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Side event on Bridging the gap: connecting research, policy, and practice on masculinities to more effectively prevent and counter terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism

Remarks on the Launch of the Gender and Identity Factors Platform

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Excellencies,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to join with you in launching the Gender and Identify Factors Platform, a vital initiative which we could only do with your support.

The Platform brings together knowledge and various stakeholders on gender and intersectional identity factors within CT/PCVE.

Its key feature is that it is a user-led, digital platform *solely* dedicated to gender and intersectionality in CT/PCVE.

It also reinforces the criticality of gender and intersectionality for effective counter-terrorism measures that are human-rights-compliant and gender-responsive.

It is also integrated into UNOCT's Connect and Learn Platform to ensure sustainability and to widen the pool of practitioners who have access to it.

The Platform offers several features:

First, it includes a library of research and various types of knowledge products to inform human-rights based mainstreaming of gender and intersectionality in CT/PCVE.

Second, through communities of practice, it will offer a space to discuss new and emerging trends, as well as good practices and lessons learned with regards to gender and intersectionality in CT/PCVE.

Third, it will offer training opportunities and events on emerging and specialized issues.

The library is accessible to all users regardless of their registration on the Platform. It is searchable by research themes, geographic scope, country, type, and year of publication.

To establish the library, UNOCT consulted with other UN entities and civil society. The initial batch of resources was handpicked by two expert consultants after an extensive mapping in 2022.

We will continuously update the library and look forward to receiving your human-rights based resources on gender and intersectionality for this purpose.

The *interactive* features of the Platform will be accessible only to registered users. To register, you may click on “sign up” at the top corner of the page.

A survey is currently active on the Platform to identify the priority themes to be discussed in communities of practice, the discussion modalities, and the preferred composition for communities of practice.

Finally, and mindful of the potential security risks associated with public engagement on such platforms, these communities of practice will have various privacy settings; they can be public; accessible only to registered Platform users; accessible to registered users who express interest to join that particular group; or accessible by invitation only.

We hope that these communities of practice will become a forum to safely discuss pertinent and emerging issues related to gender and intersectionality in CT/PCVE.

The first training to be offered on the Platform is directed at national institutions working on counter-terrorism and will be based on the findings of a survey and desk review undertaken by UNOCT earlier this year.

We hope this Platform will help to raise awareness and strengthen capacities on integrating gender and identity factors into the analysis that informs counter-terrorism measures, and we look forward to engaging with you on these important topics so that everyone gets it

Thank you.