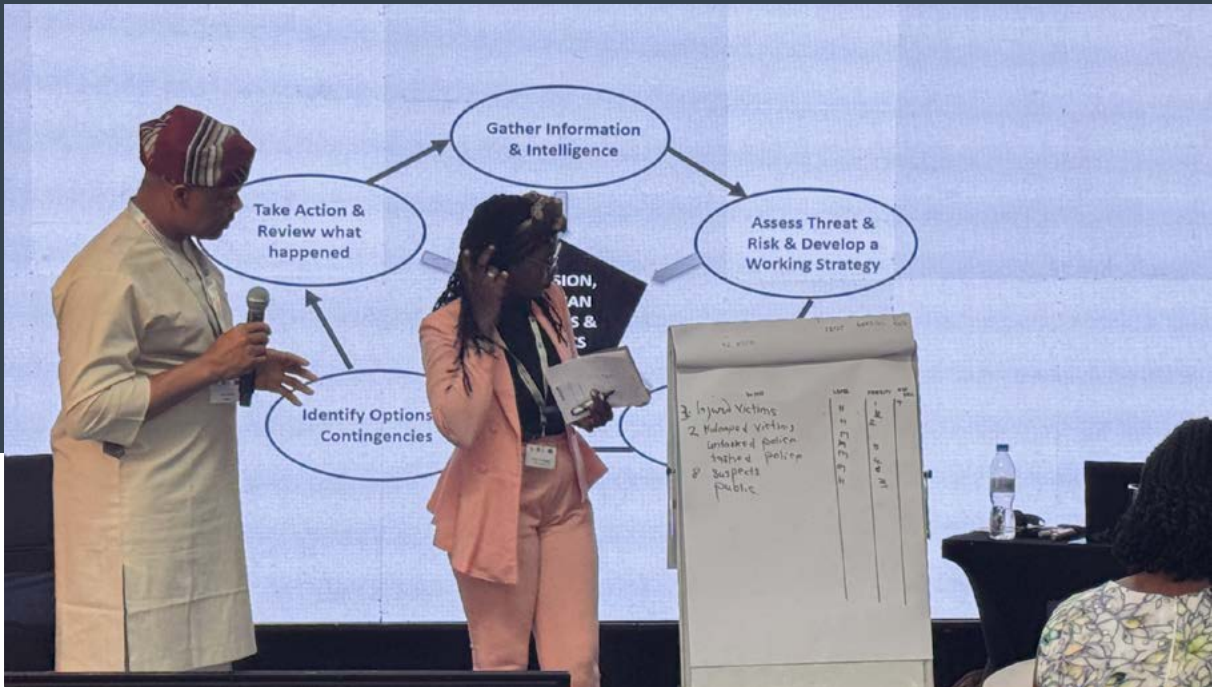


CT PHARE Target groups and beneficiaries

- **Criminal Justice Practitioners:** Senior and mid-level judges, prosecutors, intelligence officers, law enforcement and those involved in counter-terrorism policymaking, implementation, investigation, prosecution, and adjudication of terrorism cases.
- **Legal and Civil Society Actors:** Defence counsel, bar associations, human rights institutions, civil society organisations (CSOs), and community groups, with a particular focus on vulnerable populations at risk of human rights violations.
- **Policymakers and Government Stakeholders:** Officials from Ministries of Justice, Interior, and Foreign Affairs responsible for the development and implementation of counter-terrorism policies.

Notwithstanding CT PHARE operates globally, its efforts are primarily focused on the MENA region, East and West Africa, South and Southeast Asia, providing counter-terrorism policy and institutional support in alignment with human rights standards and the rule of law.





Coordination and Collaboration with existing efforts

Throughout 2025, the CT PHARE team attended numerous meetings, both online and in-person, with the European External Action Service (EEAS), the FPI, as well as with other EU counter-terrorism facilities, including CT JUST closing event, the EU-UN Global Terrorism Threats Facility, CT TECH+, CT INFLOW II, and the EU Organised Crime Facility EU ACT 2. The project also coordinated closely with EU Delegations and EU Counter-Terrorism and Security Experts in beneficiary countries across North Africa, the Middle East, West Africa, East Africa, and South-Southeast Asia. Furthermore, CT PHARE engaged with the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator and UN entities such as OHCHR, UNCTED, UNOCT/UNCCT, and UNODC, alongside international and regional organisations and government representatives, to plan and implement project activities effectively. All activities were delivered in full complementarity with existing bilateral and regional programmes.

