



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 generous 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 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 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 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

## ▶ Leadership



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**USG Voronkov** briefed the UN Security Council with ASG Coninx, CTED's Executive Director, on the Secretary-General's [13th report on the threat posed by ISIL \(Da'esh\)](#). USG Voronkov emphasized the significant and

steady threat posed by Da'esh to international peace and security, in particular the alarming expansion of Da'esh in Africa. (19 August)

**Deputy to the USG Gregorian** briefed the Security Council Arria formula meeting convened by Kenya on "Humanitarian Action: Overcoming Challenges in Situations of Armed Conflict and Counter-Terrorism Operations". (11 August)

**USG Voronkov** signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement with UN Women to enhance practical cooperation between the two entities, which is a critical step for UNOCT in strengthening its practices of gender mainstreaming in the implementation of its mandate. (16 August)

## ▶ Highlights

**The Fourth International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to Victims of Terrorism**, organized by UNOCT/UNCCT in collaboration with the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism, was held with the participation of the UN Secretary-General Mr. António Guterres. Panellists in the high level-segment stressed the importance of giving victims a platform to share their stories and the obligation of Member States to put their needs and human rights at the forefront of the counter-terrorism response. The UNCCT-produced film, "[Surviving Terrorism: The Power of Connections](#)" was launched, featuring the testimonies of eight victims of terrorism from across the world. Visit the [UN Victims of Terrorism Support Portal](#) where you can read the statements of victims who participated in the "Surviving Terrorism: The Power of Connections" event. (20 August)



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF  
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## UNOCT Office Structure

[www.un.org/counterterrorism/office-structure](http://www.un.org/counterterrorism/office-structure)



## ► Capacity Building

### UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)

**UNCCT, together with UNODC**, held a four-day training course on “Preventing and Combatting the Illicit Trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and their Illicit Supply to Terrorists”, organized within the framework of the project on *Addressing the terrorism-arms-crime nexus in Central Asia for criminal justice officials, customs and border control of Kyrgyzstan*. During the training, Kyrgyzstan representatives discussed national and international good practices on detection and investigation and engaged in interactive exercises. (3-6 August)

**UNCCT** delivered an advanced two-day “Open Source Intelligence” training for Bangladesh counter-terrorism investigators on how to collect information on cyber and terrorist threats online for prevention, investigation and prosecution of terrorist activities and related technical, legal and human rights aspects to be considered while conducting online investigations. (16 -17 August)

**UNCCT** concluded a joint three-day hybrid workshop with the Republic of Iraq on “Countering the financing of terrorism in Iraq: Main implementation challenges and understanding terrorist financing risks” in Istanbul, Turkey, for Iraqi law enforcement officials, financial intelligence analysts, prosecutors and judicial officials. The objective of the workshop was to raise awareness and enhance the



technical and operational capacity of Iraq’s national authorities and relevant stakeholders on suppressing the financing of terrorism within their jurisdiction and at the regional level in full compliance with relevant international standards. (17 August)

**UNCCT jointly with SPIB, UNITAMS and UNESCO**, and in coordination with Teeba press, [delivered](#) a series of workshops and roundtable discussions for journalists, young activists and government officials on countering hate speech and preventing violent extremism in Sudan. The workshops reached more than 120 communications officers across government ministries, journalists, and media professionals coming from South Kordofan, Darfur, Blue Nile, and the Eastern States (Kassala, Red State, and Gadarif) – regions most impacted by hate speech and violence motivated by misinformation and disinformation. (31 August)

### Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)

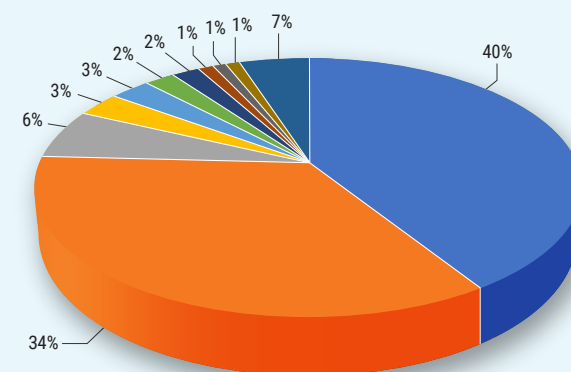
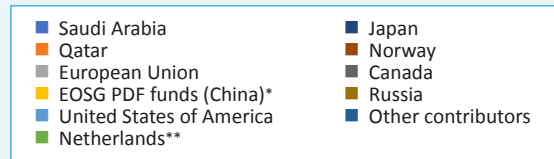
**The UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme, with IOM and OICT**, organized a virtual technical workshop to review existing technological architecture and inter-agency data management arrangements on advance passenger information (API) and passenger name record (PNR) in Azerbaijan. It also discussed the current landscape for the deployment of UN ‘goTravel’ solution. (19 August)

**The workshop** was followed by an in-person study visit for the representatives of law enforcement agencies of Azerbaijan to Paris to learn about the French national experience on API and PNR systems. The visit was organized in partnership with UNODC and IOM. (24-25 August)



## Top Contributors to UNOCT

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$273.7 million, out of which \$223.8 million has been received from 34 donors. Overall, the top donors 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 USD 11.5 million in 2018) and Hungary (USD 534k in 2021).



## 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

**UNCCT & SPIB:**  
Jan-Aug 2021



**4,980**  
Individuals trained



**105**  
Workshops organized



**146**  
Expert meetings held

