

Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this side event dedicated to strengthening cooperation between the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact and regional organizations. I would like to start by thanking the African Union and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation for co-organizing this important event together with the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism.

The Charter of the United Nations placed regional collaboration at the heart of the Organization's mandate.

Our founders were wise to see that in today's complex and fast-evolving world, there is no single organization that can guarantee peace, stability, and growth on its own.

Now more than ever, the effectiveness of the United Nations rests on a stronger and more robust cooperation with regional and sub-regional

recommendations, adding a regional focus to respective agenda items, and strengthening their engagement with Member States, civil society, and the private sector.

And the Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Committee approved in December 2021 seven practical steps emphasizing the role of partnerships with Member States and regional and sub-regional organizations. So, we have a very good infrastructure in place to proceed forward in our cooperation with regional organizations.

The work of the Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact and regional organizations should be complementary.

We are ready to enhance our cooperation in the areas of logistics, capabilities, training, and deployment, as well as innovative financing arrangements through opportunities facilitated by the Compact Platform and its respective workstreams.

In this spirit, UNOCT will co-organize with the Government of Nigeria an African Counter-Terrorism Summit