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BORDER SECURITY AND MANAGEMENT (BSM)

The UNCCT-UNCTED Biometric Initiative



The Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

- ❖ The UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy was adopted on 8 September 2006. In the form of a resolution and annexed action plan (A/RES/60/288), it is a unique instrument that strengthens **national, regional and international efforts to combat terrorism.**
- ❖ It is the first time that all Member States have agreed on a common strategic approach to this cause.
- ❖ The General Assembly reviews the strategy every two years, making it a living document that is adapted to **Member States' counter-terrorism priorities.**





I. Biometric Systems in the context of Border Security and Management



UNSCR 2396 (2017) “Decides that Member States shall *develop and implement systems to collect biometric data*, which could include fingerprints, photographs, facial recognition, and other relevant identifying biometric data, in order to responsibly and properly identify terrorists, including foreign terrorist fighters, in compliance with domestic law and **international human rights law**.

Encourages Member States to *share this data responsibly* among relevant Member States, as appropriate, and with INTERPOL and other relevant international bodies

Calls upon other Member States, international, regional, and sub-regional entities to provide technical assistance, resources, and capacity building to Member States in order to implement such systems.”

The UN Compendium

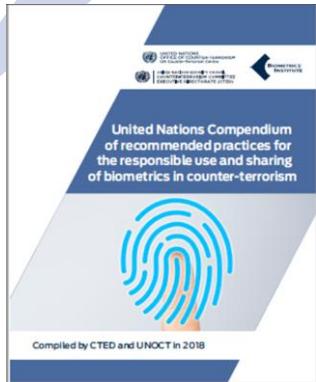
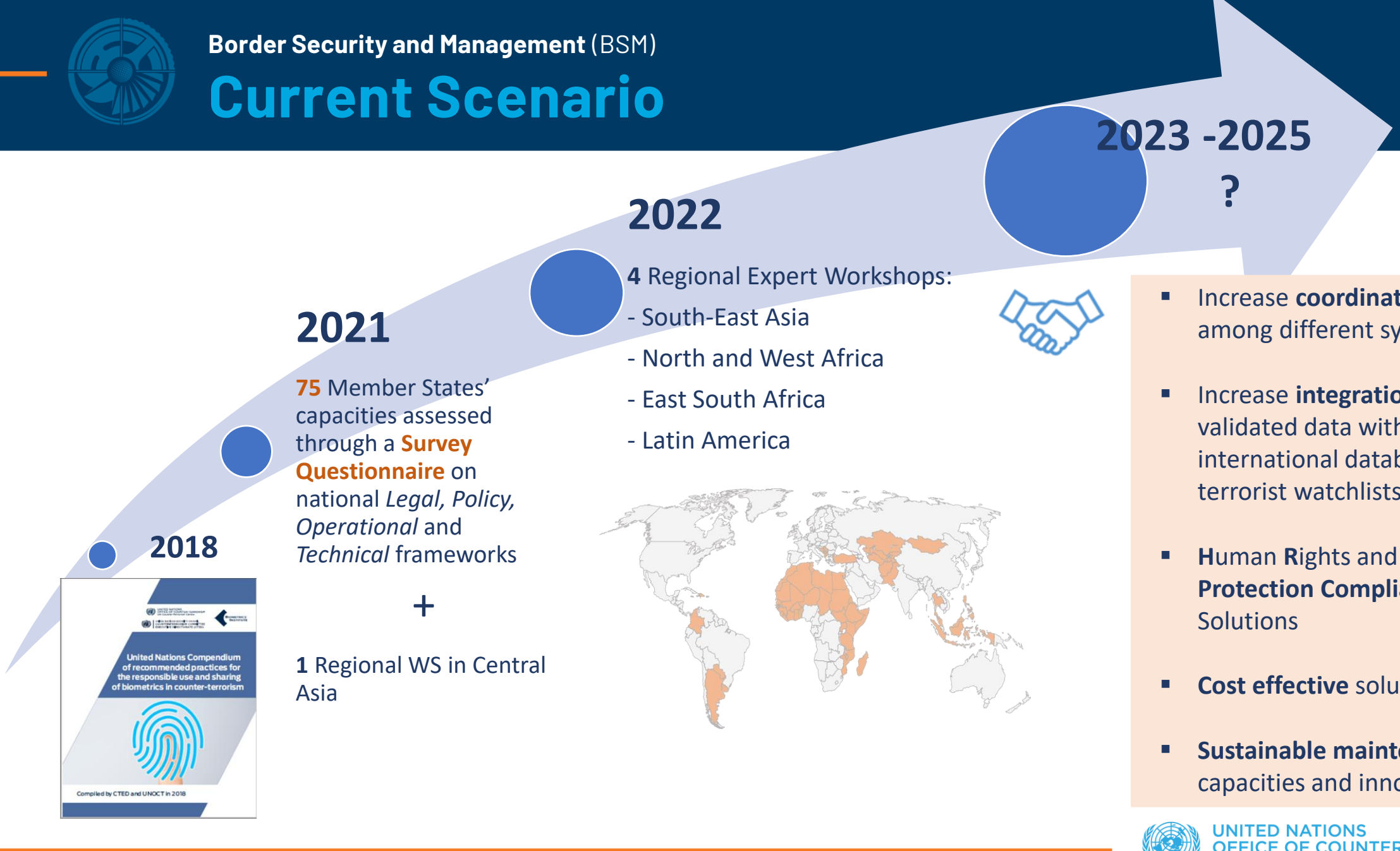


- ✓ Enrolment Quality Assurance of the Data
- ✓ Compliance with legal framework
- ✓ Effective operational frameworks on Technological & Data Protection Standards
- ✓ Integration with Watchlists and Databases
- ✓ Output Management and Admissibility of Evidence





Current Scenario



2018

75 Member States' capacities assessed through a **Survey Questionnaire** on national *Legal, Policy, Operational* and *Technical* frameworks

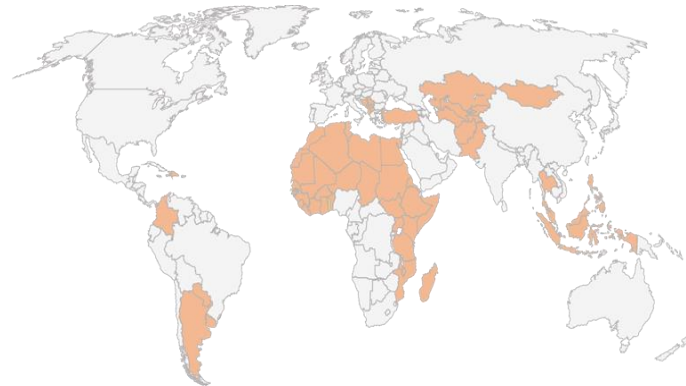
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- South-East Asia
- North and West Africa
- East South Africa
- Latin America



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- Increase **coordination** among different systems
- Increase **integration** of validated data with relevant international databases and terrorist watchlists
- **Human Rights and Data Protection Compliant** Solutions
- **Cost effective** solutions
- **Sustainable maintenance** of capacities and innovation





Risk Assessments on the use of Biometrics in Counter Terrorism

- ✓ TRUST
- ✓ COMPLIANCE
- ✓ SUSTAINABILITY



Thank you | Merci beaucoup | شكرا جزيلاً | Спасибо | Gracias | 谢谢

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