

# THE LARGEST UN COUNTER-TERRORISM FRAMEWORK EXPLAINED





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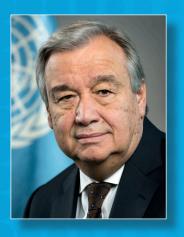
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"Since its launch, the Compact has demonstrated a fundamental truth. Countering and defeating terrorism depends on collaboration".

Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General



"The Compact plays a critical role in fostering coordination and coherence among Member States, United Nations entities and other partners in counter-terrorism".

Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of UNOCT

## **ABOUT US**

The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact was launched by Secretary-General António Guterres in February 2018 to strengthen the coordination of UN counter-terrorism efforts and promote an 'all-of-UN' approach in counter-terrorism.

The Counter-Terrorism Compact is the largest coordination framework across the three pillars of work of the United Nations: peace and security; sustainable development; and human rights. It currently consists of 46 UN and non-UN entities.

It is the primary institutional vehicle for the coordination and coherence of UN counter-terrorism efforts, and provides support to Member States in their implementation of the <u>United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy</u>.

The Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism chairs the Counter-Terrorism Compact Coordination Committee, which comprises the representatives of all Counter-Terrorism Compact entities, as well as the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of its eight Working Groups.

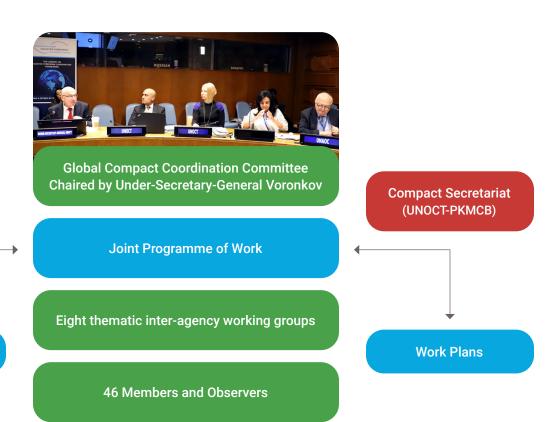
The Policy, Knowledge Management and Coordination Branch (PKMCB) of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) serves as the Secretariat of the Counter-Terrorism Compact and works together with all its entities to counter terrorism and prevent the spread of violent extremism.





United Nations Secretary-General Mr. António Guterres and Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism Mr. Vladimir Voronkov at the Eighth Meeting of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Committee (Coordination Committee) on 8 June 2022 in New York.

## COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



**Terms of Reference** 

## COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT JOINT PROGRAMME OF WORK (JPOW) FOR 2024-2026

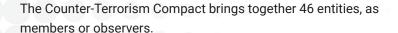
# **Overarching Strategic Priorities** United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism **Compact Coordination Committee Joint Programme of Work** 2024-2026 **United Nations Globa** COUNTER-TERRORISM **Coordination Compact**

Enhance Coordination and Coherence of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism efforts Strengthen Engagement with Member States Advance partnerships with regional entities, civil society, 3 academia and the private sector Consolidate Joint Planning and Resource Mobilization 4 for United Nations Counter-Terrorism efforts Ensure mainstreaming of gender, human rights and rule of law in the context of countering-terrorism and preventing violent extremism

## COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT IN ACTION



## **COMPACT ENTITIES**



Each entity participates in the Counter-Terrorism Compact consistent with its own mandate to support the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council.





## **46 COMPACT ENTITIES**

- 1267 Committee Monitoring Team
- 1540 Committee Expert Group
- Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)
- Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)
- Department or Safety and Security (DSS)
- Department of Peace Operations (DPO)
- Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA)
- Department of Global Communications (DGC)
- Executive Office of the Secretary-General Rule of Law Unit (EOSG RoL)
- Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
- International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)
- International Labor Organization (ILO)
- International Maritime Organization (IMO)

- Office of Disarmament Affairs (ODA)
- Office of Information and Communications Technology (OICT)
- · Office of Legal Affairs (OLA)
- Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- · Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth
- Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)
- · Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide
- Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism
- Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (SRSG-SVC)
- Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children (SRSG-VAC)
- United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)



