

Counter-Terrorism Compact in Review November-December 2024



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

→ The <u>Kuwait Phase of the Dushanbe</u>
<u>Process High-Level Conference</u>, coorganized by Kuwait, Tajikistan and
UNOCT adopted a <u>Declaration</u> to enhance
border security and management (5 Nov)



- → The <u>92nd INTERPOL General Assembly</u> elected <u>Valdecy Urquiza</u> of Brazil as the new Secretary-General of INTERPOL, and held discussions on biometrics, Al, multilateralism and law enforcement leadership (4-7 Nov)
- → UNOCT (USG Voronkov) and CTED (ASG Gherman) briefed the UN Security Council CTC on their collaboration in line with UNSCR 2617 (22 Nov)

- → High-level Ministerial meeting at the 10th UNAOC Global Forum adopted the Cascais Declaration (25-27 Nov)
- → The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) reconvened for its 33rd session in Vienna (5-6 Dec)



- → UNOCT expert-level quarterly briefing to Member States reviewed UN counterterrorism achievements and priorities (12 Dec)
- → UN General Assembly adopted the landmark convention on cybercrime, with UNODC serving as secretariat to the negotiations (24 Dec)

KEY ISSUES RAISED BY HEADS OF ENTITIES

→ At the Kuwait Phase of the Dushanbe Process Conference, UNOCT USG Voronkov said: "We reaffirmed today the importance of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and the recently adopted Pact for the Future, both of which reflect the international community's commitment to addressing the drivers of terrorism and ensuring sustainable peace" (4 Nov)



CTED ASG Gherman highlighted that "Under CTED's Chairmanship, the Working Group on Border Management and Law Enforcement has developed practical guidance tools for Member States, contributing to their capacity to implement efficient National Border Management Strategies and Action Plans, inclusive of counter-terrorism aspects" (4 Nov)

UN High Commissioner for Human

Rights Volker Türk emphasized that ending genderbased violence is a prerequisite for a more peaceful and just world (25 Nov)



→ At the CCPCJ thematic discussions, UNODC DG/ED Waly noted "the global threat of terrorism has evolved as terrorist groups exploit new technologies and gaps in the rule of law to expand their operations. And cybercrime has become an ever more pressing concern around the world" (2 Dec)

ENGAGEMENT WITH MEMBER STATES

- → UNOCT signed agreements with <u>PARLATINO</u> (1 Nov), <u>Argentina</u> (12 Nov); <u>PUIC</u> (14 Nov), <u>PABSEC</u> (26 Nov) on CT/PCVE cooperation
- → CTC/CTED conducted assessment and follow-up visits to Ghana (4-8 Nov) and Côte d'Ivoire (10-13 Nov)
- → UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Countering Terrorism visited <u>Benin</u> (18-27 Nov) and presented his <u>preliminary</u> <u>findings</u>, as well as <u>Côte</u> <u>d'Ivoire</u> preliminary findings (29 Nov-9 Dec)



- → During their Sixth Strategic Dialogue, UNOCT and the State of Qatar reaffirmed their partnership and identified new opportunities for joint action (20 Nov)
- → The UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) was briefed

by <u>Qatar</u>, about steps it has taken in implementing the recommendations of CTC's assessment visit and by <u>GAFILAT</u> on its recent work under the Presidency of Paraguay (21 Nov)



→ <u>Sixth annual EU-UN Dialogue</u> steered strategic partnership on counterterrorism (3 Dec)

→ Seychelles to became the 126th Party to the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT) (3 Dec)



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→ INTERPOL-coordinated <u>Operation</u> <u>Claymore</u> gathered law enforcement from nine countries to target explosives theft, smuggling and trafficking (5 Dec)





GUIDANCE, RESEARCH, ANALYSIS

COMPACT WORKING GROUPS (WG) MEETINGS

19 Nov

NARS WG meeting included briefings on OHCHR's toolkit Strengthening Human Rights in Counter-Terrorism Strategy and Policy; UN Women project to develop human rights and gender benchmarks; and CTC/CTED Assessment Dashboard

10 Dec

HRRoL-VoT WG focused on capacity-building and technical assistance in countering terrorism with presentations from UNODC, UN Women, CTED and UNOCT

13 Dec

Gender WG featured CTED's thematic briefing on accountability for sexual and gender-based violence linked to terrorism; Women, Peace and Security and human rights

19 Dec

results on CT/PCVE funding trends; strategic priorities for the Joint Appeal for CT in Africa; progress on OP 96 of A/RES/77/298 and expert survey outcomes on global PCVE evaluation practices (19 Nov)

20 Nov

PCVE WG focused on the interconnection between climate change and violent extremism with presentations from UNDP, UNICRI, UNOCT and GCERF

11 Dec

CJLR-CFT WG focused on strengthening CFT messaging, technical assistance, global alignment to combat terrorism financing, and linkages between terrorism financing and organized crime

