

# Counter-Terrorism Compact in Review January- February 2025



COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT IN NUMBERS



Compact entities

137

**Member States** 

14

International & regional organizations

1,050

Total focal points

3,670

Documents shared

288,878

Virtual visits to the CT Platform

861

CTED TA recommendations

28

CTED country assessments



# LEADERSHIP, COORDINATION, COHERENCE

#### **KEY HIGH-LEVEL EVENTS**

- → INTERPOL's Deputy Special Representative to the United Nations briefed the Security Council during the <u>Open Debate</u> on Counter-Terrorism in Africa (21 Jan)
- → Eleventh Coordination Committee
  meeting of the United Nations Global
  Counter-Terrorism Coordination
  Compact focused on the
  implementation of the Pact for the
  Future and adopted a Decisions
  document (5-6 Feb)
- → USG Voronkov and ASG Gherman jointly briefed the UN Security Council on the 20th Secretary-General's report on the threat posed by ISIL (Da'esh) (10 Feb)
- → The United Nations marked the International #PVEDay, including through a joint event organized by UNOCT with the Permanent Mission of Iraq in coordination with the Global Compact PCVE Working Group co-chairs (UNDP, UNAOC, UNESCO) and a side event with Tajikistan and the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA) (12 Feb)





#### **KEY ISSUES RAISED BY HEADS OF ENTITIES**

- → At a joint expert meeting with FATF, UNODC USG Waly stressed that: "By collaborating on robust regulatory frameworks and compliance mechanisms, we can create an ecosystem designed to prevent vulnerabilities, and safeguard global, regional, and local financial systems" (8 Jan)
- → Addressing the Security Council, UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed stated that "Terrorism is the most significant threat to peace, security and sustainable development across the African continent today" (21 Jan)



→ At the 11th CT Compact Coordination Committee meeting, EOSG USG Ryder reiterated that "the Pact [for the Future] calls for enhanced coordination of United Nations

- counter-terrorism efforts," noting that "the Compact is our greatest tool to unite our efforts, support nations and equip them with the tools and expertise to protect their citizens" (5 Feb)
- → UNAOC USG Moratinos highlighted that the Pact's key action points align with UNAOC's priorities, including sustaining peace, building inclusive societies, addressing root causes of conflict and drivers of terrorism, combating racism and discrimination, and promoting intercultural and interreligious dialogue (5 Feb)
- that "a key priority should be to further integrate counter-terrorism with efforts to build and sustain peace, and to strengthen synergies with the sustainable development, and human rights agendas" (5 Feb)
- → FATF President De Anda noted that "FATF Standards provide the framework for countries to access and exchange financial intelligence across jurisdictions to dismantle the complex financial networks that sustain terrorist organizations" (13 Feb)



# ENGAGEMENT WITH MEMBER STATES

- → UNOCT provided IT equipment to Iraqi authorities responsible for the registration
  - of Iraqi nationals seeking voluntary repatriation from Al-Hol Camp in northeast Syria (16 Jan)



- → UNODC and Indonesia's Directorate
  General of Customs and Excise, supported
  by the country's Mobile Brigade Corps,
  organized a <a href="mailto:trainer-programme">train-the-trainer-programme</a>
  for customs officers on CTC/CTED
  Assessment Visit to Somalia (2-6 Feb)
- → UNOCT and the Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition (IMCTC) signed an agreement to strengthen cooperation and coordination on counter-terrorism (10 Feb)



- → UNODC implemented two specialised trainings for Iraq to support survivors of terrorism in assuming leadership roles in a national victims' association, which Iraq is in the process of establishing (16-20 Feb)
- → UNODC and Nigeria organized a series of technical assistance activities for criminal justice officials on the use of forensic evidence, evidence collection, and fingerprint analysis (Jan-Feb)



## **GUIDANCE, RESEARCH, ANALYSIS**

#### **COMPACT WORKING GROUPS MEETINGS**

#### 12 Feb

**GENDER WG** meeting deliberated on progress and priorities, on CSW69 and Beijing+30, insights from the Nairobi Interregional Symposium, and International #PVEDay

#### 18 Feb

**BMLE WG** meeting highlighted weapons management challenges and capacity-building initiatives in Africa, with participants emphasizing the need for stronger regional cooperation, legal frameworks, and weapons tracing to disrupt terrorist supply chains

#### 27 Feb

etrcip wg meeting focused on countering WMD and CBRN-related misinformation, biosecurity, challenges, and setting priorities for 2025

# 21 Jan

NARS WG featured a briefing on the upcoming CTED Malta conference on the revised Bogotá Binding Principles

## 12 Feb

Under the framework of the PCVE WG, UNOCT and the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations coorganized an event marking the International #PVEDay, providing a forum for the international community to come together and explore innovative measures to address the root causes of violent extremism conducive to terrorism and prevent its spread

#### 20 Feb

HRRoL-VoT WG meeting discussed strengthening engagement with CSOs, the structure and sustainability of the Victims of Terrorism Associations Network, and updates focusing on human rights, AI technologies, and victims' protection

#### **WHAT IS NEW**

Ecuador deposited its instrument of ratification of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT) and became the 127th party to the Convention on 9 March (7 Feb)



