

Counter-Terrorism Compact in Review March-April 2025



COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT IN NUMBERS



46

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

→ UNOCT's Annual Ambassadorial
Briefing to Member States highlighted
the key UN counter-terrorism
achievements of 2024 and strategic
priorities for 2025, with a record
attendance of 180 participants from
over 100 Member States, regional
organizations and the UN Global
Counter-Terrorism Coordination
Compact (4 March)



→ UNODC-UNOCT-UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism held a high-level side -event on the human rights aspects of ICSANT and implications for national counterterrorism frameworks, on the margins of the 58th session of the Human Rights Council (12 March)



Photo: GICJ

- → CTED-Malta <u>UN Conference on</u>
 National and Regional CounterTerrorism Strategies concluded with
 the Valletta Principles, offering a
 comprehensive framework for a
 holistic approach to combating
 terrorism (12-13 March)
- → UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism presented a thematic report on regional organizations' role in protecting human rights while countering terrorism, a country report on Benin, and held an interactive dialogue with 50 Member States at the mandate's 20th anniversary (March)



Photo: Universal Rights Group

→ ICAO Facilitation Conference 2025
themed 'Facilitating the Future of Air
Transport', focused on promoting
collaboration, efficiency, and inclusivity
in global air travel (14-17 April)

KEY ISSUES RAISED BY HEADS OF ENTITIES

→ UNOCT USG Voronkov reaffirmed
UNOCT's commitment to supporting
Member States in implementing the
Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and
the Pact for the Future, including
through enhanced coordination and
coherence within the UN Global
Counter-Terrorism Coordination
Compact (4 March)



→ CTED ASG and Executive Director
Gherman highlighted that CTED is
integrating the Abu Dhabi and Algeria
Guiding Principles in the CounterTerrorism Committee's assessment
visits and, through the Global
Compact, is actively supporting their
inclusion in relevant UN capacitybuilding initiatives (4 March)



→ In a joint video message on International Women's Day, USG
Voronkov and CTED Executive
Director Gherman emphasized the importance of integrating gender-responsive approaches into countering terrorism and PCVE efforts (8 March)



→ UN Secretary-General Guterres
highlighted that "Artificial Intelligence is profoundly reshaping how we live, work and communicate. It can help drive progress and prosperity for all of humanity. But unregulated AI also presents unprecedented risks, including disinformation, cyberattacks and mass surveillance" (27 March)







ENGAGEMENT WITH MEMBER STATES

- → UNOCT and France held a high-level event on the security of major sporting events, which marked the fifth anniversary of UNOCT's Global Sports Programme (5 March)
- → UNODC handed over <u>hazardous materials detection</u> <u>equipment</u> to Indonesia to prevent their misuse for illicit purposes (18 March)
- → UNODC provided technical assistance to Mozambique's criminal justice officials on human rights-compliant prison management, preventing radicalization to terrorism and strengthening forensic evidence handling. It also organized trainings for Nigeria's crime scene investigators and evidence custodians on forensic evidence (March)
- → UNOCT-UNODC-Malawi held a <u>series of workshops</u> to inform the development of the country's new legislation on counter-terrorism aligned with international standards, upholding human rights (12 March)



Photo: UNOCT CTED Liaison Section

- → UNICRI-KOICA-Mauritania workshop discussed genderbased discrimination and the prevention of violent extremism in the Sahel (9 April)
- → IOM-UNOCT-UNODC attended the 21st ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Meeting on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime (8-10 April)
- → UNODC-United States highlighted its role in preventing and suppressing criminal conduct, including terrorism involving nuclear or radioactive materials (11 April)



Photo: UNODO

GUIDANCE, RESEARCH, ANALYSIS

COMPACT WORKING GROUPS MEETINGS

3 April

PCVE WG discussed the exploitation of online gaming communities for radicalization and recruitment to terrorism, with presentations from CTED, 1267 MT, UNOCT, UNICRI and representatives from Australia, Japan, Morocco, the Russian Federation and ETIDAL

18 Feb

On behalf of **Gender** and **HRROL-VOT** Working Groups, UN WOMEN and OHCHR hosted a technical discussion with Member States on a benchmark tool for applying human rights and gender equality principles to the UN Global Counter Terrorism Coordination Compact's work

7 Mar

CJLR-CFT Working Group featured CTED's briefing on the non-binding guiding principles on CFT and new technologies (Algeria Guiding Principles) and CTC/CTED dashboard on West Africa

