



At the same time, terrorism and violent extremism do not happen in a vacuum. There are many factors that contribute as drivers, enablers, or aggravators to create the conditions in which terrorism and violent extremism can take place. And along the way, there are also many opportunities for countries, through their criminal justice system--as well as other institutions and civil society--to counter such conditions and narratives that may lead to radicalization, recruitment, and criminal actions that produce terrorism. Adopting a comprehensive, integrated, and whole-of-society strategic and operational approach is imperative and requires the inclusive engagement





Counter-terrorism laws, strategies, and institutions, can become more inclusive and integrated. More segments of society can be convinced to become allies to help counter the corrupt narrative of radicalization that often target the marginalized. Criminal justice systems' outreach to civil society, the youth, women, and minorities, and addressing the inequalities and inequities that fracture societies, all can help inoculate a society from the risks of radicalization to violent extremism, help victims and survivors of terrorism, and heal communities.

At UNODC, we remain fully committed to this cause and will continue, in partnership with all Global Compact partners, to support Member States build stronger and smarter criminal justice responses to preventing and countering terrorism.

Thank you so very much to our distinguished panel and to all participants.