

Overview of Activities – Quarterly Briefing to Member States July 25, 2019



UNOCT/UNCCT – Pillar I&IV

- **Focus areas**

- Human Rights and Countering Terrorism
- Victims of Terrorism
- PCVE Plans and Strategic Communications
- Civil Society Engagement
- Youth Engagement
- Gender



Civil Society Engagement

- Civil Society Engagement Strategy under development
- Consultations are ongoing, and have so far been held with:
 - UN Entities
 - CSOs
 - Regional Organizations
- Internal baseline on current status of UNOCT engagement with civil society under development
- Surveys to be sent to CSOs, UN entities, and Member States to inform the strategy



Youth Programme and Gender

- UNOCT/UNCCT is developing a comprehensive Youth Programme to reinforce and promote the positive contribution of youth in PCVE-efforts.
 - National and regional consultations are being organized.
- A draft youth consultation guide has been developed with the UN Major Group for Children and Youth.
- Network of youth focal points across the UNOCT under development.
- Arrival of the Gender Adviser on 21 July



PVE Through Strategic Communications Project

- Successful implementation launched in South East Asia, East Africa, Middle East, the Caribbean, including:
 - Six workshops in the Philippines focused on detailed StratCom technical support for the National Action Plan for P/CVE;
 - A co-design workshop with IGAD's Centre of Excellence on P/CVE in Ethiopia;
 - A workshop with CSOs working with vulnerable young people in Jordan; and
 - A co-design workshop with SEARCCT in Malaysia



PVE Through Strategic Communications Project

- New PVE StratCom partnerships:
 - CTED, UNAOC, IGAD, SEARCCT with the European Union and UK's Global Coalition to Counter Daesh
- Remainder of 2019 will focus on:
 - Further work in South East Asia
 - A regional workshop with IGAD Member States in October
 - Technical support to the CARICOM CT Strategy
 - Support to Sri Lanka and Iraq



Victims of Terrorism Support Programme (VoTSP)

- **Key activities:**

- Victims of Terrorism (VoT) documentary series; Handbooks of Good Practices; Advocacy and Outreach; and UN Victims of Terrorism Support Portal
- Since its launch in 2014, the Portal has had over 450,000 pageviews
- 30% increase in users between April-June 2019 than during the same period in 2018

- **Expansion of VoTSP :**

- Including establishment of the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism and GA resolution 73/305 on enhancing international cooperation for victims of terrorism
- UNCCT provided with stronger and broader mandate to expand the VoTSP
- Activities for International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism (21 August): screenings (20 Aug); a photographic exhibition (21 Aug) and a Brown Bag discussion with victims (22 Aug)



— UNCCT – Pillar II

- Countering the Financing of Terrorism
- Border Security and Management
- WMD/CBRN
- Counter-Terrorism Training
- Cyber, Technology, AI
- South-South Cooperation



Countering the Financing of Terrorism

- Strategic support to FATF-style regional bodies
- Practical training of officials on CFT best practices
- Expansion of products to include NPOs, FTFs and virtual currencies
- Increasing number of partnerships with national agencies to ensure hands-on training opportunities
- Expansion of CFT programming to meet SCR 2462



Border Security and Management Programme

- Flexibility to respond to emerging threats, needs of Member States, priorities of donors
- Close coordination with Global Compact partner entities - including the ability to respond to CTED assessments
- Incorporation of gender and human rights elements
- Sustainability through national ownership: ToT programming and ongoing mentoring



Cyber-Security, AI and New Technologies Unit

Social media investigation of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs) to enhance the skills of officials in relation to the exploitations of social media and the internet to counter the FTFs phenomenon and violent extremism

- In 2019 and 2020 UNCCT will work with Member States to raise awareness through Regional Workshops
- Deployment of in-depth pilot training for countries



WMD/CBRN programme

- Concern about the threat of terrorists acquiring and using WMD/CBRN
- In 2018 UNCCT launched a Programme on Preventing and Responding to WMD/CBRN terrorism
- Enhancing capacities of MSs, IOs and UN entities to prevent terrorist organizations from accessing and using WMD and/or CBRN materials and to ensure that they are better prepared for, and can more effectively respond to, a terrorist attack involving such weapons or materials



WMD/CBRN programme

- Within WMD programme, UNOCT-UNCCT developed three multi-year pilot projects, to support Member States:
 - Enhancing Capabilities to Prepare for and Respond to a CBRN Terrorist Attack in Jordan;
 - Enhancing National Capacities to Prevent and Respond to Chemical and Biological Terrorist Attacks in Iraq; and
 - Promoting universalization and effective implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism



- **Focus Areas**

- Standing up programme delivery in the field, through existing UN Offices:
 - Central Asia (UNRCCA/Ashgabat, January 2019)
 - Asia-Pacific (July 2019)
 - West-Africa (UNOWAS/Nouakchott, August 2018)
 - South, East and Central Africa (TBD)
 - North Africa and Middle East (TBD)
- National Strategy Development Assistance emphasizing short, medium and long-term implementation frameworks
- Developing new business models to provide subject matter expertise on the ground



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4 main functions:

- Leading in the development of **UNOCT surge capacity** to better assist Member States to respond to continuously evolving terrorist threats and related challenges;
- Leading in the conceptualization, development and implementation of **special technical assistance programmes in new areas**, that require increased coordination and partnership with other Global Compact entities;
- Leading in the enhancement of **partnership** including with private sector, Academia and CSOs to enhance UNOCT's specialized and broad support to Member States in preventing and countering terrorism;
- Leading in the identification and divulgation of **innovative and technological solutions** applied to preventing and countering terrorism, including in the areas of protection of critical infrastructure and soft targets, sport, investigative capacity, CT Travel and aviation security, that will also serve as elements of integrated packages of technical assistance to Member States.



