




United Nations Global  
**COUNTER-TERRORISM**  
Coordination Compact

# THE LARGEST UN COUNTER-TERRORISM FRAMEWORK EXPLAINED

 New York 2022





“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 inter-agency framework across the three pillars of work of the United Nations: peace and security, sustainable development, and human rights. It currently consists of 45 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 [United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy](#) (UN GCTS).

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

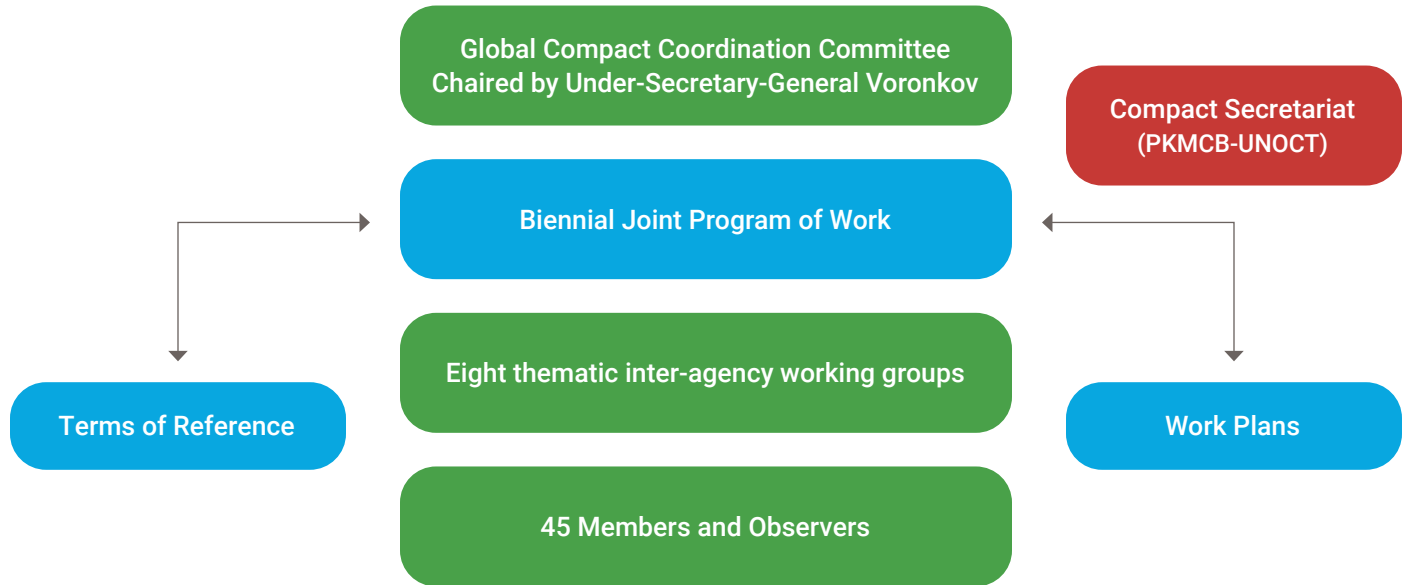
The Policy, Knowledge Management and Coordination Branch (PKMCB) of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) serves as the Secretariat of the Counter-Terrorism Compact and works together with all its entities to counter terrorism and prevent the spread of violent extremism.



## GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION OVERARCHING PRIORITIES



## COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





Photo/UNOCT: 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 IN ACTION



8

Principal-level meetings since the Compact was founded in February 2018



14

Joint projects seed-funded by UNOCT to incentivize 'all-of-United Nations' efforts, on gender, PCVE, evaluation, human rights, technology and security



165

Meetings of the eight inter-agency Compact Working Groups (2019 – mid 2022)

# COMPACT ENTITIES



The Counter-Terrorism Compact brings together 45 entities, as members or observers.

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.





