

COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT IN NUMBERS



46

Compact entities

139

Member States

14

International &
regional
organizations

1,050

Total focal points

3,670

Documents
shared

477,850

Virtual visits to the
CT Platform

861

CTED TA
recommendations

28

CTED country
assessments



LEADERSHIP, COORDINATION, COHERENCE

KEY HIGH-LEVEL EVENTS

- 80th UNGA General Debate highlighted terrorism and PCVE as priorities for many Member States, with emphasis on multilateral cooperation, concerns about Africa/Sahel, and evolving threats (Sep)
- At UNOCT Quarterly Briefing for Member States, 1267 Monitoring Team, CTED, OHCHR, UNAOC, UNOCT, UNODC, and UN Women shared counter-terrorism updates on capacity-building, impact and priorities (8 Sep)
- Iraq, with support from UNOCT, held a [High-Level International Conference on the Repatriation](#) of persons from Al-Hol, surrounding camps and places of detention (26 Sep)



- UNOCT-UNODC-IAEA-Morocco [High-level side event](#) marked 20 years of Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material ([CPPNM](#)) and International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism ([ICSANT](#)) adoption, urging universal implementation (17 Sep)



Photo: UNODC

- UN Women hosted a high-level event presenting its [Al-Hol study](#), urging gender-sensitive repatriation and reintegration (22 Oct)



Photo: UN Women

- The Counter-Terrorism Committee Open Briefing marked [CTED's 20th Anniversary](#), highlighting achievements, lessons, and ongoing support to Member States (27 Oct)



- UNIDIR [Side Event](#) to UNGA [First Committee](#) examined artificial intelligence proliferation risks, with case studies on autonomous weapons and large language models (28 Oct)

- [The 1540 Committee Open Briefing](#) for Member States and regional organizations outlined activities and implementation of resolution 1540 (29-30 Oct)

KEY ISSUES RAISED BY HEADS OF ENTITIES

- Marking the International Day of Police Cooperation, **UN Secretary-General Guterres** [highlighted](#) that digital tools, including Artificial Intelligence, can enhance investigations, justice access, and crime prevention, while strengthening the effectiveness, transparency, and accountability of police institutions (7 Sep)



- On behalf of the SG, **USG Ryder** called on Members States to urgently repatriate their nationals from Al Hol, Surrounding Camps and Places of Detention and to reaffirm their shared responsibility, charting a course towards sustainable solutions in line with international law (26 Sept)



USG FOR POLICY

- Addressing the 6th Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism, **UNOCT Acting USG Zouev** [emphasized](#) that "Victim-centered responses are essential to building trust, restoring social cohesion, and ensuring that counter-terrorism efforts uphold human rights" (24 Sep)



- At the Counter-Terrorism Committee open briefing, **CTED ED/ASG Gherman** [stated](#) that the Pact for the Future's vision of a world free from terrorism requires sustained commitment from Member States, UN system coordination, and broad partnerships with all relevant stakeholders (27 Oct)





ENGAGEMENT WITH MEMBER STATES

- CTED-Malta [high-level side event](#) introduced the [Valletta Principles](#), updating the 2013 Bogota Principles to guide effective, rights-based counter-terrorism (23 Sep)



- CTED-Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) high-level side event addressed [spyware misuse](#), launching the PAM report on legislative, governance and technical aspects (24 Sep)
- CTED-Philippines-Morocco cross-regional CT exchange shared CT/PCVE lessons from South-East Asia and West Africa, with UNOCT-UNODC collaboration (26 Sep)
- UNODC facilitated Mozambique-Portugal high-level meeting to boost cooperation on security, borders and civil protection, ahead of Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLC) and ministerial engagements (30 Sep-3 Oct)
- UNODC engaged with The Bahamas during its Diplomatic Week (19-22 Oct) and with Colombia to advance ICSANT adherence (27 Oct)
- UN Special Rapporteur on human rights while countering terrorism (HR and CT) marked the mandate's 20th anniversary with Australia and Mexico (23 Oct), submitted [Amicus brief](#) to Ecuador (15 Sep); and briefed the [UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](#) (30 Oct)
- UNOCT-OAS training in Colombia on radiological and nuclear terrorism boosted awareness of ICSANT for 11 ministries and agencies (28-31 Oct)



GUIDANCE, RESEARCH, ANALYSIS

COMPACT WORKING GROUPS MEETINGS

19 September

RMME WG updated on progress in the development of the unified results framework, highlighted importance of coordinated funding for multi-partner initiatives, and featured Gender WG briefing

16 October

ETCIP WG meeting featured briefings from UNODA on Asia-Pacific proliferation risks, OPCW on emerging tech, and UNOCT on dual-use chemicals, IED-UAS links, and AI

29 October

CJLR-CFT WG discussed CTED assessment [report](#) on terrorist financing gaps in Africa, CFT coordination, and SG report on human rights and terrorism



