

**International Workshop on Countering the Financing of Terrorism**  
**14-16 January 2009**  
**Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

The Consortium for Countering the Financing of Terrorism (CCFT) conducted an International Workshop on Countering the Financing of Terrorism in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on 14-16 January 2009. Conducted at the invitation of the Government of Uzbekistan, the Workshop aimed to strengthen the counter terrorist finance capacity of both the government and the private sector. The Workshop held at Association of Banks in Tashkent, Uzbekistan was attended by representatives of the Central Bank, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the General Prosecutors Office, security and intelligence agencies, law enforcement authorities, the military, public and private banks.

The main aims of the workshop were threefold. The first was to create awareness among the stakeholders regarding the threat of terrorist financing. The second was to attempt and build capacity locally among the government and banking officials in Uzbekistan by providing them the knowledge and expertise required to analyze issues of terrorist financing and how to counter it. Finally, the importance of public private partnerships in the war against terrorism in general and terrorist financing in particular was put forth during the workshop highlighting the Singapore model. The Consortium for Countering the Financing of Terrorism (CCFT) launched in Singapore in February 2008 created a platform for a public-private sector partnership to combat terrorist finance. For an important regional player like Uzbekistan; with a number of banks and financial institutions and located at the heart of Central Asia, the workshop was intended to be one of the many areas in which Uzbekistan is expected to play the major role in leading the war against terrorism in the region.

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