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You are here today because your government has selected you to become an agent of positive change in the fight against terrorism. And other countries trusted us in this programme.

In the forthcoming weeks, you will be immersed in a rigorous curriculum that will provide you with specialized knowledge and a set of competencies which are crucial to effectively prevent, counter, and investigate acts of terrorism.

Through a series of modules, lessons, and practical exercises, you will not only refine your individual capabilities but also strengthen our collective effort to safeguard our communities and uphold the values of peace and security.

The accreditation of this training by the Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane and the Executive Masters diploma that will be awarded to those who successfully complete the programme, underlines the quality of the instruction you will receive. It also constitutes a major opportunity for your professional development, and contribution to your nation's counter-terrorism efforts.

I encourage you to embrace every day as an opportunity for advancement and progress in your respective countries' fight against an enemy that too often strikes our communities.

I also encourage you to actively engage with your peers, the experts, practitioners, and instructors that will share their knowledge. Our STOCTI programme is an opportunity to build working relations with other African and international colleagues and strengthen our collective response to terrorism.

In conclusion, I wish each of you an enriching and successful experience during this training program.

Thank you.