



About UNOCT

The Office provides its capacity-building support to Member States through the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) and the Special Projects and Innovation Branch (SPIB). UNCCT was established by an initial contribution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund in 2011. UNCCT has an Advisory Board composed of 21 Member States plus the European Union (EU) as a Guest Member. SPIB was established following a contribution by the State of Qatar as part of the Contribution Agreement between UNOCT and the State of Qatar signed in 2018.

To enhance coordination and coherence, the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, which is a coordination framework bringing together 46 entities, was launched by the UN Secretary-General in December 2018. The Compact operates thanks to a contribution of the State of Qatar. It operates through its Coordination Committee and eight thematic Inter-Agency Working Groups, which were revitalized in April 2019, providing an “All-of-UN approach” to the system’s work on counter-terrorism and preventing and countering violent extremism as conducive to terrorism.



UNOCT Mandate

Established through GA resolution 71/291 on 15 June 2017, the Office has five functions:



- **Provide leadership** on the GA counter-terrorism mandates entrusted to the Secretary-General from across the UN system
- **Enhance coordination and coherence** across the 46 Global Counter-Terrorism Compact entities to ensure the balanced implementation of the four pillars of the UN Global CT Strategy
- **Strengthen delivery** of UN counter-terrorism capacity building assistance to Member States
- **Improve visibility**, advocacy and resource mobilization for UN counter-terrorism efforts
- **Ensure that due priority is given** to counter-terrorism across the UN system and that the important work on preventing violent extremism is firmly rooted in the Strategy

► Leadership

USG Voronkov briefed the [UN Security Council](#) on the 21st report of the Secretary-General on the threat posed by ISIL (Da’esh), warning that the group remains volatile and resilient despite sustained counter-terrorism efforts. He stressed the urgency of prevention, compliance with international law, and broad stakeholder engagement, noting that sustained global cooperation through human rights and gender-responsive approaches is essential. (20 Aug)




► Highlights

 **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism**  **UNITED BY HOPE**
COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

“On this solemn day, we honour the victims and survivors of terrorism everywhere. United by hope, we can build a future free from terrorism, where all people live in dignity and without fear.”

António Guterres
United Nations Secretary-General, 21 August 2025



UNOCT commemorated the eighth **International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism** with a high-level event under the theme “*United by Hope: Collective Action for Victims of Terrorism*.” The commemoration honoured victims and survivors worldwide, with **Secretary-General António Guterres** praising victims for “turning solidarity into action” and highlighting the

Victims of Terrorism Associations Network (VoTAN), launched earlier this year, as a landmark UN initiative in this regard. **USG Voronkov** reminded participants that “victim support should not be a privilege; it is a right.” Survivors from Algeria, Argentina, Indonesia, Kenya and the United Kingdom shared powerful testimonies of resilience, while the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism, co-chaired by Iraq and Spain, reaffirmed international solidarity and commitment. (21 Aug)



 **Call for Submissions**

 **Ninth Review of the United Nations GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY**

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OFFICE OF COUNTER-TERRORISM

UNOCT invites stakeholders to share their views on the implementation of the **United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy** ahead of its ninth review by the General Assembly in 2026. Submissions should be made via the following [online form](#). Inputs with consent to be made public may be included in the Secretary-General’s report.



UNOCT Office Structure

www.un.org/counterterrorism/office-structure



Recent Pledges to the UN Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism

Morocco: \$4 million for the UNOCT Programme Office in Rabat for Counter-Terrorism and Training in Africa

European Union: \$3.5 million top up contribution made to the EU-UN Global Terrorism Threats Facility

Italy: \$350,000 for the Border Security and Management (BSM) Programme, including support to the Integrated BSM Mechanism in Dakar

Philippines: \$450,000

Argentina: \$300,000

Georgia: \$300,000

Moldova: \$150,000

Switzerland: \$35,000 for the CT Travel Programme

► Capacity-building

UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)

UNOCT [launched a new initiative](#) for young gamers in Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines, inviting participants aged 18-29 to help prevent online radicalization to terrorism. The programme emphasizes youth leadership and empowerment in preventing and countering violent extremism (PCVE), enabling gamers to contribute to research, focus groups, and training for safer online communities. The initiative is implemented with UNICRI and funded by the Australian Department of Home Affairs. (7 Aug)



UNOCT's Global Programme on Cybersecurity and New Technologies,

INTERPOL, and the EU [convened a four-day CT TECH+ workshop](#) in Nigeria to assess terrorist threats linked to new technologies and develop policy responses. The outcomes will feed directly into Nigeria's counter-terrorism strategy and review processes, strengthening law enforcement readiness to address emerging technology challenges. (25-28 Aug)

Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)

UNOCT's Global Programme on Security of Major Sporting Events, and Promotion of Sport and Its Values as a Tool to Prevent Violent Extremism participated in the Joint Confederation of African Football – Local Organizing Committee Meeting to review security operations for the African Nations Championship (CHAN) 2025 in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. Discussions focused on perimeter and crowd management, with agreement on enhanced crisis response protocols. (11-12 Aug)

EU-UN Global Terrorism Threats Facility



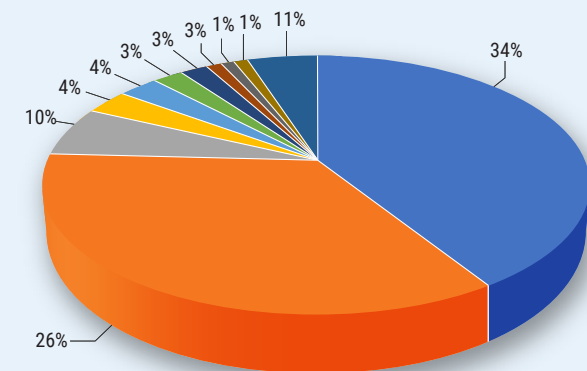
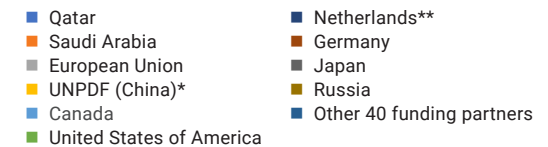
Through the EU-UN Global Terrorism Threats Facility, UNOCT [supported a study visit of Malawi's Special Law Commission to Kenya](#). The delegation engaged with Kenyan counterparts on counter-terrorism legislation, exchanging lessons on legislative and institutional approaches to preventing and countering terrorism. (31 Jul-1 Aug)

A high-level workshop in Abuja, supported by UNOCT through the EU-UN Global Terrorism Threats Facility, brought together 30 senior Nigerian stakeholders and experts to review and validate the draft revised National Counter-Terrorism Strategy (NACTEST). This milestone paves the way for its official launch in mid-October 2025. (12 Aug)



Top Contributors to UNOCT

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$420 million, out of which \$363 million has been received from 50 funding partners. Overall, the top contributors to date are:



* Allocation from the UN Peace and Security Sub-Fund of the EOSG

** In addition, in-kind contribution provided by the Netherlands (valued at \$11.5 million in 2018) and Hungary (\$2 million in 2021-2024)



UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

Pillar I

Addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism

Pillar II

Preventing and combating terrorism

Pillar III

Building States' capacity and strengthening the role of the UN

Pillar IV

Ensuring human rights and the rule of law