## **46 COMPACT ENTITIES**

- United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)
- United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)
- United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

- United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (UNOSAA)
- Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict (SRSG CAAC)
- World Customs Organization (WCO)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
- United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC)

- Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)



## COORDINATION COMMITTEE





## **Decisions Document by Principals**

Strengthening Global Counter-Terrorism Efforts and Supporting Member States

# THE UN GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT COORDINATION COMMITTEE

The Eleventh Coordination Committee Meeting was held on 5-6 February 2025, in New York, focusing on the "Pact for the Future and the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact: Strengthening Policy Interventions and Building Member State Capacities to Prevent and Counter Terrorism". The Coordination Committee adopted a <a href="Decisions Document">Decisions Document</a> reaffirming the United Nations commitment to supporting Member States in implementing the Pact and strengthening global counter-terrorism efforts.





Eleventh Meeting of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Committee on 5 February 2025 in New York.

## ANNUAL RETREAT





The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact hosted its first-ever Annual Retreat on 25 June 2025 in New York. This event was held under the theme "Strengthening Partnerships between Regional Organizations and the UN Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact through Policy Interventions and Capacity Building", supporting Action 23(c) of the Pact for the Future.

The retreat gathered over 100 participants, including Permanent Representatives and representatives of regional organizations. An action plan with indicators will be issued soon to advance the UN's collaboration with regional organizations on Counter-Terrorism.

## THE UN GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT PLATFORM





## **ABOUT THE PLATFORM**

UNOCT and the Office of Information and Communications Technology (OICT), with the financial support of the State of Qatar, have developed the <u>UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Platform</u> (the "Platform"), as a user-friendly, password-protected, digital gateway for:

- One-stop-shop for secure and efficient coordination and information sharing within the UN system, Member States and regional organizations
- Joint, multi-stakeholder collaboration among the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities
- Greater visibility of UN counter-terrorism efforts in a digital environment



## **KEY FUNCTIONALITIES & TOOLS**

- Global Networking
- Searchable Contact Directory
- Thematic Resource Library
- Joint Calendar
- Multi-stakeholder Collaboration
- · Dedicated Working Group Spaces
- Dedicated page for Member States' Counter-Terrorism Priorities
- Joint Planning and Prioritization
- Matrix of UN Projects on preventing and countering terrorism
- CTED Country Assessments and Technical Assistance (TA)
   Recommendations
- Joint Appeal for Counter-Terrorism in Africa

For Platform access, contact the Counter-Terrorism Compact Secretariat in UNOCT at: <a href="mailto:globalctcompact-committee@un.org">globalctcompact-committee@un.org</a>



# UN JOINT APPEAL FOR COUNTER-TERRORISM IN AFRICA

**UN Joint Appeal for Counter-Terrorism in Africa** was launched on the margins of the Third Counter-Terrorism Week (22 June 2023).



10 joint initiatives for Africa delivered by 16 UN entities

For more details on the Joint Appeal, visit: jointappeal.org









**Countering Terrorism** in Travel and Transport in Africa



**Engaging** women and youth in preventing and countering violent extremism



**Enhancing** border stabilization and fostering community engagement in C™te d'Ivoire



**Empowering** women, young girls & boys against radicalization and violent extremism



**Addressing** the nexus between terrorism and organized crime in Africa



**Advancing** the GCTS through national CT/PCVE strategies



Strategic communications for building resilience to violent extremism and reducing the threat of terrorism



**Strengthening** respect for human rights in countering terrorism and violent extremism



**Preventing** terrorism and violent extremism in Guinea Bissau



Advancing regional cooperation on the rights and needs of victims of terrorism



## **COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT IN NUMBERS**





3,700 **Documents** uploaded



412,700 Visits since its launch



861 **CTED TA** recommendations



Member **States** 

## **ENHANCED COOPERATION WITH MEMBER STATES**

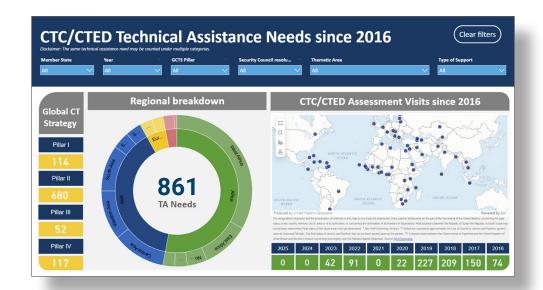
- 139 Member States have assigned focal points for the Platform
- The Counter-Terrorism Compact provides a forum for Member States to showcase their counterterrorism-related efforts to the Counter-Terrorism Compact working groups and request for tailored support from relevant Counter-Terrorism Compact entities
- A dedicated page for Member States has been published on the Platform to facilitate the sharing of country-specific information on counterterrorism priorities, challenges and good practices