CT PHARE strengthened partnerships with regional bodies, including the League of Arab States (LAS), the Arab Interior Ministers' Council (AIMC) and the African Union Counter-Terrorism Centre (AUCTC), and built communication channels with key government officials in Ministries of Justice, Interior, and Foreign Affairs across beneficiary countries. Engagement with political

actors allowed the team to assess security sector reform needs, identify legal, technical, and institutional gaps, and deliver targeted activities, including an awareness programme in Indonesia in partnership with UN CTED.

The project drew on the expertise of regional practitioners, justice sector training academies, human rights institutions, and regional courts, including the African and European Courts on Human Rights. These collaborations helped secure stakeholder buy-in, strengthen networks, and advance CT PHARE's objectives across North Africa, the Middle East, West Africa, East Africa, and Southeast Asia.

CT PHARE also benefited from IJ's GCTF status, collaborating with 32 GCTF members, the EU, and the IJ Governing Board of Administrators. These networks helped secure buy-in and strengthen relationships with State authorities, complementing the efforts of EU Delegations and EU Counter-Terrorism and Security Experts.

In Year 3 of the CT PHARE facility, running from 31 October 2024 to 31 October 2025, a series of activities were successfully implemented across all four workstreams aimed at enhancing human rights protections within counter-terrorism efforts.



Workstream 1:
Oversight and Accountability Mechanisms in Counter-Terrorism Operations:

An awareness-raising activity in Jakarta, Indonesia (May 2025); and the establishment of four Working Groups to operationalise the *GCTF Brussels Memorandum on Good Practices for Oversight and Accountability Mechanisms in Counterterrorism*.

Workstream 2:
Protection of Human Rights in Military and Militarised Responses:

Two Training of Trainers (ToT) activities in Tunis, Tunisia (February 2025) in cooperation with the AIMC and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (October 2025) in coordination with the AUCTC, aimed at equipping law enforcement practitioners with the skills and tools needed to train peers on the Human Rights-based Decision-Making Model (DMM).

Workstream 3:
Pre-Trial Detention and the Right to a Fair Trial:

A capacity-building activity in Ghana (January 2025) supported by the AUCTC to strengthen understanding of international standards on detention practices and fair trial rights in counter-terrorism cases for Anglophone African countries; and the presentation of the GCTF Criminal Justice and Rule of Law Working Group's Survey Report's recommendations during the GCTF Coordinating Committee Meeting in Doha, Qatar (October 2025).

Workstream 4:
On Demand:

Three missions to Baghdad, Iraq, to support the development of Iraq's National Counter-Terrorism Strategy 2026-2030, with the second mission held online.

All these activities were designed to address critical areas of counter-terrorism efforts, focusing on oversight and accountability mechanisms, human rights protection in militarised and military contexts, pre-trial detention, and the development of Iraq's National Counter-Terrorism Strategy 2026-2030. They were implemented with a focus on building long-term capacity, fostering international cooperation, and ensuring adherence to human rights standards.



Key Events and Engagements:

Throughout 2025, the CT PHARE team attended numerous meetings, both online and in-person, with regional and international partners to advance counter-terrorism and human rights initiatives. On 9-10 September in Hurghada, Egypt, the team participated in the AIMC's Eleventh Conference of Human Rights Officials in Arab Ministries of the Interior, delivering a presentation on its four Workstreams and highlighting ongoing collaboration with the AIMC Secretariat General. Following the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the IJ and AIMC, the Secretariat General attended the IJ Governing Board meeting in Malta on 29-30 October 2025 as an observer.