14 April

RMME Working Group meeting showcased strong progress in developing a UN-wide Unified Results Framework to assess the impact of the UN's work under the GCTS (OP 96 of A/RES/77/298). In March-April, 24 thematic and cross-pillar consultations were held involving 33 Compact entities



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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

Learn more about UNOCT's achievements in 2024 and watch the video: <u>UNOCT Year in review 2024</u> (4 March)

OHCHR <u>Guidance Note</u> outlines prerequisite components for defining terrorism and human rights issues that law and policymakers should consider when developing counterterrorism legislation (27 March)



UNICRI-Germany-Mauritania released a <u>practical</u> <u>guide</u> for Mauritania on exploring interconnected climate security and violent extremism risks (March)

WCO-INTERPOL List of Dual-Use Commodities related to Biological Weapons was published and launched at the 45th Session of the WCO Enforcement Committee (28 March)



UNICRI- VOX-Pol released a <u>new study</u> on far-right and left-wing violent extremist abuse of digital technologies in South America, Africa and Asia (April)



WHAT IS NEW

- UNODC <u>Global Symposium on</u>
 <u>Artificial Intelligence</u> explored
 the evolving impact of AI on
 terrorism and counter-terrorism
 efforts (3-4 March)
- UN Human Rights Council renewed the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism for three years and encouraged continued engagement with the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact (25 March)

JOINT INITIATIVES AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

MULTI-AGENCY MEETINGS, PROGRAMMES

UNODA/UNREC-UNIDIR and Swiss FDFA conducted a regional study on PVE and Weapons and Ammunition Management in West Africa and facilitated field visits to Mali (24–28 March), Côte d'Ivoire (7–11 April), and Nigeria (21–25 April)



UNAOC-OSAPG joined efforts to roll-out the implementation of the first-ever <u>UN</u> <u>Action Plan to Enhance Monitoring and</u> <u>Response to Antisemitism</u> (4 April)

UNICRI-UNOCT met with UNICEF to discuss enhancing cooperation on gaming, focusing on child protection, countering online violence incitement and improving protection measures in conflict zones (7 April)

UNICRI-UNOCT with Japan and Singapore held a <u>Side Event focused</u> on understanding harm in online gaming spaces on the margins of the ECOSOC Youth Forum (17 April)



REGIONAL FOCUS

Geiger Working Group met with 11 countries from Southeast Asia to strengthen regional information-sharing on radiological and nuclear threats. A scenario-based session highlighted INTERPOL's role in threat detection (4-6 March)

UNODC-Central Asia Regional Experts
Meeting discussed the normative and
operational challenges associated with
the detection, investigation, and
prosecution of terrorism and FTF
offenses (11-12 March)

UNODC supported First Forum of Experts on Terrorism and Violent Extremism for the Southern Cone to enhance the understanding of the terrorist threat in the southernmost areas of Latin America (26-27 March)



Photo: UNODO

Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Safety and Security Agency of Tajikistan with Adhering to and Implementing the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT)

UNCOCs Webinar Series on ICSANT funded by the European Union Dr. Bakhtlyor Barotov Deputy Director

Photo: UNODC

UNODC-Tajikistan held an event on sharing national experience on implementing ICSANT. The Recording is available on UNODC ICSANT website (27 March)

UNDP-UNICEF-Sri Lanka launched its public awareness campaign "UNDO Doesn't Work in Real Life" to tackle harmful speech and promote Social Cohesion (30 March)



Photo: UND

COLLABORATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY, ACADEMIA & THE PRIVATE SECTOR

UNOCT and UAE Rabdan Academy held a webinar for UAE's defense and security agencies, civil aviation and law enforcement, major airlines, port authorities and the diplomatic community (24 April)

<u>UNOCT</u> launched the Victims of Terrorism <u>Associations Network (VoTAN)</u> to support victims and survivors of terrorism (28 April)



Victims of Terrorism Associations Network



COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT STRUCTURE

EIGHT COMPACT WORKING GROUPS

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

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

COMPACT ENTITIES

Entities

Observers

38

Members

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

and critical infrastructure protection Chair: INTERPOL Vice-Chairs: UNODA, UNICRI, **OPCW**

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

> Pillar I Pillar II

Pillar III Pillar IV

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



UNOCT's Policy, Knowledge Management and Coordination Branch

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