CALL FOR REPORT PROPOSALS:

Assessing the UN's Counter-Terrorism Architecture in the AI Age

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) New York Office is seeking a partner organization for a report examining the opportunities and risks posed by Artificial Intelligence (AI) for counter-terrorism efforts, as well as its implications for the United Nations' counter-terrorism architecture.

Rapid developments in AI are dramatically changing the counter-terrorism landscape. Terrorist groups and actors are weaponizing AI to enhance their operational capabilities, thereby amplifying threats. At the same time, AI technology offers opportunities for Member States and the international community to strengthen and expand capabilities to prevent and counter terrorism.

Adopted in 2006 and having recently undergone its 9th Review, the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (A/RES/60/288) presents the multilateral response to this persistent global threat and serves as the anchor for the UN's counter-terrorism architecture. As AI technology and use continue to accelerate, it is imperative that this institutional framework adequately takes into account AI's dual-use considerations, strengthening multilateral efforts to counter the malicious use of AI by terrorist actors and strengthening Member States' AI-supported counter-terrorism operational capabilities.

In view of the above, the KAS New York Office seeks to develop a report aimed at diplomats, policymakers, and security experts that will explore:

- The challenges presented by AI as a threat multiplier for terrorist actors;
- The implications of AI for the UN's counter-terrorism architecture;
- Recommended measures to ensure the UN's counter-terrorism architecture is adequately equipped for this new operational reality.

The report will be published in English (both print and digital versions).

KEY DELIVERABLES

The scope of the assignment includes:

- Planning and development of the report's research design;
- Organizing a virtual consultation call with key experts;

- Drafting and revising the report, including designing and proofreading the report's layout;
- Presenting the report during an in-person event at the KAS New York Office to disseminate findings among the expert and diplomatic community

The report should have an approximate page length of 40-50 pages.

The proposed deadline for finalizing the report would be by the end of May 2027.

Please send a brief project proposal (no more than 4 pages) to Teresa.Val@kas.de by December 2, 2026.

Proposals should include a budget breakdown, indicating the number of working days needed and the cost per day (in USD).