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CBRNE TERRORISM SUB-DIRECTORATE



OPERATION S³OMMET

The **S**afe, **S**ecure, **S**urveillance **O**f
Microbiological **M**aterial and
Emerging **T**echnologies

To better support its member countries in ensuring the safety and security of biological materials and emerging technologies, which have the potential to be used for criminal purposes, INTERPOL created Operation S³OMMET. The goal is to enhance the safety and security of biological materials in regions where it is most needed, through raising awareness among law enforcement, public health officials, biosafety professionals and academia of how to safely and securely handle microbiological materials and safeguard their access.

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Goal

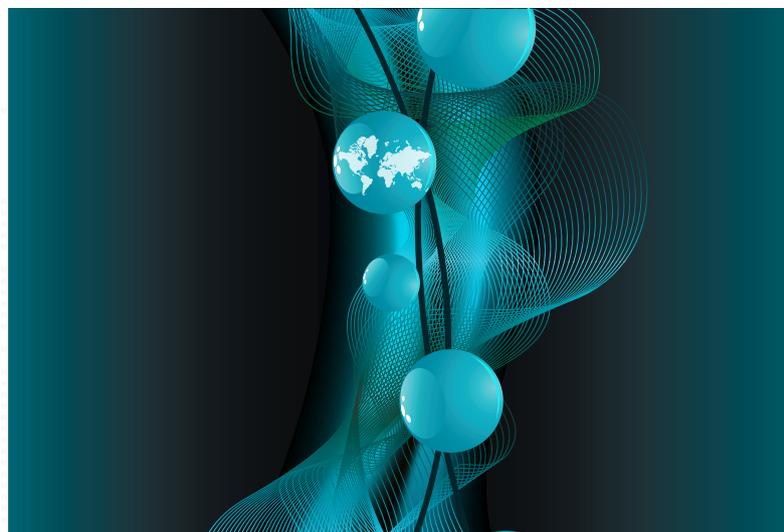
Science is advancing at such a rate that there is also a need to monitor emerging technologies so that guidance can be provided regarding its use and safeguarding, without impeding future scientific developments. In addition to safeguarding biological materials, Operation S³OMMET also aims to enhance the implementation of disease surveillance mechanisms on a global scale.

Strategy

Leveraging partnerships with relevant regional and international organizations and agencies working in the field of biosafety and biosecurity is a key aspect of the project. In collaboration with the International Federation for Biosafety Associations and the Connecting Organizations for Regional Disease Surveillance, INTERPOL will conduct a series of regional workshops to spread awareness and perform gap and analysis in the regions where it is needed the most.

Activities

- Assemble multi-agency representatives from law enforcement, public health, academia and biosafety, to work together in ensuring the protection of the biosciences from malicious activity;
- Allow INTERPOL's member countries to raise their concerns and discuss the support they need to improve safety, security and surveillance within the biosciences and related emerging technologies;
- Provide ongoing support and guidance to targeted regions and individual countries relating to the safeguarding of the biosciences;
- Empower the targeted regions to form close links and work together in the future.



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