In Tunis, Tunisia, on 8-9 October, CT PHARE took part in the AIMC's Twenty-Eighth Arab Conference of Counter-Terrorism Officials and presented supporting initiatives related to Iraq's National Counter-Terrorism Strategy 2026-2030.

Between 7-8 October in Istanbul, Türkiye, the team attended the UNOCT Global Parliamentary Conference on Counter-Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism, where it presented the GTCF Brussels Memorandum with a focus on Parliamentary Oversight.

On 29-30 October in Doha, Qatar, CT PHARE contributed to the AIMC's Fourteenth Arab Conference of Heads of Security Training and Qualification Institutions, presenting the IJ Human Rights-Based DMM Toolkit and exploring its potential adoption by AIMC.



Stakeholder Engagement:

One of the standout strengths of CT PHARE in 2025 was its engagement with a diverse range of stakeholders across 52 countries. By involving regional organisations such as the AUCTC and AIMC, CT PHARE strengthened ownership at both local and regional levels. Its activities consistently bring together varied actors, including policymakers, civil society organisations, law enforcement, and judicial authorities, creating valuable platforms for dialogue, collaboration, and shared learning.



CT PHARE Events and Actions in 2025



CT PHARE and CTED joint Event on Strengthening Oversight and Accountability of National Security Agencies in South and South-East Asia

5 to 6 May - Jakarta, Indonesia

The event brought together 38 officials from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Maldives, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Thailand to deepen understanding and support implementation of the GCTF Brussels Memorandum, with a particular focus on intelligence and security sector oversight. International experts from the ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights also participated. Practitioners from Australia, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom also contributed, along with UN agencies, including OHCHR, UNODC, UNOCT, the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, the Ombudsperson of the UNSC ISIL (Da'esh) and Al Qaida Sanctions Committee. A substantive outcome of this activity was the establishment of the Intelligence Oversight Working Group for South and Southeast Asia (IOWG-SSA) in support of operationalisation of the Brussels Memorandum.



CT PHARE support on the development of Iraq's National Counter-Terrorism Strategy 2026-2030

May to September - Baghdad, Iraq

Iraq's Office of National Security Advisory (ONSA) formally requested CT PHARE's support in developing the updated counter-terrorism strategy, with a strong emphasis on human rights-based approaches. In response, CT PHARE delivered three targeted technical support missions from May to September 2025. These missions involved close collaboration with Iraqi government stakeholders to align the strategy with a whole-of-government and a whole-of-society approach whereby integrating human rights across all elements and particularly considering Iraq's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) recommendations. The final CT PHARE Recommendation Report which contained 15 strategic and 10 programmatic recommendations was delivered on 11 September 2025 to the National Counter-terrorism Committee at an event held in Baghdad, Iraq. The recommendations were adopted and included in the new Iraq National Counter-Terrorism Strategy 2026-2030.



CT PHARE and AIMC joint Training of Trainers on the Human Rights-Based Decision-Making Model (DMM) for Counter-Terrorism Operations in the African Union

20 to 24 October - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The event gathered 24 law enforcement practitioners from Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Djibouti, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, and Uganda. The programme blended expert-led sessions with interactive discussions and practical case studies, fostering a regional dialogue on integrating human rights principles into counter-terrorism operations. The ToT aimed at enabling participants not only to institutionalise rights-based decision-making but also to replicate and scale the model nationally, significantly amplifying impact beyond the immediate cohort. This activity was highly impactful due to its exceptionally strong evidence of direct operational uptake and multiplier effects. A very high proportion of participants reported already applying the DMM in investigations, prosecutions, and operational decisions, with several concrete examples of institutionalisation, including integration into national police and training-academy curricula. Engagement levels were consistently high, and confidence to mentor others was near universal, making this programme particularly effective in translating learning into sustained systemic change.



The Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) Brussels Memorandum Launch Event

10 to 11 December - Brussels, Belgium

The event brought together GCTF Members and representatives of other governments, oversight bodies, international organisations, civil society, and academia to officially launch the GCTF Brussels Memorandum on Good Practices for Oversight and Accountability Mechanisms in Counterterrorism. The Memorandum was widely viewed as a response to long-standing concerns about the expansion of executive powers and the erosion of procedural safeguards. Participants highlighted persistent gaps between legal frameworks and operational practice, notably in relation to administrative detention, information sharing, judicial redress, and emerging technologies. Attention was given to the risks posed by vague legal definitions, excessive secrecy, limited access to remedies, and the shrinking space for civil society. The Brussels Memorandum fills a critical gap in global policy and reflects the ability of the IJ and CT PHARE to drive high-level reforms.



Prosecution, Rehabilitation and Reintegration (PRR)

The IJ is partnering with the governments of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to advance a comprehensive approach to the Prosecution, Rehabilitation and Reintegration (PRR) of individuals returning from Iraq and Northeast Syria.

This three-year project (2025-2028), funded by the European Union's Foreign Policy Instrument (FPI), is co-implemented in consortium with the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF), and the International Centre of Excellence for Countering Extremism and Violent Extremism (Hedayah).

Since 2012, more than 4,000 people from Central Asia are believed to have joined the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and affiliated terrorist groups, making the region the third-largest source of foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs) globally. In Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, where significant numbers of nationals travelled to conflict zones, there is an urgent need for coordinated national strategies that address security risks while upholding human rights and supporting rehabilitation and social reintegration efforts.

In this context, the project will support Tajikistan and Uzbekistan in developing a sustainable, coordinated whole-of-government framework for the PRR of returnees from Iraq and Northeast Syria, thereby enhancing regional stability and social cohesion. It will provide targeted assistance while fostering operational collaboration among criminal justice institutions, frontline rehabilitation practitioners, and community-based reintegration initiatives.



Within this framework, the IJJ's intervention aims to strengthen criminal justice systems in investigating, prosecuting and managing complex terrorism cases, including those involving FTFs and individuals returning from conflict zones, in line with international standards and human rights obligations. Specifically, the IJJ's approach is organised around four interconnected workstreams:

Workstream 1:
Strengthening Institutional Frameworks for Differentiated PRR Responses:

Building national readiness and enhancing the capacity of justice actors to develop and apply standardised procedures, assessment criteria, and referral pathways for returnee-related investigations and prosecutions, ensuring evidence-based, rights-compliant, and coherent decision-making across the PRR chain.

Workstream 2:
Capacity-Strengthening for Criminal Justice Practitioners:

Equipping criminal justice practitioners with enhanced technical skills, tools, and coordinated approaches to conduct effective, rights-based prosecutions and strengthen the credibility of investigative and prosecutorial practices.

Workstream 3:
Enhancing Coordination Between Justice, Security, and Social Sector Actors for PRR:

Strengthening operational collaboration, information-sharing practices, and joint case management between agencies involved in the PRR of returnees, including law enforcement, judicial, and social service actors.

Workstream 4:
Legislative and Procedural Support:

Supporting criminal justice practitioners and policymakers in applying updated, rights-compliant legal frameworks that address legislative gaps, enable fair prosecution, and improve cross-border co-operation.

2025 Key Events and Engagements



High-Level Consultation with National Stakeholders from Tajikistan

22 to 23 July 2025 - Valletta, Malta

The IJ welcomed a delegation from the Republic of Tajikistan to its headquarters for in-depth consultations with key national stakeholders, including representatives from the General Prosecutor's Office, the Office of the President, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The consultation marked a significant milestone, fostering mutual trust and understanding, strengthening collaboration between the IJ and key national stakeholders, and ensuring that the IJ's proposed work plan was closely aligned with Tajikistan's national priorities for managing returnee cases. Discussions focused on identifying capacity gaps and agreeing on a sequenced approach to criminal justice support activities.



High-Level Consultation with National Stakeholders from Uzbekistan

1 to 2 October 2025 - Valletta, Malta

The IJ hosted an official delegation from the Republic of Uzbekistan, bringing together representatives from the Supreme Court, the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the General Prosecutor's Office, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and the State Security Service. The consultation enabled the IJ to align its technical assistance with Uzbekistan's national strategy and operational realities, while establishing the collaborative foundation needed for sustained engagement throughout the project's implementation.