## CTC/CTED ASSESSMENT DASHBOARD

The CTC/ CTFD Assessment Dashboard is a tool hosted on the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Platform that allows Compact entities to search the technical assistance needs and assessment documents shared by CTED, in line with Security Council resolution 2617 (2021). The Dashboard was developed by UNOCT and is curated by CTED to help inform the design of targeted capacitybuilding efforts, including in furthering the balanced implementation of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy across all four of its pillars.



## **ENHANCING MORE SPECIFIC COORDINATION**

- 14 Regional
   Organizations have
   nominated their focal
   points to the Platform
- At the Seventh Coordination Committee meeting held on 14 December 2021, the Compact entities unanimously endorsed the Options Paper that propose 7 practical steps for enhancing regional and field coordination through the Counter-Terrorism Compact

- Take into account country-specific recommendations from entities that have developed a strong knowledge and expertise in country situations
- 2 Include agenda items focused on addressing thematic issues in specific countries or regions
- Invite field staff of entities to their meetings, including Resident Coordinators and UNOCT of countries affected by terrorism
- Engage with civil society organizations, women-led organizations and networks, youth, academic institutions, and the private sector representatives
- Strengthen their engagements with Member States and regional organizations, and invite them to brief during their sessions and/or meetings
- 6 Explore concrete options for collaboration with the GCTF working groups
- Leverage the Compact Platform to increase the online collaboration between Compact entities and Member States' focal points, and to grant access of field representatives from Compact entities to working group's spaces

## THIRD UN COUNTER-TERRORISM WEEK (CT WEEK)

The United Nations Counter-Terrorism Week is a regular gathering of Member States and international counter-terrorism partners.

The Third Counter-Terrorism Week (CT Week) took place from 19 to 23 June 2023 at the UN Headquarters in New York and comprised:



## **40 Side Events**

95 Co-organizers and 4,500+ Participants



41 Member States, 18 Compact entities, 10 intergovernmental organizations, 27 civil society, academia and faith-based organizations



8th Review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy Resolution adopted on 22 June 2023





1,000+
Participants from



160 Member States



23
International and regional organizations



**23**United Nations entities



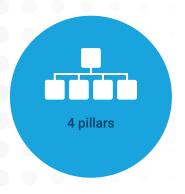
118
Civil Society Organizations



academia, private sector & other entities (19-20 June)

## **WORKING GROUPS**

## **UN GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY**







## 4 PILLARS OF THE UN GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY

The UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in the form of a General Assembly resolution and an annexed Plan of Action (A/RES/60/288) is composed of four pillars, namely:

## Pillar I

Measures to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism

## Pillar II

Measures to prevent and combat terrorism

## Pillar III

Measures to build States' capacity to prevent and combat terrorism and to strengthen the role of the **United Nations** system in this regard

## **Pillar IV**

Measures to ensure respect for human rights for all and the rule of law as the fundamental basis of the fight against terrorism

# THE 8 COMPACT WORKING GROUPS UNDER THE FOUR PILLARS OF THE UN GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY

Pillar IPillar IIIPillar IIPillar IV

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

Preventing and countering violent extremism conducive to terrorism
Chair: UNOCT
Vice-Chairs:
UNAOC, UNDP, UNESCO

GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY

5.
Resource mobilization, monitoring,
and evaluation
Chair: UNOCT / Co-Chairs: CTED, UNODC

6.
National and Regional
counter-terrorism strategies
Chair: CTED
Vice-Chair: UNOCT

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

3. **Emerging threats** Criminal justice, and critical legal responses. and countering infrastructure the financing of protection Chair: INTERPOL terrorism Chair: UNODC Vice-Chairs: Vice-Chairs: UNODA, UNICRI, CTED. UNOCT **OPCW** 

## 1. Working Group on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Conducive to Terrorism

Chair



**Vice-Chairs** 







**Objective** 

To promote coordination and coherence to support Member States to prevent and counter violent extremism conducive to terrorism, with respect for human rights and the rule of law as the fundamental basis, in line with international law, including international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international refugee law, and with an essential focus on gender equality and youth empowerment.

