Special Interest Group Meeting:
Counter-Terrorism Network for Prosecutors

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About the Institute for Security Studies:

- The Institute for Security Studies (ISS) is an African organisation – and is based in Pretoria, with offices in Dakar, Addis Ababa, and Nairobi
- We work to enhance human security through research, policy analysis and advice, and provide training and technical assistance to African governments and institutions
- Our counter-terrorism work focuses on strengthening the investigation, prosecution, and adjudication of counter-terrorism and other transnational crimes in Africa
About the Institute for Security Studies (contd):

• We have been supporting counter-terrorism prosecutions through a programme of capacity-building activities, technical assistance to national prosecuting agencies, and facilitating the sharing of lessons and experiences from African prosecutors on the global stage.

• We work through direct relationships with DPP’s offices, and other institutions such as the Africa Prosecutors Association.
How the IAP Network could work:

• Promote good practices, norms and standards developed to assist member states in their efforts to implement their requirements to bring terrorists to justice,

• Serve as a hub for the sharing of information on new trends, challenges and good practices in the prosecution of terrorism,

• Increase the capacity of criminal justice and law enforcement officials to effectively investigate, prosecute and adjudicate terrorism cases

• Offer guidance to prosecutors in their efforts to implement UN security council resolution 1373(2001)
How the IAP Network could work (contd.).

• Promote regional and international cooperation among prosecutors and law enforcement officials in the area of terrorism,

• Support prosecutors to share experiences, canvass ideas with peers which will enrich investigations, reduce costs and expedite prosecutions,

• Encourage the sharing of good practices and dissemination of lessons learnt; and

• Improve the exchange of crucial information and data quickly and efficiently.
How the Network could operate:

- The Network could take the form of a web-based platform, in line with the other IAP special interest groups.
  - Information shared would be public access documentation, and not require additional security.
- Capacity-building and networking activities for prosecutors would be planned, based on available funding.
Key questions for this discussion:

• Would you join and use such a network?
• What activities should it undertake to best serve the needs of prosecutors?