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

17 Dec

ETCIP WG featured thematic briefings from EU CBRN; OAS/CICTE on regional threats and INTERPOL on Global Congress on Chemical Security and Emerging Threats

WHAT IS NEW

- RMME WG extended the <u>UN Joint Appeal for Counter-Terrorism in Africa</u> into 2025 with a refreshed format and invites Member States' input via this <u>survey</u> to help strategically realign its focus
- UNOCT, UNICRI and INTERPOL launched <u>AI-POL and</u> <u>CT-TECH+</u> - the second phase of their EU-funded AI and tech projects on law enforcement and counterterrorism (22 Nov)



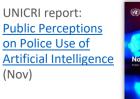
 The upgraded and re-launched CTC/CTED assessment dashboard is now available on the <u>Counter-Terrorism</u> Compact Platform (Nov) FATF Guidance on Money Laundering National Risk Assessment (6 Nov)





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UN OSAPG training manual: <u>Genocide</u> <u>Convention and its implementation</u> (Nov)





Not Just Another Tool

UNIDIR reports feature the experiences of <u>children</u> (18 Nov); <u>of</u> <u>women and girls</u> formerly associated with Boko Haram (2 Dec) and their <u>current</u> needs (11 Dec)



UNICRI third edition of <u>1540 Compass</u> focuses on domestic controls to safeguard sensitive materials and a new report highlights the <u>risk assessment</u> methodology for the nexus between climate change and violent extremism, developed during a workshop in Senegal (Dec)



JOINT INITIATIVES AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

MULTI-AGENCY MEETINGS, PROGRAMMES

INTERPOL's First BioTracker Information Sharing Working Group Meeting discussed biological agents, toxins and weapons (4-6 Nov), while Geiger Working Group Meeting for the Black Sea and Caucasus addressed radiological and nuclear threats (5-7 Nov)



As the GCTF West Africa Capacity Building Working Group partner, UNODC organized a regional meeting for senior counterterrorism and border security practitioners from West and Central Africa (19-21 Nov)

UNOCT-Kenya training on major sporting

events security discussed a three-year

action plan for the 2027 African Cup of

Football to be co-hosted by Kenya,

Tanzania and Uganda (Dec)

UNOCT and USDOS North Africa workshop discussed developing national exercises to counter WMD / CBRN terrorism threats (2-5 Dec), while Iraq training-of-trainers focused on biological threats (9-12 Dec)

UNOCT and CTPN organized a joint CBRN with 25 cities from Canada, UK, and USA to enhance multi-agency

UNODC workshops for Moldova (8 Nov) and Suriname (6 Dec) focused on **ICSANT** implementation

> UNICRI, UNOCT, Morocco and Japan organized an expert briefing and launched a study on the link between Video Gaming



preparedness and response (7 Nov) UNOCT and UNODC held trainings on the collecting and using evidence in

Uzbekistan (5-8 Nov) and Kazakhstan

(12-15 Nov)



REGIONAL FOCUS

UNICIRI convened its third workshop in Mauritania on integrating gender perspectives in media reporting on preventing violent extremism (8 Nov) UNODC organised regional meetings on youth-led PCVE action for Southeast Asia (5-7 Nov); on supporting terrorism victims for Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger, the Liptako Gourma Authority (6-8 Nov); on illicit trafficking of cultural property for Western Africa (11-14 Nov) and a mock trial on ICSANT for Central Asia (26-28 Nov)



UNODC-Argentina workshop on investigating terrorism and violent extremism on the internet, including acts committed on the basis of XRIRB (19-22 Nov)



INTERPOL organized workshops on Biological Crime Scene Management in Manila (18-22 Nov), Criminal-Epidemiological Investigation in Tunisia (25-29 Nov) and Bioterrorism Risks and Controls in Abuja (25-28 Nov)

COLLABORATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY. ACADEMIA & THE PRIVATE SECTOR

- Global Public Policy Institute briefed the RMME WG on the outcome of the PrEval Project on global PCVE evaluation practices (19 Nov)
- At the UNOCT-African Union meeting with YEEP Africa alumni and African Youth Ambassadors for Peace. participants discussed youth-led PCVE recommendations for youth involvement in AU PSC efforts (Nov)



• CTED briefed the IIJ-organized regional workshop on preventing terrorismfinancing abuse of the NPO sector in Southeast Asia (19-21 Nov)



• UNOCT, NAUSS and the Siracusa Institute co-organized a training on crowd management for major sporting events for the law enforcement officials of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Nov)



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

COMPACT ENTITIES

38 8 Observers

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

To see the full list of Compact

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Members and Observers:



8 working groups under 4 pillars

Border management
and law enforcement relating
to counter-terrorism
Chair: CTED
Vice-Chairs: INTERPOL, UNODC, WCO

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





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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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