Membership

All Counter-Terrorism Compact entities are members or observers of the Working Group

## 2. Working Group on Border Management and Law Enforcement Relating to Counter-Terrorism

Chair



**Vice-Chairs** 







**Objective** 

To promote coordination and coherence to support Member States in implementing counterterrorism measures in the area of border management and law enforcement, with respect for human rights and the rule of law as the fundamental basis, and in line with international law, including international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international refugee law.

Membership

<ul> <li>1267 Monitoring Team</li> <li>1540 Committee Group of Experts</li> <li>DPO</li> <li>DPPA</li> <li>ICAO</li> </ul>	• IMO • OHCHR • OLA • OPCW • Special Rapporteur on Human Rights while CT	• UNDP • UNICRI • UNIDIR • UNITAR • UNOCT • UNODA • WHO

Observers

- DESAIOM
- UNHCR
- UNICEF

## 3. Working Group on Emerging Threats and Critical Infrastructure Protection

Chair



**Vice-Chairs** 







**Objective** 

To promote coordination and coherence to support Member States to prevent and respond to emerging terrorist threats, including those related to the misuse of chemical, biological, nuclear and radiological materials, and to enhance the protection of critical infrastructure, including infrastructure housing these materials, against terrorist attacks, with respect for human rights and the rule of law as the fundamental basis, in line with international law, including international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international refugee law.

Membership

• 1267 Monitoring Team	• DGC • DPO	• OHCHR • OLA	• UNDP • UNESCO	• WCO • WHO
• 1540 Committee	• DPPA	<ul> <li>Special</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>UNIDIR</li> </ul>	
Group of Experts	• DSS	Rapporteur on	<ul> <li>UNITAR</li> </ul>	
· CTBTO	<ul> <li>ICAO</li> </ul>	Human Rights	<ul> <li>UNOCT</li> </ul>	
• CTED	• IMO	while CT	<ul> <li>UNODC</li> </ul>	

#### Observers

- IAEA (ad-hoc)
- IPU
- · OCHA

## 4. Working Group on Criminal Justice, Legal Responses & Countering the Financing of Terrorism

Chair



**Vice-Chairs** 





**Objective** 

To promote coordination and coherence to reinforce the critical role of the criminal justice sector and its efforts in countering the financing of terrorism in line with the universal legal framework against terrorism, especially the 19 international conventions and protocols related to terrorism, relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions, as well as international law, including international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international refugee law.

Membership

• 1267 Monitoring • FATF Special Adviser UNDP Team INTFRPOI on the Prevention UNFSCO • DP0 OHCHR of Genocide UNICRI • DPPA Special Rapporteur
 UNITAR OLA FOSG Rule of SRSG on Sexual on Human Rights WCO Law Unit Violence in Conflict while CT

## **Observers**

• IMF • OCHA • IPU • UN-Habitat • UNICEF

## 5. Working Group on Resource Mobilization, Monitoring and Evaluation

Chair



**Co-Chairs** 





**Objective** 

To support the sharing of best practices on delivering the commitment of the Counter-Terrorism Compact through the development of a common monitoring and evaluation framework, as well as accompanying tools, and the provision of guidance and contributing to coordinated resource mobilization efforts by all Counter-Terrorism Compact entities, in particular through a consolidated Multi-Year Appeal.

Membership

All Counter-Terrorism Compact entities are members or observers of the Working Group

## 6. Working Group on National and Regional Counter-Terrorism Strategies

**Co-Chairs** 





**Objectives** 

- To support Member States and regional organizations in developing their counter-terrorism strategies that reflect all four Pillars of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and in accordance with relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions.
- To ensure that these strategies aim to counter terrorism in a holistic, comprehensive and integrated manner, in line with international law, including international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international refugee law, while also ensuring gender equality and youth empowerment through engagement with civil society, academia, think tanks and the private sector.