## 45 COMPACT ENTITIES

39  
Members

- 1267 Committee Monitoring Team
- 1540 Committee Expert Group
- Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)
- Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)
- Department of 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)

## 45 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 Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh (UNITAD)
- 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 Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

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Observers

# NEW MEMBERS





Mr. Christian Ritscher, Special Adviser and Head of UNITAD at the virtual signing ceremony



## UN INVESTIGATIVE TEAM TO PROMOTE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CRIMES COMMITTED BY DA'ESH/ISIL (UNITAD)

UNITAD joined the Compact in April 2022. It is an investigative team, established following the adoption of Security Council resolution 2379 (2017) and is headed by a Special Adviser, to support domestic efforts to hold Da'esh members accountable by collecting, preserving and storing evidence of acts that may amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide committed in Iraq.



Under Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism Mr. Vladimir Voronkov with Dr. Marcus Pleyer, President of the FATF



## THE FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE (FATF)

The FATF joined the Compact in April 2022. The FATF is an inter-governmental global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog, which sets international standards to prevent these illegal activities. The FATF works to generate the political will for national legislative and regulatory reforms, and brings together over 200 countries and jurisdictions committed to their implementation.

# THE COORDINATION 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 [UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination 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
- Joint Planning and Prioritization
- Matrix of UN Projects on preventing and countering terrorism
- CTED Country Assessments and Technical Assistance (TA) Recommendations
- Joint Resource Mobilization: United Nations Multi-Year Appeal for Counter-Terrorism

For Platform access, contact the Counter-Terrorism Compact Secretariat in UNOCT at: [globalcompact-committee@un.org](mailto:globalcompact-committee@un.org)







**936**  
Focal  
points



**2,808**  
Documents  
uploaded



**150,000**  
Visits since  
its launch



**705**  
CTED TA  
recommendations

## 2021-2022 United Nations Multi-Year Appeal for Counter-Terrorism



**52**  
Total projects

For more information please visit:  
[www.un.org/counterterrorism/the-appeal](http://www.un.org/counterterrorism/the-appeal)

## ENHANCED COOPERATION WITH MEMBER STATES

- 135 Member States have assigned focal points for the Compact's Coordination Platform
- The Compact provides a forum for Member States to showcase their CT-related efforts to the Compact working groups and request for tailored support from relevant Compact entities
- A dedicated page for Member States on the Coordination Platform is being developed to facilitate the sharing of country-specific information on CT priorities, challenges and good practices