#### **REGIONAL FOCUS**

UNODC supported Algeria, Libya and Tunisia through a <u>roundtable</u> with senior representatives to enhance cross border cooperation and information sharing to effectively respond to emerging threats from terrorism and organized crime (21-23 Jan)

INTERPOL facilitated workshop and trainings on Biological Threats and Bioterrorism Risks in Philippines (27-30 Jan), and in Tunisia (3-6 Feb) and in Iraq (16-20 Feb)

INTERPOL and Peru organized a Front-line Officers Training on Radiological and Nuclear Threats (17-21 Feb) UNOCT, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), in collaboration with the Kenyan National Center for Counter-terrorism held Regional Trainings on Gender Mainstreaming in CT/PCVE for participants from East Africa (18-28 Feb)



#### **REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS**

2024 Annual Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (8 Jan)

UN Security Council CTC adopted <u>non-binding guiding principles</u> on preventing, detecting and disrupting the use of new and emerging financial technologies for terrorist purposes, "Algeria Guiding Principles" (10 Jan)

UNDP publications: <u>Strengthening</u>
<u>Centres of Government in Fragile and</u>
<u>Conflict-Affected Settings</u> (14 Jan),
<u>Human Rights-Based Approach to</u>
<u>Development Programming Toolkit</u>
(4 Feb), <u>Gender and Recovery Toolkit</u>
(18 Feb)





UN Women brief on gender-responsive artificial intelligence (16 Jan)

CTED's <u>analytical brief</u> on Weapons Management Challenges hosted by the African Union Permanent Observer, with contributions from UNOCT's WMD Programme (23 Jan)

Guidance on Education for children and young people formerly associated with armed forces and armed groups (29 Jan)

FATF's Annual Report 2023-2024 (31 Jan)

<u>20th Report</u> of the Secretary-General on the threat posed by ISIL (Da'esh) (31 Jan)

The 1267 Monitoring Team's <u>35th Report</u> concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities (6 Feb)

2025 4th No Money for Terror Ministerial Conference Chair's Summary (13 Feb)

OHCHR thematic report on Protection of human rights by regional organizations while countering terrorism (26 Feb)

UN Youth Office-UNAOC thematic paper on <u>Sustainable Development Goals through</u> <u>the Youth, Peace and Security agenda</u> (27 Feb)



UNIDIR publications: Reintegrating Iraqis Returning Home (8 Jan), Roundup Outlook 2025 (10 Jan), Nuclear Risks: Perceptions and Pathways (23 Jan), Focusing on Men to Reduce Global Armed Violence (28 Jan), Universalization of the Arms Trade Treaty in Africa (3 Feb), Impact of Al on Regional Security (7 Feb), Changing Tides in Maritime Warfare (18 Feb), Arms Trade Treaty (26 Feb)







# COLLABORATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY, ACADEMIA & THE PRIVATE SECTOR

IMF participated on an International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IIJ) event for Somalian authorities on International Cooperation in Countering the Financing of Terrorism and the role of the private sector (Jan)



UNODC and the University of Oslo's Center for Research on Extremism (C-REX) held a <u>briefing session</u> on global trends related to terrorist attacks based on xenophobia, racism, and other forms of intolerance, or in the name of religion or belief (13 Feb)



## JOINT INITIATIVES AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

## **MULTI-AGENCY MEETINGS, PROGRAMMES**

UNODC presented on the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT) and the benefits of Grenada becoming a State party at a Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) national parliamentary workshop on nuclear and radiological security (10 Feb)



UNODC-INTERPOL table-top exercise (TTX) on the importance of adhering to, and effectively implementing ICSANT for national authorities from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam (27-28 Feb)

UNICRI-UNODC Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) criminalization workshop and <u>national judicial training</u> on ICSANT for Ukraine (28 Feb)



## **COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT STRUCTURE**

#### **EIGHT COMPACT WORKING GROUPS**

7.
Promoting and protecting
human rights and the rule of
law while countering terrorism and
supporting victims of terrorism
Chair: OHCHR
Vice-Chair: UNOCT

8.

Adopting a gender-sensitive approach to preventing and countering violent extremism Chair: UN Women Vice-Chair: CTED 1.

Preventing and countering violent extremism conducive to terrorism Chair: UNOCT Vice-Chairs: UNAOC, UNDP, UNESCO

GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY

Resource mobilization, monitoring, and evaluation Chair: UNOCT / Co-Chairs: CTED, UNODC

> National and Regional counter-terrorism strategies Chair: CTED Vice-Chair: UNOCT

8 working groups under 4 pillars

Border management and law enforcement relating

to counter-terrorism Chair: CTED / Co-Chair: WCO / Vice-Chairs: INTERPOL, UNODC

3.
Emerging threats
and critical
infrastructure
protection
Chair: INTERPOL
Vice-Chairs:
UNODA, UNICRI.

**OPCW** 

4.
Criminal justice,
legal responses,
and countering
the financing of
terrorism
Chair: UNODC
Vice-Chairs:
CTED, UNOCT

Pillar III

Pillar I

Pillar II

Pillar IV

#### **COMPACT ENTITIES**

38
Members

8
Observers



To see the full list of Compact Members and Observers: bit.ly/CTCompact-Members



To see the Counter-Terrorism Compact Brochure: bit.ly/CTCompact-Brochure

# COORDINATION COMMITTEE



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

# COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT SECRETARIAT



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