Membership

All Counter-Terrorism Compact entities are members or observers of the Working Group

# 7. Working Group on Protecting and Promoting Human Rights, the Rule of Law & Supporting Victims of Terrorism

Chair



**Vice-Chair** 



**Objectives** 

- To support Member States to ensure respect for human rights and the rule of law in the fight against terrorism, and to promote and protect the rights of victims of terrorism;
- To provide guidance to Member States to ensure that their counter-terrorism measures are in accordance with their obligations under international humanitarian law;
- To support Member States and other Working Groups in addressing gaps through mainstreaming human rights.

**Membership** 

- 1267 Monitoring Team
- CTED
- DGC
- DPO
- DPPA
- EOSG Rule of Law Unit
- · ICAO

- IMO
- INTERPOL
- · OLA
- Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide
- Special Rapporteur on Human Rights while CT
   SRSG for Children and
- Armed Conflict

- SRSG on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- UNDP
- UNESCO
- UNICRI
- UNITAR
- UNODC
- UN Women

## **Observers**

- · IOM
- IPU
- OCHA
- UNHCR
- UN-Habitat
- UNICEF

## 8. Working Group on Adopting a Gender Sensitive Approach to Preventing and Countering Terrorism

Chair



**Vice-Chair** 



Objective

To support gender mainstreaming, promote gender equality, and integrate the women, peace, and security agenda within the framework of the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact.

**Membership** 

- DPO
- DPPA
- EOSG Rule of Law Unit
- INTERPOL
- OHCHR
- Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide

- Special Rapporteur on Human Rights while CT
- SRSG on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- SRSG on Violence Against Children
- UNDP
- UNESCO

- UNICRI
- UNITARUNOCT
- UNOCI
- · UNODC
- UNSSC

#### **Observers**

- · IOM
- IPU
- UNHCR

## **PUBLICATIONS**







## **COMPACT NEWSLETTERS**

The Counter-Terrorism Compact Secretariat produces bi-monthly and annual Newsletters that highlight key activities of the 46 Compact entities, notably:

- Engagement with Member States
- Cooperation with regional organizations
- Joint and coordinated planning and resource mobilization through the UN Joint Appeal for Counter-Terrorism in Africa

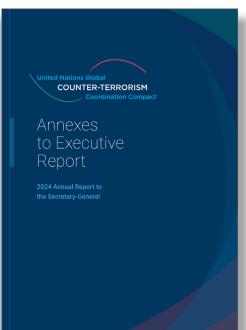


To see the published newsletters: www.un.org/counterterrorism/global-ct-compact

## COMPACT ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The Counter-Terrorism Compact Secretariat produces the Annual Reports of the Counter-Terrorism Compact. The Annual Reports draw on the progress reports submitted by the eight Working Groups to the Chair of the Coordination Committee and outlines key accomplishments in line with the overarching priorities of the Counter-Terrorism Compact and the four pillars of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.





To see the published reports: www.un.org/counterterrorism/global-ct-compact

## PARTNERSHIP WITH GLOBAL COUNTERTERRORISM FORUM



The close and mutually reinforcing relationship between the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) and the Counter-Terrorism Compact continues to evolve.

Regular coordination meetings strengthen practical, structured cooperation and foster further coordination on priorities and programming. The GCTF invited Compact partners to co-lead initiatives to develop:

 The GCTF Good Practice Memorandum for the Implementation of Countering the Financing of Terrorism Measures While Safeguarding Civic Space [AR] [FR]; and  GCTF Border Security and Management – <u>Addendum</u> to the <u>2016 GCTF Good Practices in the Area of</u> <u>Border Security and Management</u>

In 2022, the Working Groups of the Counter-Terrorism Compact and the GCTF developed a <u>Joint Options Paper</u> to enhance collaboration, including on topics such as the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes and gender mainstreaming in all counter-terrorism related activities.







H.E. Ambassador Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations with Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of UNOCT



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