

UNCCT Advisory Board Meeting

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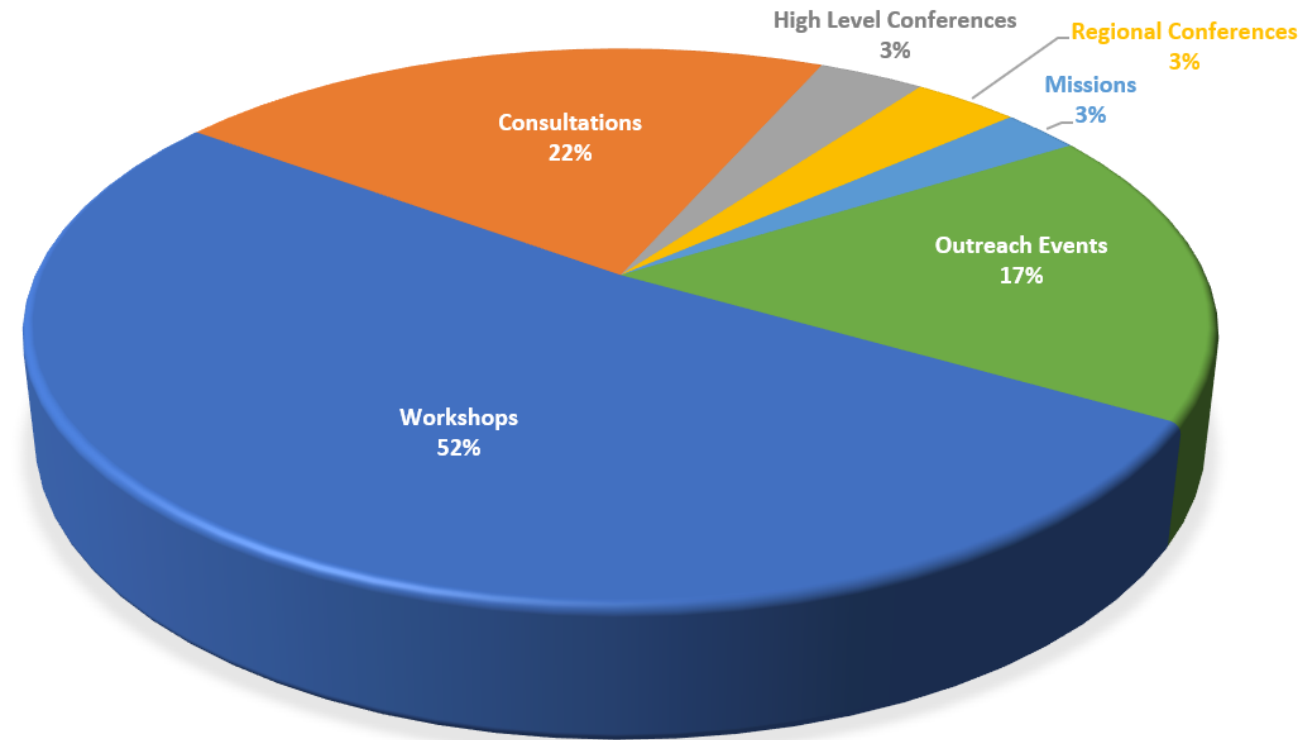
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UNCCT Highlights (January – December 2023)

- ➔ **UNCCT is implementing 16 Programmes and Projects, engaging beneficiaries from 160 countries**
- ➔ **Delivered 60 Training events to build capacity on technical thematic issues**
- ➔ **Held 25 Consultation, advice & advocacy including promotion of legal instruments**
- ➔ **Held 4 High-level and 4 Regional conferences on CT related issues**
- ➔ **Held 20 Outreach programmes, special events & information materials**
- ➔ **Trained 6,360 Participants**
- ➔ **Produced 12 Publications**
- ➔ **Ensured Human Rights, Gender and Civil Society Engagement are Mainstreamed Across all Programme**



Major Highlights: Pillar I and IV

PCVE



Launch of PCVE NAP and RAP MEL Toolkit

- **Launch of a Toolkit** designed to support individuals and organizations involved in the development or implementation of National Action Plans and Regional Action Plans



YEEP Africa

- **24 young leaders** in Nigeria pitched 8 new PCVE policy and programme ideas built from Peer 2 Peer engagement with **350+ young people** during the National Youth Policy Dialogue with Nigeria's Office of National Security Advisor.
- Launch of **YEEP Somalia** in March 2024
- **StratCom Training for Young Leaders in Southeast Asia**
- 16 young leaders enhanced capacity to develop PCVE campaigns **using generative AI and to facilitate training** through a Training of Trainers model (Sept-Nov 2023)

January 2024, UNOCT/UNCCT launched the **Model Legislative Provisions and National Comprehensive Assistance Plans to support victims of terrorism (MLP/NCAPs) project** in collaboration with UNODC and the Government of the Philippines in Manila. The second workshop will take place in June 2024.



