**IN FOCUS: Engagement with the GCTF**

- **3rd Expert Meeting** “The Way Forward – Good Practices and Lessons Learned” of the GCTF initiative on “Ensuring the Effective Implementation of Countering the Financing of Terrorism Measures while Safeguarding Civic Space” co-led by UNOCT, Morocco and The Netherlands (9-10 Mar)
- **6th UN and GCTF Coordination Meeting** (17 Mar)
- **18th GCTF Coordinating Committee Meeting** with participation of UNOCT, CTED, INTERPOL, UNICRI, UNODC (24-25 Mar)

**7th Biennial Review of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy**

- **1st informal consultation** convened by the President of the General Assembly, Mr. Volkan Bozkir, to initiate the review process co-facilitated by the Permanent Representatives of Oman and Spain
- USG Voronkov’s **briefing** to Member States on the report of the Secretary-General for the 7th Biennial Review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (A/75/729) (5 Mar)

**UN GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM COORDINATION PLATFORM**

-Launched in March 2020, the Platform was developed and is maintained by UNOCT thanks to the financial support of the State of Qatar:

131 Member States nominated focal point users
2,000 Documents uploaded on the Platform
75,926 Visits to the Platform since its launch
643 CTED technical assistance recommendations available to entities
21 CTED country assessments available to entities

**HIGH-LEVEL EVENTS, VISITS AND OTHER KEY EVENTS**

- UNDP Prevention in Action - **Global Forum 2021** kicks off UNDP Development Dialogues (3-4 Mar)
- **14th UN Congress** on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, organized by UNODC (7-12 Mar) – Secretary-General’s remarks, USG Voronkov, ASG Coninsx statements
- **2nd Principals meeting of the Biorisk Working Group** (26 Mar)
- Regional expert consultation “The Gender Dimensions of PRR approaches for persons associated with Boko Haram”, CTED-UNODC-UNOCT project to support responses of States in the region to Boko Haram, in cooperation with the Lake Chad Basin Commission (29 Mar)- USG Voronkov and ASG Coninsx statements
- **“(Re)Building Post-Pandemic Societies: Youth Using Sport to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism”**, side event in the margins of the ECOSOC Youth Forum, organized within the framework of UNAOC, UNICRI, ICSS, and UNOCT Global Sport Programme (6 April)
- International Parliamentary Conference “Global Challenges and Threats in the Context of the Covid-19 Pandemic: Terrorism and Violent Extremism”, co-organized by UNOCT, OSCE PA, IPA-CIS, PAM, and PACE (15 Apr) - UNOCT USG Voronkov, CTED ASG Coninsx, UNODC DG/ED Waly statements

**STATEMENTS FROM HEADS OF COMPACT ENTITIES**

- UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism calls on States to end counter-terrorism policies and practices that harm women, girls, and family (4 Mar)
- UN Special Rapporteurs joint press release “Historic consensus on freedoms of religion and expression at risk” (23 Mar)
- DG/ED Waly’s statement during Special Event on “Gender Dimensions of Criminal Justice Responses to Terrorism”, 14th UN Crime Congress (8 Mar)
- USG Voronkov’s statement at the Bioterrorism Livestream Conference (24-25 Mar)

### GUIDANCE, RESEARCH, ANALYSIS

#### NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM COMPACT ENTITIES

- **CTED Regional Analytical Brief**: efforts of European Member States to prevent terrorists from abusing asylum systems while ensuring compliance with international refugee and human rights law: challenges, recommendations and good practices (Apr)
- **UNDP Report**: Applying behavioural science to support the prevention of violent extremism: experiences and lessons learned (Apr)
- **Report** on 2020 High-level Regional Conference on Foreign Terrorist Fighters jointly organized by OSCE, UNOCT and Switzerland (Apr)
- The **UN Disarmament Yearbook 2020: Volume 45 (Part I)** (Apr)