Looking ahead (2026)

Building on the trust and alignment established through the 2025 high-level consultations, the programme will move into its operational phase in 2026 with the rollout of targeted activities across both countries:

In Uzbekistan, the IJJ will deliver specialised capacity-development trainings for investigators, prosecutors, and trial judges in close collaboration with the Law Enforcement Academy of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan. In addition, the IJJ stands ready to provide expert support to the implementation and operationalisation of Uzbekistan's upcoming National Strategy for the Prevention of Extremism and Terrorism (2026-2030), with a focus on justice-sector responsibilities and institutional coordination.

In Tajikistan, the IJJ will work with project consortium partners to support the development of an offline architecture for a multi-agency case information framework to harmonise practices across stakeholders involved in the PRR of returnees, including law enforcement, justice, social services, and community-based reintegration actors. The IJJ will also aim to support Tajikistan in enhancing its international cooperation mechanisms with key partner governments to strengthen operational and procedural cooperation for the exchange of evidence and information in terrorism cases.

Monitoring & Evaluation

In 2025, the IJ continued strengthening its monitoring and evaluation framework, consolidating a results-based approach focused on measuring tangible operational change within criminal justice systems addressing terrorism and transnational crime. The Institute's evaluation approach increasingly moved beyond compliance reporting to measuring changes in practitioners' capacity to investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate terrorism-related cases, and ultimately assessing the impact and extent to which the mission of the IJ generated operational and disruptive effects against terrorism.

Across the year, IJ activities trained more than **1,200 practitioners** from **over 80 countries**, equipping prosecutors, investigators, judges, and policymakers with practical tools to address evolving terrorist threats while upholding human rights and the rule of law. With IJ Alumni adapting as change-makers and effect multipliers in a dynamic and enduring threat landscape, post-activity assessments show over 90% of participants reporting increased knowledge of specific counter-terrorism techniques, while approximately half of alumni reported measurable changes in professional practice or institutional procedures within six months of participation.

An overview of our impact features practitioners-led inspiring stories of change, tangible solutions and innovative approaches to counter and prevent terrorism. While the IJ activities spark individual practice changes,

there remains room for improvement to ensure sustained and institutionalised embedding over time.

These changes are reflected in several **operational shifts**. Practitioners report stronger case-building capacity through improved handling of digital and battlefield evidence, enhanced admissibility of intelligence-derived information, and more structured inter-agency coordination during investigations. Activities addressing counter-terrorist financing have strengthened practitioners' ability to track illicit financial flows, supervise non-financial sectors, and support asset-forfeiture processes. At the same time, the integration of human-rights-based decision-making models has reinforced safeguards such as proportionality, judicial oversight, and the presumption of innocence, ensuring that counter-terrorism responses remain compliant with international legal standards.

Beyond individual skills development, the IJ programming increasingly contributes to durable **procedural, institutional and systemic change**, and as a catalyst for legislative reform awareness, bridging gaps between legislation and practice. In several partner countries, alumni have supported legislative or regulatory reforms, including provisions related to joint investigation teams, anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing frameworks, and sanctions frameworks, aligning national laws more closely with international standards and FATF benchmarks. Practical tools developed through IJ activities, including mutual legal assistance templates,



investigative guidelines, training-of-trainers models and national training curricula, are also being integrated into institutional practice, strengthening cross-border judicial cooperation and coordinated prosecutions.

Evaluation findings further indicate a structural evolution in the IJJ programming. Activities are no longer producing only short-term knowledge gains but increasingly generate **durable procedural adaptations within partner institutions**. Practitioners report applying investigative techniques, digital-evidence standards, and inter-agency cooperation mechanisms directly in ongoing cases, while national training institutes and prosecution services are progressively incorporating IJJ methodologies into their own curricula.

Another important impact dimension lies in the consolidation of the **IJJ alumni network as an operational cooperation platform**. Alumni report accelerated informal

cross-border coordination, trust-based information exchange, and embedding of IJJ methodologies within domestic institutions. This growing network reinforces sustainability by extending the Institute's engagement beyond individual activities and fostering a global community of counter-terrorism practitioners aligned with rule-of-law practices.