March 2024, UNOCT/UNCCT unveiled the **'Memories' exhibition in Madrid** in the lead-up to the 20th anniversary of the European Remembrance Day for Victims of Terrorism and the 11 March terrorist attacks in Madrid. The European launch of the campaign is expected to take place in May 2024 in Brussels.

VOT



March 2024, UNOCT/UNCCT launched the first in a series of consultations with victims, survivors, and victims' associations on the development of the **Victims of Terrorism Associations Network (VoTAN)** to ensure it is relevant, responsive and timely to victims' needs.



Asia Pacific – Bangkok Presence

- Facilitated and supported the implementation of **technical assistance activities** in Southeast Asia by **8 UNOCT Global Programmes**
- Represented UNOCT/UNCCT at **11 international and regional fora** in the Asia Pacific region



- Organized and participated at **9 multi-stakeholders coordination platforms** (including Member States, UN entities and other development partners)
- Engaged in **7 resource mobilization activities**
- Represented UNOCT at **1 CTED's assessment visit**
- **Liaised with ASEAN** sectoral bodies on CT and PCVE matters

Major Highlights: Pillar II

Cybersecurity and New Technologies

Programme completed a series of regional awareness raising workshops promoting good practices on development of national counter-terrorism policy and operational responses to counter the use of new technologies for terrorist purposes while protecting human rights. 29 Member States from Africa, Central Asia, Asia-Pacific and Latin America strengthened their knowledge of policy and operational tools developed to them by UNOCT/UNCCT to ensure that Member States have a strategic approach to new technologies in countering terrorism, which is protecting human rights and is gender responsive. Programme donors include KSA, EU, Germany, Japan, UAE, and the Republic of Korea.



Border Security and Management (BSM) Programme

- BSM Programme evaluation at the final stage
- Provided expertise to a workshop IOM in Dakar (Dec 23) and INTERPOL event in Amman (Feb 24)
- BSM inaugurated the Integrated Border Stability Mechanism (IBSM) Office in Dakar on 7 March and deployed one Programme Management Officer.



Countering Terrorist Use of Weapons

CBRN/WMD

- ICSANT community of practitioners meeting and a national training on countering radiological and nuclear threats for Nigeria (Dec 2023);
- Regional workshop for Central Asia on CBRNE exercise development, hosted by Kazakhstan (Mar 2024)

SALW, IED, UAS:

- 5 national trainings for Central Asia Member States 🇹🇲 🇷🇺 🇮🇳 🇰🇷 🇻🇳 on terrorism-arms-crime nexus, (from Dec 2023 to Mar 2024)
- Regional workshop for Sahel on building capacities to eliminate terrorist use of weapons hosted by Morocco (Feb 2024)

Countering Financing of Terrorism (CFT) Programme

- Presentation of the Virtual Assets Initiative in the EAG at the Eurasian Group on AML/CFT (EAG) Plenary meeting (12 December 2023, Sanya, People's Republic of China)
- ESAAMLG Regional TF Risk Assessment (RRA) Consultation (24-25 January 2024, Pretoria, South Africa)
- Launch and implementation of the CFT technical assistance plan to Tajikistan on FATF Recommendation 8: 4 consultative missions and 5 workshops (Dushanbe, Tajikistan, January-March 2024)
- goFintel software presented during GAFILAT Plenary meeting (13 December 2023, Punta del Este, Uruguay)
- Support to IIJ (West Africa) and IP (Nigeria) technical assistance on CFT

Major Highlights: Pillar II

JPoA project

- Held a Third Regional Conference in the framework of the **Counter-Terrorism Early Warning Network (EWN) for Central Asia** in December in Almaty, Kazakhstan



- Developed the Terms of Reference for regional component of the EWN
- Presented two case study papers:
 - ✓ Situation in Afghanistan and potential consequences for Central Asia; and
 - ✓ Afghanistan, online propaganda of religious radicalization in Central Asia

SCO RATS Cooperation project

- Joint UNOCT/UNCCT and SCO RATS Regional Roundtable on the Investigations and Prosecution, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration of Individuals Suspected of Terrorism, including FTFs and their Accompanying Family Members in Almaty, Kazakhstan



- Supported the development of the Joint Action Plan with SCO RATS

Central Asia

- High – Level Briefing to Member States on UNOCT/UNCCT Programmes and Projects in Central Asia: Achievements and Way forward
- Supported the development of the Roadmap with Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan

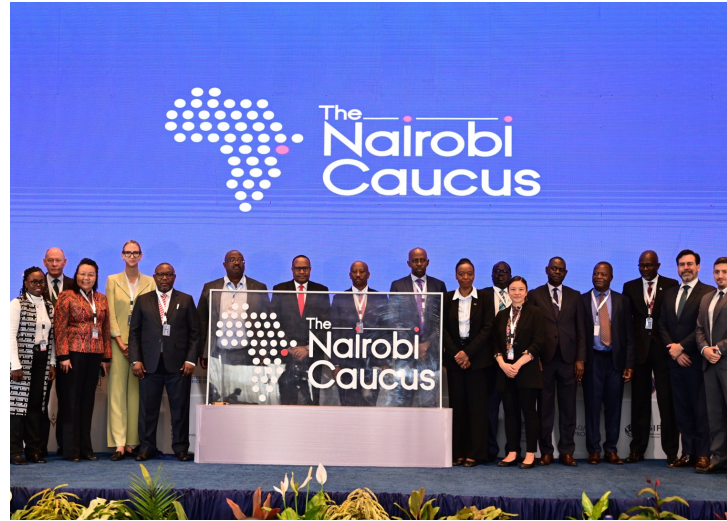
AIMC

- Held a regional training workshop on investigations, prosecutions & adjudication of terrorism cases for AIMC countries (Dec 2023, Tunis)
- Implemented a mock trial and investigation exercise on core CT issues for AIMC countries (Dec 2023, AIMC Secretariat, Tunis)
- Attended 41th session of AIMC Ministerial meeting
- Started preparation for 3 upcoming regional workshops
- Provided continued technical support to AIMC Secretariat and Arab Office.

Major Highlights: Pillar III

Nairobi Office

- **Enabled and facilitated UNOCT Global Programme work** across the Horn, East and Southern Africa:
 - ✓ Vulnerable targets protection (Kenya)
 - ✓ Strategic communications (Uganda)
 - ✓ Review and development of National CT/PCVE strategies and action plans (Kenya, Uganda)
 - ✓ Youth engagement and empowerment in PCVE (Somalia)
 - ✓ CT Tech (Kenya and Regional)
 - ✓ Countering terrorist use of weapons – both CBRN and conventional weapons (Regional)
 - ✓ Countering Terrorist Travel
- Supported Kenya's **Second Nairobi Caucus on Preventing the Exploitation of Technology and Communication for Terrorist Use**.
- Held scoping and planning discussions with national and regional actors in Somalia, Kenya, Uganda, Djibouti, and **represented UNOCT at regional events in Uganda, Djibouti and Kenya**.
- **Coordinated joint planning for UNOCT and UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact work** including the **UN Joint CT Appeal for Africa**.



PRR

- **25 representatives** from the Judiciary, Office of the Prosecutor, Ministry of the Interior, and Counter-Terrorism agencies of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Türkiye, Republic of Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan increased their understanding of the collection and use of **battlefield evidence for the prosecution of foreign terrorist fighters**
- 3 meetings of the **Security and Accountability Task Force held with the Government of Iraq** on Iraqi nationals **returned from Al Hol camp** on:
 - ✓ Legal Framework and Criminal Justice Process
 - ✓ Screening and Risk Assessment
 - ✓ Criminal Justice Based Rehabilitation of Adult Returnees
 - ✓ Support to Victims/Survivors
- Supported countries in Central Asia, with the support of UNRCCA, to establish a **Central Asia Regional Expert Council on Rehabilitation & Reintegration of Returnees from Conflict Zones** with the Governments of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan.