#### COMPACT WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

7 Meetings held in March-April. Highlights:

- The Working Group on Resource Mobilization and Monitoring and Evaluation organized a meeting featuring briefings from Germany and the US in the context of the preparation for the 2nd Multi-Year Appeal (11 Mar)
- The Working Group on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) hosted a briefing by civil society representatives on the impact of COVID-19 on the engagement of civil society in PCVE and the implications for UN support and programming (26 Mar)
- The Working Group on Emerging Threats and Critical Infrastructure Protection invited the Coordinator of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team on Al-Qaida and ISIL to brief on its 27th report ([S/2021/68]) (31 Mar)
- UNOCT, OHCHR and UNICRI co-organized, through the Working Group on Human Rights, Rule of Law and Victims of Terrorism, three workshops as part of the project on Supporting the Design of Human Rights Compliant Models for the Use of Artificial Intelligence for Counter-Terrorism (6, 13, 15 Apr)
- The Working Group on Border Management and Law Enforcement reviewed draft technical guidelines on implementing SCR 2370 on preventing terrorists from acquiring weapons (8 Apr)

### JOINT PROJECTS AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

- **18 Joint projects** with catalytic funding from UNOCT/UNCCT on priority and emerging issues such as biometrics, combating WMD terrorism, ‘far-right’ violent extremism conducive to terrorism, challenges related to FTFs, terrorism financing, countering terrorism and human rights, gender mainstreaming, and gender-sensitive screening, prosecution, and rehabilitation
- 7 completed
- 11 ongoing

#### MULTI-AGENCY MEETINGS, PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

- Virtual regional **workshop** on “Fostering Judicial and Law Enforcement Cooperation and Information-Sharing” for Central Asia, organized by UNOCT and UNODC in partnership with UNRCCA (16-18 Mar)
- **2nd Expert Group Meeting** “Counter-terrorism in the Age of Artificial Intelligence” organized by UNICRI and UNOCT/UNCCT (18 Mar)
- Workshop on Cargo Controls for Turkey, co-organized by ICAO, IOM, UNOCT and UNODC (7 Apr)
- Addressing the terrorism-arms-crime nexus – virtual **deep-dive assessment** in Kyrgyzstan co-organized by CTED, UNOCT/UNCCT, UNODA, UNODC and WCO (19-23 Apr)
- UNOCT’s Countering Terrorist Travel Programme **virtual deep-dive assessment** in Mongolia co-organized with CTED, ICAO, INTERPOL, OICT, and UNODC (19-23 Apr)
- Expert-level meeting << Emerging trends and recent evolution of the threat posed by ISIL/Al-Qaida inspired terrorism in Europe>>, organized by UNICRI and the Office of the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator (21-22 Apr)
- Launch of the **UN Interagency Repatriation Task Force for Kyrgyzstan**, by UNOCT, UNICEF, UNDP, UNODC, UN Women, OHCHR, UNFPA, UNESCO and the Resident Coordinator’s Office (27 Apr)


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COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT STRUCTURE

Coordination Committee
Chair: Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, Head of UNOCT

Counter-Terrorism Compact Secretariat in UNOCT
administrator of the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Platform

Eight Counter-Terrorism Compact Working Groups
under the four Pillars of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

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COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT ENTITIES

MEMBERS
1. 1267 Committee Monitoring Team
2. 1540 Committee Expert Group
3. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)
4. Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED)
5. Department for Safety and Security (DSS)
6. Department of Peace Operations (DPO)
7. Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA)
8. Department of Global Communications (DGC)
9. Executive Office of the Secretary-General Rule of Law Unit (EOSG RoL)
10. International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
11. International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)
12. International Labor Organization (ILO)
13. International Maritime Organization (IMO)
15. Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
16. Office of Information and Communications Technology (OICT)
17. Office of Legal Affairs (OLA)
18. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OCHCHR)
19. Office of the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth
20. Office of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide (OSAPG)
21. Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict (OSRSVGAC)
22. Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (OSRSG-SVC)
23. Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)
24. Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism (OHCHR)
25. United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
26. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
27. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
28. United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
29. United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)
30. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
31. United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)
32. United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (UNOSAA)
33. United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC)
34. World Customs Organization (WCO)
35. World Health Organization (WHO)

OBSERVERS
1. Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
2. Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
3. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
4. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
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