17 September

BMLE WG meeting featured briefings from IMO on cybersecurity, UNODC on legal/operational gaps, WCO on customs/data exchange, and UNOCT on passenger data

30 September

GENDER WG meeting included debriefs on CTED visits to Somalia, Chad, and Cameroon, OHCHR guidance on terrorism definition, and UN Women's update on WPS month

21 October

HRRoL-VoT WG was briefed by the Special Rapporteur on HR & CT on terrorism-organized crime nexus, visits to Benin, Côte d'Ivoire and Somalia, AI Position Paper, and GA report on human rights impacts of administrative CT measures and model definition for terrorism



REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

UN Secretary-General's Annual Report on the [Work of the Organization](#) reviews global challenges, including conflict, climate extremes, rising poverty, and erosion of human rights, while reaffirming UN action to advance peace, development, and human rights (Sep)



UN Secretary-General's Annual Report on [women and peace and security](#) warns that 676M women live near conflict zones, with casualties quadrupled and sexual violence up 87% (5 Sep)

UN Secretary-General's report on [terrorism and human rights](#) was presented to the UNGA Third Committee, highlighting human rights concerns in counter-terrorism measures (16 Oct)

UN Special Rapporteur on HR & CT launched a [Position Paper](#) on AI and terrorism (20 Oct) and presented his [thematic report](#) to the UNGA Third Committee, recommending rights-based administrative measures against terrorism and violent extremism (22 Oct)

CTED's Trends Alert warns of the [rapidly evolving exploitation of children](#) by terrorists (Oct)

WHAT IS NEW

- UN SG appointed Mr. [Alexandre Zouev](#) as Acting Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism. In this role, he also chairs the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact on behalf of the United Nations Secretary-General (14 Sep) 
- UN SG appointed Mr. [Eihab Omaish](#) as Director for Policy and Coordination in UNOCT; he oversees coordination through the Counter-Terrorism Compact (15 Sep) 
- UN SG appointed Ms. [Vanessa Frazier](#) as Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict (3 Oct) 
- UN SG appointed Mr. [Steven Hill](#) as Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs (22 Oct) 
- UN Special Rapporteur for HR & CT issued a Call for inputs [\[EN\]](#) [\[FR\]](#) [\[ES\]](#) on definitions of terrorism, terrorist organisation and violent extremism, to inform his March 2026 HRC report



JOINT INITIATIVES AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

MULTI-AGENCY MEETINGS, PROGRAMMES

UNOCT-UNMAS-CTED-Canada launched a [three-year-project](#) to strengthen Kenya, Somalia, and Uganda's capacity to counter IED-related terrorist threats (11 Sep)



DPO/OROLSI/UN Police-UNOCT 4th Train-the-Trainer course for Cabo Verde, the DRC, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya and Nigeria focused on capacity-building, monitoring and mentoring (15 Sep-2 Oct)

UNOCT-UNODC regional trainings focused on countering SALW trafficking (15-18 Sep) and best practices in Turkmenistan (22-23 Sep) and on evidence collection in SALW-terrorism cases in Kyrgyzstan (6-9 Oct)

GCTF [25th Coordinating Committee Meeting](#) discussed priorities in Africa, international cooperation, and the launch of new GCTF resources to face new and existing threats (22 Oct)

UNOCT-UNODC briefing for strategic partners of the UN CT Travel Programme discussed key achievements and outcomes (11 Sep)

UNDP-UNODC-EU launched a 3-year [Pan-Asia Project](#) on supporting Asian countries' resilience to violent extremism in the digital space (7 Oct)



WHO CBRN Workshops with Jordan, UNOCT, UNICRI, INTERPOL, OPCW and UNODA covered CBRN events, biothreats and disinformation (6-8 Oct and 13-15 Oct)

OHCHR-CTED-UN Special Rapporteur on HR & CT convened a [side-event](#) on the definition of terrorist acts and international human rights laws (22 Oct)

REGIONAL FOCUS



UNOCT's [goTravel](#) enabled Botswana, Georgia, Luxembourg, Moldova, Mongolia, Norway, and the Philippines to process over 63 million passenger records (Jan-Sep 2025), strengthening efforts against terrorist and organized criminal travel via air routes (Sep)

UNODC [regional meeting in Mauritania](#) (16-18 Sep) and [Sahelian Countries](#) visit to Morocco (15-18 Sep) reinforced cross-border cooperation on terrorism-organized crime nexus

UNICRI-Mauritania [workshop](#) identified priority regions for climate and violent-extremism risks and launched gender-sensitive research (7 Oct)

UNODC held a cross-regional workshop for [Central Asia and Middle East](#) to strengthen cooperation against terrorism and foreign terrorist fighters (23-25 Sep)

INTERPOL convened a biosecurity training on Biological Crime Scene Management (Kuala Lumpur, 8-12 Sep), on Darknet Investigation (Riyadh, 28 Sep-2 Oct) and on Criminal-Epidemiological Investigation (Abuja, 13-17 Oct)