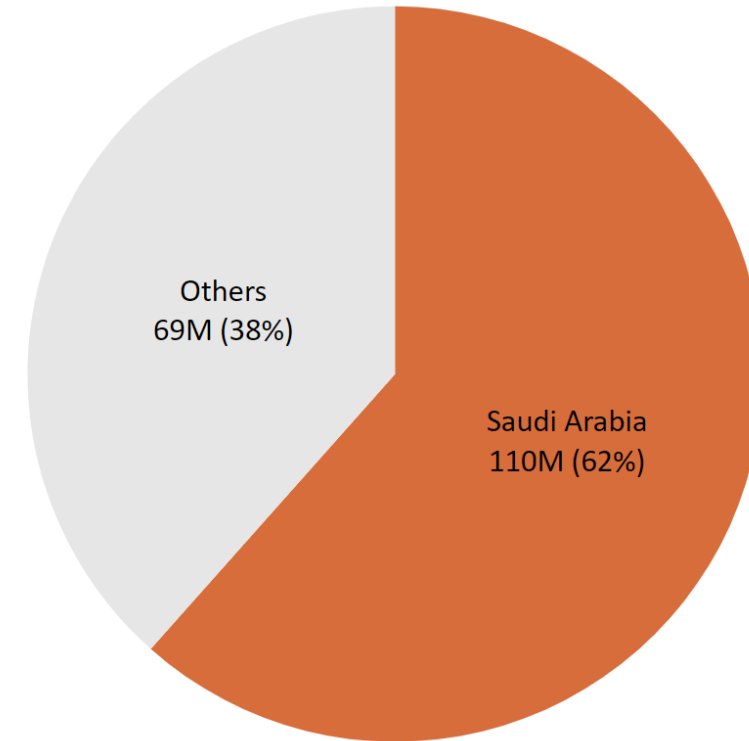
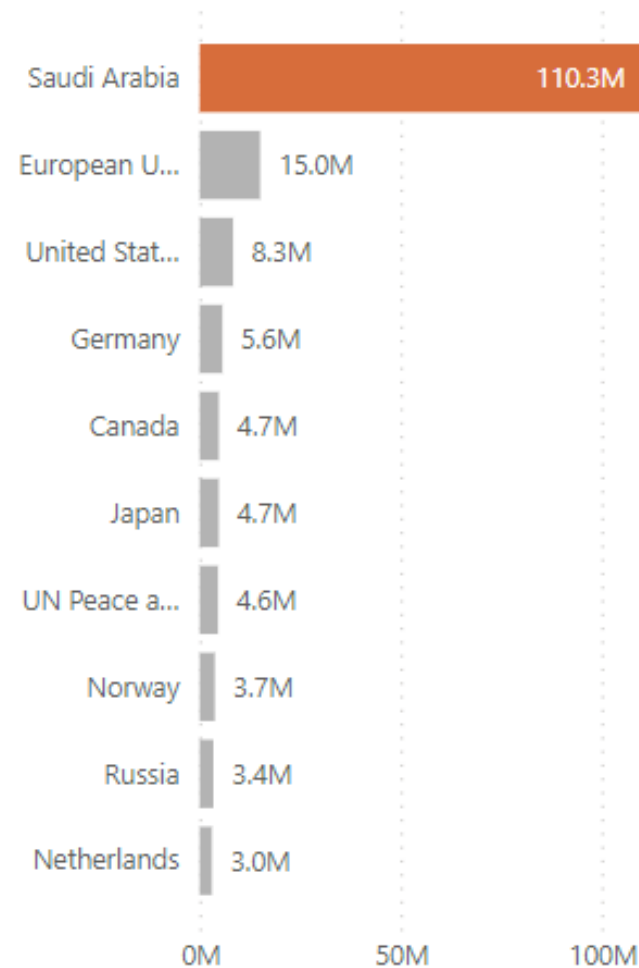
Upcoming Events in 2024

- ➔ **Weapons Programme:** 1) "Glowing Tulip 2.0: From Crime Scene to Courtroom" tabletop exercise and workshop. 23 – 26 April 2024, The Hague; 2) "Steppe Lotus" - ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Workshop on Legal Frameworks to Combat CBRN Terrorism, Ulaanbaatar, April 2024; 3) Regional workshop for the South Asia and Southeast Asia Partner Nations' Capacity on WMD Terrorism Exercise Programs, Bangkok, July 2024
- ➔ **BSM Programme:** The deployment of two BSM officers at the Integrated Border Stabilization Mechanism (IBSM) initiative in Dakar, Senegal
- ➔ **VoT Programme :** 1) Second MLP/NCAPs capacity building workshop in the Philippines, June 2024; European launch of the Memories Campaign in Brussels, May 2024; 2) The Second Conference in support of Victims of Terrorism in Vitoria, Spain on 8-9 October.
- ➔ **PRR Programme:** Inaugural meeting of the Central Asia Regional Expert Council on Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Returnees from Conflict Zones, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, May 2024
- ➔ **Central Asia Unit:** 1) Regional Workshop on Cooperation and Information Sharing Among Competent, Judicial and Law Enforcement Authorities on Trafficking of Small-Arms and Light Weapons and its Supply to Terrorists, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, April 2024; 2) Fourth Regional Conference under Counter-Terrorism Early Warning Network for Central Asia in May 2024
- ➔ **PCVE Programme:** Regional and National Policy Dialogues for the Youth Engagement and Empowerment Programme Africa; launch of Knowledge Products on Measurement & Evaluation, 'Reintegration Comms' and a Train the Trainer guide on countering terrorist use of hate speech



UNCCT Top Funding Partners (2009 – 2023)

Top 10 Donors to UNCCT



*The contributions from Saudi Arabia of \$110 million have generated \$6.9 million in interest

Connect and Learn

- ➔ Online capacity-building platform that complements UNOCT's in-person workshops and trainings
- ➔ Learn hosts e-learning courses and modules
- ➔ Connect hosts interactive Communities of Practice and knowledge resources
- ➔ Earned the prestigious title of Learning Platform of the Year at the 2024 Learning Awards, securing the Gold medal and first-place honors.
- ➔ Since the beginning of 2024, Connect and Learn registered 1190 new users, added 7 new courses and 4 new Communities of Practice.



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