The IJJ programming has also adapted to the rapidly evolving threat landscape. Activities increasingly address emerging technological challenges such as cryptocurrency-based terrorist financing, online extremist propaganda, digital evidence admissibility, and the judicialisation of intelligence information. The integration of scenario-based simulations that mirror real operational pressures and complexities, investigation-to-verdict and tabletop exercises, and digital investigative tools further strengthens practitioners' readiness to respond to complex cross-border terrorism cases.



Strategic recommendations for future planning

Evaluation findings highlight several priorities to guide IJ programming in the coming cycle.

First, activities should **deepen technical specialisation** on emerging threats and their growing influence affecting international security, including virtual assets, artificial intelligence-enabled extremist activity, fintech misuse, and advanced digital investigations. As terrorist networks increasingly exploit technology, practitioners require adaptive specialised expertise to maintain investigative and prosecutorial effectiveness.

Second, activities should strive to deepen technical integration of **gender and child-sensitive approaches** beyond representation, as institutional gatekeeping mechanisms remain a structural barrier in certain contexts.

Third, programming should expand **scenario-based and simulation-driven learning formats**, integrating digital investigative

tools and iterative feedback loops to ensure that training translates into **operational readiness and rapid adaptation**, besides theoretical understanding.

Fourth, the **IJ alumni network should be further structured as a strategic cooperation ecosystem**, to enable the emergence of a global practitioners' network with communities of practice, advanced training editions, and peer-to-peer exchanges supporting sustained operational collaboration across regions.

Finally, the Institute should continue strengthening **institutional partnerships with national judicial actors**, enabling the procedural embedding and institutionalisation of IJ curricula within domestic judicial partner institutions to support long-term sustainability and national ownership of reforms; and also, with **like-minded international partners** to foster coherence in the design and transitioning to owned initiatives.



GCTF Coordination Committee (CoCo) Meeting, Egypt



Communications and Outreach

In 2025, the IJ continued to consolidate its role within the multilateral system by further deepening engagement with key international and regional organisations. These partnerships were reflected in active participation in one another's events, collaboration on areas of shared priority and mutual benefit, and coordinated outreach to donors. At the same time, the IJ maintained a diversified funding base, building on the strong foundation established in previous years. At the same time, the IJ further continued to diversify its funding and received pledges of more than €6.5 million in 2025.

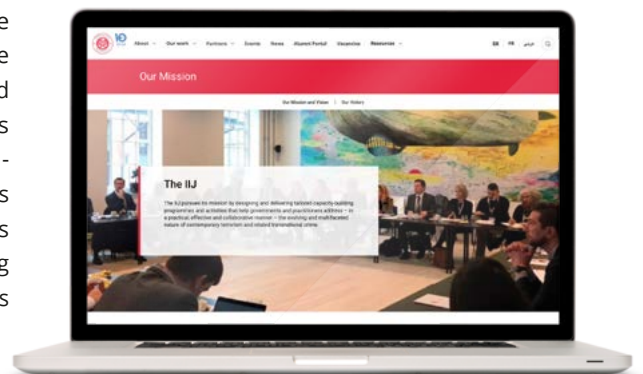
Outreach Updates

The IJ substantially expanded its engagements at both bilateral and multilateral levels, including:

- OSCE Ministerial - Valletta, Malta
- Strengthening Justice and Multilateral Cooperation: High-Level Conference on Repatriation at UNGA 80, New York - United States
- MEDays- Tangier, Morocco
- The Aqaba Process Talks – Rome, Italy
- IJ's Participation in the European Union Training Workshop – Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD9) – Tokyo, Japan
- Euro-Arab Judicial Training Network General Assembly Meeting – Kuwait City, Kuwait

Communications

The IJ's multilingual website, available in Arabic, English, and French, highlights the IJ's geographic focus and demonstrates the implementation of internationally recognised Good Practices. The website also features impact stories from IJ alumni and offers professional resources to support practitioners in their work. Additionally, the IJ maintains an active presence on social media, ensuring broad coverage of its activities and keeping its community informed and engaged.





