

Three-Day Training Program On “Countering the Financing of Terrorism Mock-Trial for Judges and Prosecutors BATCH-02 (FROM 13 – 15 MARCH 2023)



Background Context

❖ The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) under country program 2022-2025 (Sub-Programme IV: Preventing & Countering “Terrorism”) was planning to organize two mock-trial workshops on countering the financing of terrorism (CTF) for Judges, Prosecutors, and Investigators on 07-09 March 2023 and 13-15 March 2023 in Karachi at Sindh Judicial Academy (SJA).

❖ The objective of mock-trial workshops was to improve the understanding of criminal justice practitioners in Sindh on the legal framework related to CTF in addition to the trial process through hands-on exercises, particularly focusing on courtroom skills and techniques. The participants would role-play as investigators, prosecutors, witnesses, and jury by working together to present a fictitious trial of a terrorism financing case. The workshop would provide an opportunity for participants to enhance their skills and knowledge of legal procedures and strategies through peer mentoring and feedback.

Brief Introduction to Training

❖ In the context above, the Sindh Judicial Academy arranged a “Three-Day Training Program on “Countering the Financing of Terrorism Mock-Trial” (**Batch-02**) on 13-15 March 2023 at Sindh Judicial Academy. In this interactive/practical session, a total of 21

participants (05 District & Sessions Judges and 16 Prosecutors) attended.

Salient Proceedings

❖ On Day-01, in the Inaugural Session, Mr. Farhan Ali Nawazish and Ms. Sania Rubab (Representatives of UNODC) conducted the following activities:

- Registration of participants
- Opening remarks
- Introduction of participants
- Working methodology
- Objectives of the workshop
- Pre-Assessment

❖ In Session-I, the following topics were discussed:

- CFT Regime in Pakistan
- Recent emerging trends of TF
- The Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997
- The Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2010

❖ In Session II, the following topics were discussed:

- Identifying loopholes
- Shortcomings
- Grey areas in the investigation

- Prosecution in TF cases
- Feedback from participants

❖ On Day-02, in Session-I, the following topics were discussed:

- Role of FMU
- Intelligence sharing and STR/CTR
- Formal/Informal Cooperation with foreign FIUs
- Understanding cryptocurrencies and the dark web was discussed

❖ In Session II, the following activities were conducted:

- Brief mock trial methodology, group formations, and distribution of documents
- Mock Trial preparation

❖ In Session III, the following activities were conducted:

- Mock Trial
- Distribution of case file for a case scenario

❖ On Day-03, in Session II, the following activities were conducted:

- Brief mock trial methodology, group formations, and distribution of documents
- Mock Trial preparation

❖ In Session II, the following activities were conducted:

- Mock Trial preparation – finalizing

❖ In Session III, the following activities were conducted:

- Mock Trial
- Distribution of case file for a case scenario

❖ At the end of Day-03, post assessment was conducted.

Conclusion

In the concluding session, participants were awarded certificates.