INTERPOL held [Geiger Working Group](#) regional meetings on radiological and nuclear risks for 11 Southeast Asia countries (9-11 Sep) and 11 Southern African countries (7-9 Oct)

UNODC convened a [regional ICSANT mock trial](#) with Botswana, Kenya, Namibia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe on nuclear and radiological crimes (14-16 Oct)

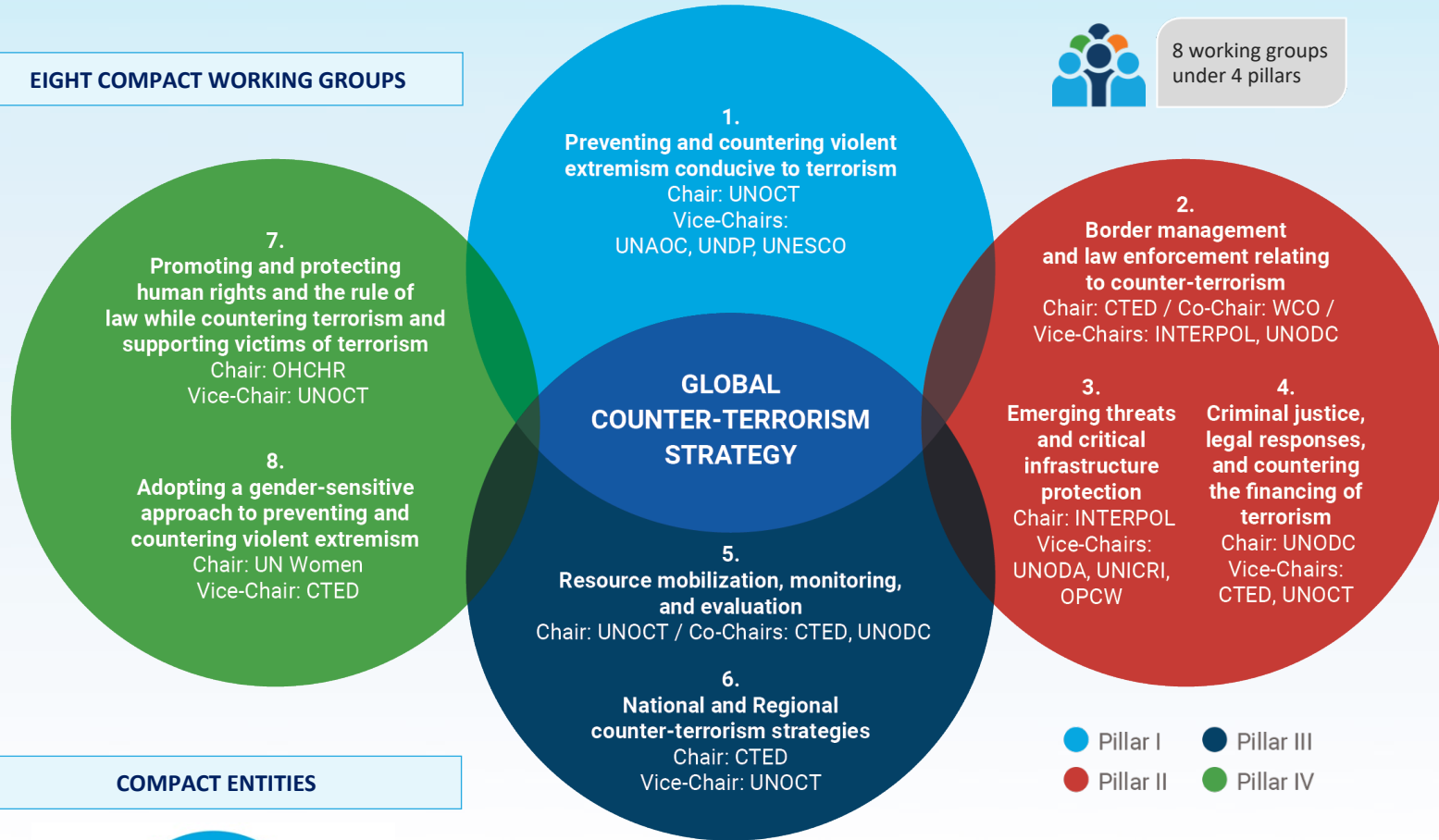
COLLABORATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY, ACADEMIA AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

- CTED and the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism hosted a [UNGA side event](#) bringing together tech industry, government, academia, and civil society to strengthen joint efforts against terrorists targeting children and youth (24 Sep)
- UN Women and the Global Cybersecurity Forum signed a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) to advance women's representation in cybersecurity (3 Oct)



COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT STRUCTURE

EIGHT COMPACT WORKING GROUPS



COMPACT ENTITIES



To see the full list of Compact Members and Observers:
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To see the Counter-Terrorism Compact Brochure:
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COORDINATION COMMITTEE



Chair: Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism and Head of UNOCT

COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT SECRETARIAT



UNOCT's Policy, Knowledge Management and Coordination Branch

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