



The Office provides most of its capacity-building support to Member States through the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT), which 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.

To enhance coordination and coherence, the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, which is a coordination framework bringing together 43 entities was launched by the UN Secretary-General in December 2018. The Compact operates thanks to the generous contribution of the State of Qatar. It operates through its Coordination Committee and 8 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 5 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 38 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

▶ Political Leadership



USG Voronkov and the Speaker of the Shura Council of Qatar, H.E. Ahmed bin Abdullah bin Zaid Al Mahmoud, held a virtual ceremony to sign the Exchange of Letters and Contribution Agreement to establish a UNOCT Programme Office on parliamentary engagement in preventing and countering terrorism in Doha. This Office will serve as a hub for research, knowledge management and capacity-building, leveraging on innovation and partnerships to enhance support to parliamentarians worldwide in their efforts to counter terrorism. (25 Nov)

▶ Highlights

- Mr. Raffi Gregorian, Deputy to USG Voronkov, chaired the Second UNOCT roundtable with civil society organizations (CSO), attended by representatives from 10 CSO from Europe, Africa, MENA, Asia-Pacific as well as Latin America and the Caribbean. Discussions focused on fostering collaboration on the implementation of UNOCT's CSO engagement strategy and the UN Global CT Strategy, and the preparations of a high-level regional conference on human rights and counter-terrorism to be held in Málaga, Spain, in April 2021. (5 Nov)
- UNOCT/UNCCT and INTERPOL launched a joint initiative to produce a "Global Threat Study on Non-State Actors and Their Potential Use of CBRNE Materials". The launching event was attended by 340 participants from 61 Member States, international and regional organizations and law enforcement agencies. By developing strategic threat assessments against CBRNE using national law enforcement information, this 5-year initiative will support effective and evidence-based decision-making to counter CBRNE terrorism. (16 Nov)
- UNOCT/UNCCT received the first tranche contribution from UNDP as part of a joint project funded by the European Union on preventing violent extremism through promoting tolerance and respect for diversity. The project aims to strengthen the ability of participating South East Asian countries to identify, respond to and prevent violent extremism.



UNOCT Office Structure

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► Capacity Building

UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)



At the ITU Global Cyber Drill 2020, UNCCT conducted its first simulation exercise of a cyber-attack against a hospital, testing the understanding of over 130 participants from 34 Member States of basic concepts related to cryptocurrencies, dark web, web intelligence & social media investigations to help law enforcement officials bring those responsible to justice. (5 Nov)

UNCCT delivered a virtual workshop on enhancing nuclear security at borders in South East Asia under the Project on Promoting the Universalization and Effective Implementation of the Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT). The overarching topic was detection and response at official points of entry. The workshop gathered over 120 participants from ten South East Asian Member States, and panelists from France, Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, the Philippines, Thailand, IAEA, INTERPOL, UNOCT-UNCCT, UNODC and WCO. (10-12 Nov)

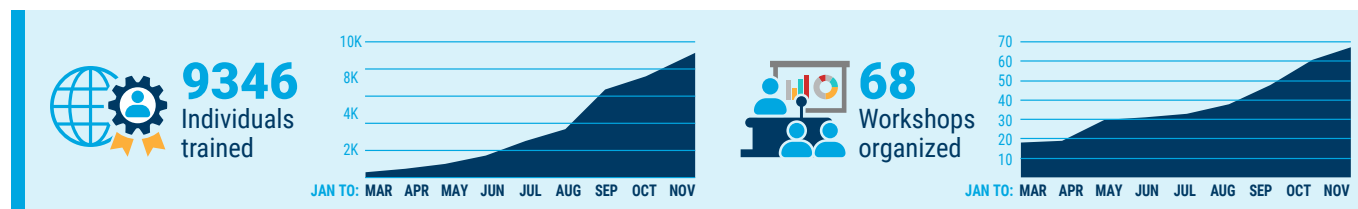
UNCCT, in collaboration with UNODC and IPU, organized the first expert consultation on the Model Legal Provisions initiative, focusing on the right to compensation of victims of terrorism. Participants stressed the importance of humanitarian and human rights law in this context. The expert consultation was attended by 80 participants from Member States governments, parliamentarians, UN entities, civil society representatives, victims' associations and academia. (24 Nov)

Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)

UNOCT, the United States Department of State and the Permanent Mission of Qatar co-hosted a symposium on "Unlocking the power of Football". The event, organized by Football for Peace, discussed the potential of football in preventing and countering violence and the role that governments, the private sector, CSOs and communities can play together in this regard. (10 Nov)

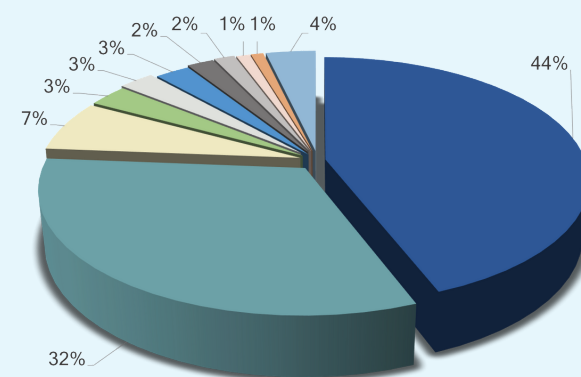


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Top Contributors to UNOCT

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$251.4 million, out of which \$190.5 million has been received from 32 donors. Overall the top donors to date are:



* Allocation from the UN Peace and Security Sub-Fund of the EOSG
** The Netherlands also provided in-kind contribution valued at USD 11.5 million in 2018.



UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

Pillar I

Addressing the condition conducive to the spread of terrorism

Pillar II

Preventing and combating terrorism

Pillar III

Building States' capacity and strengthen the role of the UN

Pillar IV

Ensuring human rights and the rule of law