The IIJ Good Practices for Central Authorities expand on Good Practice 9 of the GCTF’s Rabat Memorandum on Good Practices for Effective Counterterrorism Practice in the Criminal Justice Sector, which calls for practices and procedures to encourage international cooperation in CT matters. The IIJ Good Practices also support implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions, including 2322 (2016) and 2396 (2017), which call on members to strengthen international judicial cooperation in countering terrorism, including through the designation of Central Authorities.
The Sahel-Maghreb Regional Workshop was held in Malta in March 2016. Central Authority practitioners from Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Egypt, Jordan, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Senegal, and Tunisia, joined the United States and the IIJ in identifying and developing consensus around an initial set of ten good practices for Central Authorities, which provided the framework for the next three regional workshops.

The Horn of Africa Regional Workshop was held in Malta in December 2017, co-hosted by Tanzania’s Attorney General’s Chambers. Central Authority practitioners and experts from Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania, along with colleagues from Malta, the United States, and UNODC, joined the IIJ for a three-day workshop aimed at sharing and discussing national and regional challenges, applying lessons learned and refining the draft good practices.

The Southeast Asia Regional Workshop, co-hosted by Indonesia’s Ministry of Law and Human Rights, was held in Jakarta, Indonesia, in May 2017. Central Authority practitioners from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, along with Australia, Japan, the United States, UNAFEI and UNODC, met in plenary and small group sessions to discuss the draft good practices and to share national experiences.

The South Asia Regional Workshop was held in New Delhi, India, in July 2018, co-hosted by India’s Ministry of Home Affairs. The three-day workshop brought together practitioners from Bangladesh, India, the Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, along with Japan, the United States, UNAFEI and UNODC, to discuss the IIJ’s draft good practices and to exchange views and lessons learned on the steps needed to create durable and effective Central Authorities.

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