## ENHANCED ENGAGEMENT WITH REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

10 Regional Organizations have recently nominated their focal points to the Platform.



# WORKING GROUPS



## UN GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY



4 pillars



8 Working groups  
under the 4 pillars

## 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

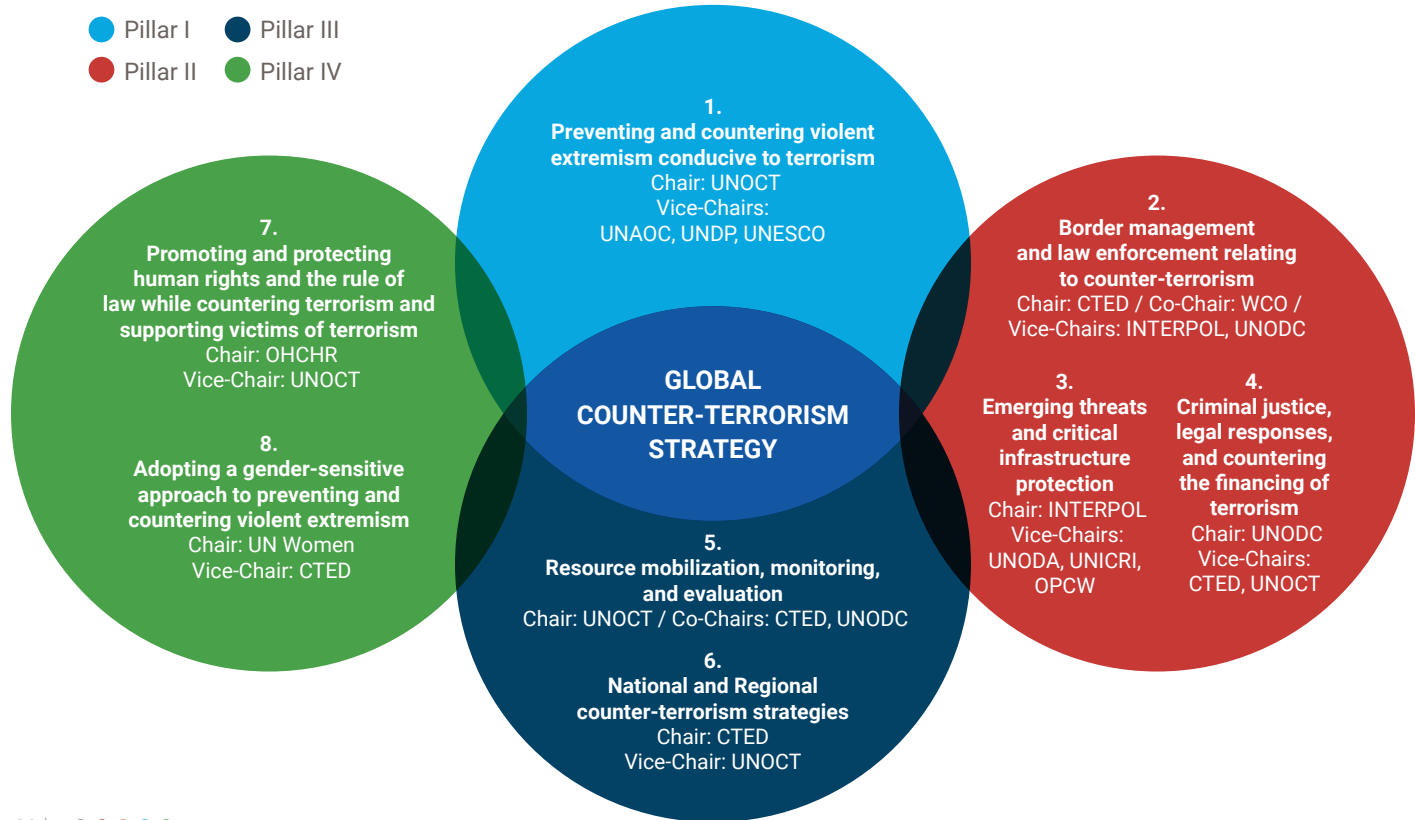
Measures to build States' capacity to prevent and combat terrorism and to strengthen the role of the United Nations system in this regard

### 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 GCTS

- Pillar I    ● Pillar III
- Pillar II    ● Pillar IV



# 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



UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL  
COUNTER-TERRORISM COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE (CTED)

Co-Chair



World Customs  
Organization

Vice-Chairs



INTERPOL



UNODC  
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Objective

To promote coordination and coherence to support Member States in implementing counter-terrorism 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

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

Observers

- DESA
- IOM
- 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
- 1540 Committee Group of Experts
- CTBTO
- CTED
- DGC
- DPO
- DPPA
- DSS
- ICAO
- IMO
- OHCHR
- OLA
- Special Rapporteur on Human Rights while CT
- UNDP
- UNESCO
- UNIDIR
- UNITAD
- UNITAR
- UNOCT
- UNODC
- WCO
- WHO

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 Team
- DPO
- DPPA
- EOSG Rule of Law Unit
- FATF
- INTERPOL
- OHCHR
- OLA
- SRSG on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide
- Special Rapporteur on Human Rights while CT
- UNDP
- UNESCO
- UNICRI
- UNITAD
- UNITAR
- WCO

### Observers

- IPU
- OCHA
- UNICEF

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

Chair



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Co-Chairs



UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL  
COUNTER-TERRORISM COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE (CTED)



**UNODC**  
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

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



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UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL  
COUNTER-TERRORISM COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE (CTED)

### 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
- 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
- UNITAD
- UNITAR
- UNOCT
- UNODA
- 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 45 Compact entities, notably:

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

To see the published newsletters:  
[www.un.org/counterterrorism/global-ct-compact](http://www.un.org/counterterrorism/global-ct-compact)

