

CICTE PROGRAM:

INTER-AMERICAN COUNTER-TERRORISM NETWORK

Description

The Organization of American States (OAS) through the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) is the only regional entity whose purpose is to prevent and combat terrorism in the Americas. CICTE promotes cooperation and dialogue among member states to counteract terrorism, in accordance with the principles of the OAS Charter, with the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism, and with full respect for the sovereignty of countries, the rule of law and international law, including international humanitarian law, international human rights law and international refugee law.

The Inter-American Convention against Terrorism makes reference to the need to adopt effective steps in the Inter-American system to prevent, punish, and eliminate terrorism through the broadest cooperation in order to facilitate the secure and rapid exchange of information.

According to Article 13(e) of its Statute, CICTE has “to promote, in accordance with the domestic laws of the member states, the exchange of information and experiences on effective ways and means to prevent, detect, investigate, and punish terrorism, and on the activities of persons, groups, organizations, and movements linked to terrorist acts, as well as the methods, sources of finance, and entities directly or indirectly protecting or supporting them, and their possible links to other crimes.”

During the Nineteenth Regular Session of CICTE held in Washington, D.C. (May 2019), it was discussed that although there are measures to facilitate information flows, OAS Member States still do not have an efficient and safe mechanism to exchange information among competent national authorities against possible terrorist threats.

The purpose of the Network is to facilitate operational information sharing in real time to prevent and counter-terrorism in the region.



Alexis Ludwig, Deputy U.S. Permanent Representative to the OAS, Ambassador Nathan A. Sales, State Department Coordinator for Counterterrorism, OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro, and Ambassador Rita Claverie, Permanent Council Chair, signed the agreement on October 3, 2019.

Beneficiary countries



Goals

- Provide secure access to a directory of relevant people and institutions designated by the Member States.
- Strengthen cooperation between people and institutions designated by each country.
- Encourage the exchange of experiences and better practices with other multilateral organizations that manage similar networks.



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Activities



Facilitate the exchange of information between member countries through the directory of contacts.

- Promote meetings with other international organizations that have similar networks to exchange experiences.
- Facilitate virtual and in person meetings of focal points in key agencies of participating states.
- Connect member countries of the Network 24/7.



Achievements

Secure Platform

A secure online platform with a directory of contacts.

Nine official meetings

organized with the Network's focal points (through January 2024).

All Linked

We have linked all participating countries of the Network.



Strategic partner

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