

Position Name: Senior Strategic Adviser on Counter-Terrorism	Employment Regime: Seconded	
Ref. Number: IAO 521	Location: Baghdad, Iraq	Availability: 03 Jul 2025
Component/Department/Unit: Operations Department/ Law Enforcement Agencies	Security Clearance Level: NOT REQUIRED	Open to Contributing Third States: Yes

1. Reporting Line:

The Senior Strategic Adviser on Counter-Terrorism reports to the Head of Law Enforcement Agencies Component (HoLEAC).

2. Main Tasks and Responsibilities:

- To operationalise the Mission mandate and tasks as set out in the planning documents and the Mission Implementation Plan through strategic advice to local counterparts;
- To support the Mission to address areas of structural weaknesses in the performance and accountability of counterparts/institutions and propose relevant solutions;
- To provide analysis and recommendations to the local counterparts in the area of responsibility;
- To maintain necessary contacts and build relationships with relevant local counterparts;
- To liaise closely with other horizontal advisers;
- To provide back-stopping to the Senior Strategic Advisers on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism when needed;
- To ensure coordination and cooperation with relevant international partners in the field of CT;
- To support the development of the relevant local institutions in the field of Counter Terrorism through Strategic Advice;
- To be the key interlocutor with the relevant local institutions responsible for implementing the Iraqi CT Strategy;
- Through Strategic Advice support the development of policies in line with the local institutions responsible for implementing the Iraqi CT Strategy.

3. General Tasks and Responsibilities:

- To identify and report on lessons learned and best practices within the respective area of responsibility;
- To contribute and ensure timely reporting on activities within the respective area of responsibility;
- To take account of gender equality and human rights aspects in the execution of tasks;
- To undertake any other related tasks as requested by the Line Manager(s).

4. Essential Qualifications and Experience:

- Successful completion of university studies of at least 4 years attested by a diploma OR a qualification in the National Qualifications Framework which is equivalent to level 7 in the European Qualifications Framework OR a qualification of the second cycle under the framework of qualifications of the European Higher Education Area, e.g. Master's Degree OR equivalent and attested police and/or military education or training or an award of an equivalent rank; AND
- A minimum of 6 years of relevant professional experience, after having fulfilled the education requirements.

5. Essential Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Experience in providing strategic advice and motivating local counterparts in an international context;
- Knowledge and experience of working in the field of counter terrorism on a higher strategic level;
- Knowledge and experience of the EU CT facilities;
- Experience of designing trainings.

6. Desirable Qualifications and Experience:

- International experience, particularly in crisis areas with multinational and international organisations. (e.g CSDP-, UN- or OSCE Missions);
- Experience and skills of managing cultural differences in negotiations and advising in an international context;
- Knowledge of Iraqi security institutions and dynamics.

7. Desirable Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to mentor and motivate local counterparts;
- Ability to engage with senior officials on a government level decisionmakers;
- International experience from working in fragile and conflict affected states, bilaterally or with multi-national and international organisations;
- Experience in project management;
- Experience with EU JHA/CT policies and relevant EU JHA agencies;
- Knowledge of Arabic.