Alumni

>1,600
NEW ALUMNI
MEMBERS IN 2025

5
ALUMNI
EVENTS



The IJ places strong emphasis on sustaining a dynamic and connected global alumni network. Throughout the year, the Institute convenes alumni in both virtual and in-person formats, creating spaces for dialogue in its official languages on evolving counter-terrorism and rule of law priorities. These engagements are designed not only to exchange knowledge, but also to reinforce a shared professional community grounded in trust and collaboration.

In parallel, the IJ has continued to modernise and expand its communications strategy. By strengthening its digital footprint, broadening its social media engagement and refining its trilingual website, the Institute has enhanced the accessibility and visibility of its work. This more integrated communications approach has supported wider dissemination of programme outcomes and increased interaction with partners, practitioners and stakeholders across regions.

A cornerstone of this effort is the Institute’s monthly virtual alumni series, developed in response to topics identified by the network itself and occasionally led by the alumni themselves. Sessions have addressed issues ranging from countering the financing of terrorism to practitioner-led reflections on emerging challenges in the field. Significantly, these events are delivered by alumni experts, demonstrating the depth of knowledge within the network and highlighting the enduring professional bonds fostered through the IJ’s programmes.







The IJJ and Malta

Malta

Malta provides a neutral learning environment where sensitive topics can be discussed in a constructive manner. It's the country's central location in the Mediterranean that makes it accessible to participants from across the IJJ regions. The IJJ is grateful for the Government of Malta's continued support and commitment to the IJJ mission and vision.

The IJJ – Valletta Campus

The University of Malta's Valletta Campus is a culturally and historically significant 16th century building located in Valletta, Malta's historical capital city. Construction on the Old University Building began in 1595, under Grand Master Martino Garzes. The exterior of the building was redesigned in a Baroque style in 1647.

In 2018, the IJJ Governing Board of Administrators determined that the IJJ would make its long-term home at the Old University Building. In 2019, the IJJ signed a memorandum of understanding with the University of Malta securing a 15-year lease for the IJJ at the University's Valletta Campus, continuing the invaluable partnership between the IJJ and the University. In 2020, the IJJ expanded its footprint with additional office space for the Academic Unit and CT Phare.

Throughout 2019 and 2020, the IJJ led engineering works to enhance and tailor the facilities required by the Institute's operational and training needs. This included restoration works, improvements to office functionality, additional security features and modern and energy efficient upgrades. Importantly, this work also included a partnership with the University of Malta to upgrade and refurbish the Aula Magna, the IJJ's main training facility and other conference spaces used for IJJ programmes.

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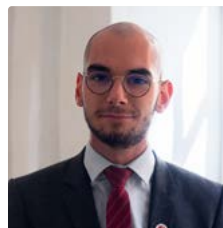


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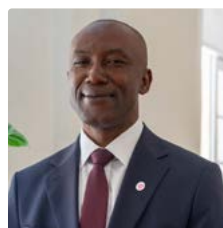
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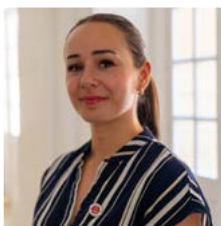
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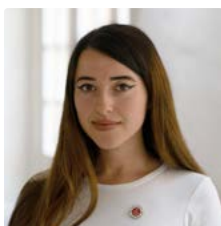
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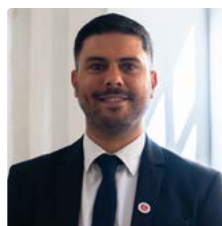
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The IJJ Advisory Board was established in 2019 with a mandate to provide non-binding strategic advice to the IJJ on a range of key areas, including programming, curriculum development, thematic and geographic areas of focus and partnerships. From partnering with the IJJ on specific projects, to supporting the development of capacity-building curricula, to identifying opportunities to leverage research and other networks for enhancing regional and international engagement, the IJJ's impressive Advisory Board plays an invaluable role in supporting the IJJ mission.

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