Multilateral Engagement for Prevention
Terrorism and violent extremist are persistent global threats to public safety, international stability, and prosperity – threats that are not constrained by any border, nationality, or ideology. This is a challenge area that the international community must confront together. There is a significant need for coordinated, objective, independent research to better understand terrorism and violent extremism, and the efficacy and impact of allied responses, so that we may better inform operational and policy communities responsible for public well-being.

Five Research and Development (5RD)
The 5RD framework provides a forum to enable broad-ranging cooperative R&D among the public safety and security entities of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States. In 2015, the 5RD Countering Violent Extremism Network (CVEN) was inaugurated with the primary goal of convening officials from the policy, R&D, and operational communities of their respective countries to plan, conduct, share, and disseminate applied research to deliver new knowledge and capabilities on prevention.

Network Objectives
Primary goals of the Network are to ensure that participant nations are better prepared to divert individuals from radicalization to violence, to prevent individuals from carrying out attacks, to mitigate the impact of terrorist and violent extremist events, and to develop community and individual resilience to terrorism. These goals and objectives are pursued by encouraging:

- **Smart investments** by coordinating on problems of mutual interest
- **Accelerated Schedules** by sharing workload among 5RD partners
- **Unique solutions** through exposure to new partners, networks, research and capabilities
- **Peer validation** through consistent and systematic communication among experts

Joint Priority Areas
Since its inception, the Network has been able to communicate the results of member country research, coordinate and collaborate on future research, and develop group identity. By identifying member countries’ current priorities, as well as notable gaps in research, the Network develops shared priority areas for future CVEN research and knowledge sharing activities.

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Accomplishments and Work Plan
The Network’s contributions have been recognized by the Five Country Ministerial (FCM) Working Group on CVE. This has led to the inclusion of the CVEN as a key partner to help deliver the Working Group’s commitments as approved by the representative ministers of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United States. The Network has delivered products to the Working Group which have been utilized in policy development, including for interaction with the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism.

**“From Minutes to Months” FCM Workplan Deliverable.** Delivered an understanding of how harms can be exacerbated and/or mitigated following terrorist attacks based on media and social media reporting, and public messaging. This was shared across CVEN policy partners.

**Campbell Collaboration Systematic Reviews.** The Network is producing systematic reviews to identify programs and practices supported by evidence and empirical testing in order to inform policy and support operational decision making.

**NATO Evaluation Support for CVE at the Local Level.** This is the first social science project in the 60-year history of NATO SPS, and the group is working with select CVE practitioners and researchers from 7 countries to collaboratively design and implement CVE program evaluations in partnership with one another.

In 2020, the Network aims to conduct collaborative efforts to:

- Evaluate post-incarceration risk models
- Develop training for assessment and treatment of returning children returning from conflict zones
- Develop and disseminate shared, internationally relevant evaluation standards, guidance, and tools
- Disseminate public health models for violence prevention support at local levels