### Counter-Terrorism Compact: May-June 2022



LEADERSHIP, COORDINATION, COHERENCE

IN FOCUS

- 8<sup>th</sup> Compact Coordination Committee Meeting on "Strengthening international and regional cooperation to address the increasing terrorist threat in Africa, which was opened by Secretary-General Guterres and gathered over 150 participants from 28 Compact entities, 8 June" 
- 1st UN High-Level International Conference on Human Rights, Civil Society & Counter-Terrorism 10-11 May, and Civil Society Workshop, 9 May 
- The Amended Model Law on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters featured at CCPCJ 31<sup>st</sup> session, 17 May

HIGH-LEVEL EVENTS AND VISITS

- CTED's follow-up assessment visit to Belgium, 3 June
- High-Level Conference on Parliamentary Support to Victims of Terrorism, 7-8 June
- UNITAD-Iraq-Finland special side event on Pattern of Mass Killing: ISIL crimes against Tikrit Air Academy Personnel, 10 June
- UNOCT-Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean - Qatar Second Counter-Terrorism Coordination Meeting, 10 June
- National advocacy event for Albania on the implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, 16 June 
- High-Level Forum on the role of Women Parliamentarians in PCVE National Action Plans, Central Asia, 22 June

ENGAGEMENT WITH MEMBERS STATES

- 33<sup>rd</sup> ICAO Aviation Security Panel of Members and Observers met with 33 Member States and Observers, 9-13 May
- 30 Member States from East and West Africa attended GCFE event Gendered Approach to PCVE/CT, 10-11 May
- Sierra Leone-UNOCT MoU to strengthen cooperation in preventing and countering terrorism and its nexus with organized crime, 12 May
- Hedayah-UNOCT Seventh International CVE Research Conference, 23-25 May
- UN-EU consultations on the Secretary General's report on terrorism based on xenophobia, racism, and other forms of intolerance, or in the name of religion or belief, 16 May
- Fourth meeting of the UN-EU Countering Terrorist Travel Partnership Steering Committee, 1 June
- Azerbaijan-UNOCT MoU to strengthen cooperation on CT Travel, 10 June
- Ambassadorial-level briefing to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, 16 June

KEY ISSUES RAISED BY HEADS OF ENTITIES

- Secretary-General Guterres called on the Compact entities to continue supporting Member States through technical assistance and capacity-building efforts that are people-centered and grounded in human rights and the rule of law
- USG Voronkov highlighted the increased engagement with Member States, IROs and civil society through high-level conferences, as well as enhanced coordination through the Counter-Terrorism Coordination Platform
- The High Commissioner for Human Rights Sachelet presented her report on terrorism and human rights (A/HRC/50/49) to the Human Rights Council, 27 June
- USG Waly urged partners to advance inclusive, people-centered responses to the ever-evolving and interlinked challenges of terrorism, crime and corruption
- USG Bahous highlighted UN Women's prioritized support to Member States on women's inclusion in security institutions as active agents in the fight against terrorism

UN COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT PLATFORM

134	Member States nominated focal point users
936	Focal Points from entities and Member States
2,808	Documents uploaded
126,329	Visits since its launch
705	CTED technical assistance recommendations
24	CTED country assessments



Beneficiaries of Technical Assistance  
20-25 March 2022

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







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# COMPACT ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The Annual Report of the Counter-Terrorism Compact draws on the progress reports submitted by the eight Working Groups to the Chair of the Coordination Committee, and outlines key accomplishments under three main areas:

- Consolidation of the inter-agency framework
- Strategic leadership on counter-terrorism
- Capacity-building support to Member States



To see the full report: [www.un.org/counterterrorism/global-ct-compact](http://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
- The [GCTF Counterterrorism Watchlisting Toolkit](#).

The GCTF is also contributing to the development of the UNOCT-led Gender and Identity Factors Platform for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism.

The Working Groups of the Counter-Terrorism Compact and the GCTF recently developed a Joint Options Paper 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.



**GCTF**  
GLOBAL COUNTERTERRORISM





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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