The Countering Terrorist Travel Programme:

- **The United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme** – a new global flagship initiative coordinated by UNOCT
- Implemented through an **'All-of-UN' approach** in partnership with **CTED, ICAO, OICT** and **UNODC** [and INTERPOL as an associate partner]
- Seeks to assist Member States to **enhance their detection capacity to curb FTF mobility by using advance passenger information (API) and passenger name record (PNR) data** in accordance with **UNSCR 2178 (2014), 2396 (2017) and 2482 (2019)**
- With an annual budget of USD 12 million, current donors to the programme are the **Kingdom of the Netherlands, Japan, India** and the **State of Qatar**. Recent financial pledges have been received from **Australia, the European Union and the United States of America**.
- Benefits from the **Dutch Travel Information Portal (TRIP)** system donated to the UN during the UNGA in September 2018. The TRIP software has since been reconfigured under the name **'goTravel'** to aid beneficiary Member States in the collection, processing and analysis of API/PNR data



The Countering Terrorist Travel Programme :

- Programme was officially launched on **7 May 2019** in **New York** in the presence of the **UN Secretary-General**
- **Two 'All-of-UN' missions** were undertaken to **Sri Lanka** and **Togo** from 27 to 31 May 2019 and 25 to 26 July 2019 respectively
- **Two missions** undertaken to **Azerbaijan** and **Iraq** from 24 to 25 June 2019 and 22 to 23 July 2019 respectively.
- **46 Member States** had indicated a strong interest to benefit from the programme as of 22 July 2019.



The Protection of Soft Targets, Sports and Religious Sites

- **Two** new flagship Programmes to **protect vulnerable targets, including religious sites**, and to assist Member States that are hosting major sport events with the development of dedicated capacity on security aspects, as well as on the **use of sport** and its values to promote positive change, especially through youth, and **prevent violent extremism** and radicalization as and when conducive to terrorism;
- UNOCT, in partnership with CTED, AoC, UNICRI and ICSS to gather, develop and maintain a repository for **lessons learned and best practices**, and provide platforms for disseminating and sharing such practices to interested Member States and regional organizations;
- UNOCT and partners to develop guidelines, disseminating experience and providing **dedicated technical assistance**



Building operational capacity in Africa:

- New three-year programme on Strengthening law enforcement and other agencies' capacity in Africa to prevent and counter terrorism, through the support to and or establishment of **National level interagency fusion centres**.
 - In collaboration with other UN entities and INTERPOL

In the pipeline:

- Project on strengthening **investigative capacity** in African countries
- Project on strengthening frameworks and capacity as related to **kidnapping offences** in Africa



The Parliamentary Engagement Programme:

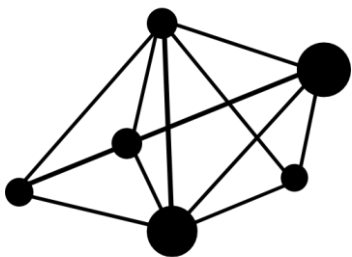
Global joint UNOCT-IPU-UNODC five-year Programme on the Role of Parliaments in Addressing Terrorism and Violent Extremism: UNOCT serves as focal point for the joint IPU-UN secretariat established under the initiative. UNOCT organizes, plans and implements project activities under the joint Programme, and services the HLAG meetings of the IPU.

Outcome 1 - national level: National parliaments are able to provide support to international efforts to CT/PVE by taking appropriate actions at the national which are in line with international human rights and rule of law norms and standards

Outcome 2 - regional level: Parliamentarians actively cooperate and exchange relevant experiences and practices on specialized areas pertaining to countering and preventing terrorism and VE as and when conducive to terrorism at the regional level

Outcome 3 - international level: Parliaments are actively engaged in international efforts to prevent terrorism and VE conducive to terrorism through contributing to balanced implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and relevant United Nations and IPU resolutions

Virtual Portal



Web Platform



Mobile App



Legislative Databases



Global Parliamentary network



The Parliamentary Engagement Programme: 2019 Events

- **Regional Conference for MENA Parliamentarians** (Luxor, 26-28 February 2019, co-organized by UNODC, UNOCT and IPU, funded by the EU and hosted by the Egyptian Parliament)
- **IPU-UNODC-UNOCT side event on CT/PVE during the 140th IPU Assembly**, Doha, 9 April 2019
- **International CT Conference, organized by IPA CIS** with several co-organizers, including UNODC and UNOCT, St. Petersburg, 18 April 2019
- **Regional Conference for the Sahel countries:** Niger, 12-14 June 2019
- **Meeting of the IPU High-Level Advisory Group on CT/PVE:** Belgrade, Serbia, October 2019
- **Regional Conference for South/South East Asia:** October 2019, Malaysia
- **Two National Regional Workshops:** second half of 2019, venue TBD
- **IPU-UN CT/PVE Summit:** early 2020, venue TBD



Partnership

- Engagement with Private Sector and ICT Companies, Universities, Think Tanks and Research Institutes and NGOs, Implementing Partners, Liaison and regional hubs

Ongoing work:

1. Develop concept note for engagement and partnership
2. Collect, collate, synthesise information and data
3. Engage in outreach activities
4. Develop pilot partnerships
5. Develop internal information sharing

Next Steps





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