

Counter-Terrorism Compact in Review July-August 2025



COUNTER-**TERRORISM COMPACT IN NUMBERS**



Compact entities

139

Member States

14

International & regional organizations

1.050

Total focal points

3,670

Documents shared

407,000

Virtual visits to the CT Platform

861

CTFD TA recommendations

28

CTED country assessments



LEADERSHIP, COORDINATION, COHERENCE

KEY HIGH-LEVEL EVENTS

→ UN OSAPG, the Department of Global Communications and the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina, co-organized the International Day of Reflection and Commemoration of the 1995 Genocide in Srebrenica which this year marked its 30th anniversary (8 July)



- → UN Security Council briefing highlighted that escalating terrorism in West Africa and the Sahel hits women the hardest (7 Aug)
- → UNOCT USG Voronkov, CTED ASG/ED Gherman and FATF President de Anda Madrazo briefed the United Nations Security Council on the 21st Secretary-General's report on the threat posed by ISIL (Da'esh) to international peace and security and the range of UN efforts in support of Member States in countering the threat (20 Aug)



→ The UN commemorated the Eighth International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism under the theme "United by Hope: Collective Action for Victims of Terrorism", during which victims and survivors of terrorism shared powerful testimonies of resilience. while the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism, co-chaired by Iraq and Spain, reaffirmed international solidarity and commitment (21 Aug)



KEY ISSUES RAISED BY HEADS OF ENTITIES

→ Addressing the UN Security Council, UN → FATF President de Anda Madrazo Women USG/ED Bahous highlighted

that terrorism has forced over 1 million girls in Niger, Mali, and Burkina Faso out of school, with a 218% surge in abductions in Burkina Faso (7 Aug)



→ Briefing the UN Security Council, **UNOCT USG Voronkov called for** sustained global cooperation address

the threat posed by ISIL (Da'esh) to international peace and security, echoing the Pact for the Future's commitment to countering terrorism (20 Aug)

> In her briefing to the UN Security Council, CTED ASG/ED Gherman

stressed that terrorism is growing more complex amid tech and geopolitical shifts, reaffirming CTED's support for Member States (20 Aug)



- presented the FATF's Comprehensive Update on Terrorism Financing Risks
- to the UN Security Council, emphasizing that "by turning off the money tap, we can cut off the blood supply of terrorism" (20 Aug)



→ Marking the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism, UN Secretary-**General Guterres** underscored that "around the world, victims and their associations are turning solidarity into action, supporting one another, raising their voices, and championing the rights of all victims" (21 Aug)







ENGAGEMENT WITH MEMBER STATES

- → UNODC held two mentoring sessions with Moroccan security institutions to strengthen capacities in online investigations and the handling of electronic evidence in terrorism and organized crime cases (30 June-11 July)
- → UNOCT and GCC Expert Meeting marked a significant milestone in regional and international cooperation to protect vital energy infrastructure from terrorist threats (1-3 July)



- → UNOCT, PAM and Qatar held the <u>Seventh Meeting</u> of the UN Coordination Mechanism for Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism to review regional threats, assess recent initiatives, and strengthen collective legislative responses (4 July)
- → UNICRI and the Permanent Mission of Canada held a closed-door briefing on the growing use of child sexual exploitation tactics by violent extremist groups (23 July)
- → UNOCT <u>signed</u> an MoU with Rosfinmonitoring to support global efforts in countering the financing of terrorism (24 July)





GUIDANCE, RESEARCH, ANALYSIS

COMPACT WORKING GROUPS MEETINGS

10 July

CJLR-CFT WG meeting featured a briefing by UNODC on public-private collaboration on CFT, with a case study from Mozambique and discussed UNOCT's support for ESAAMLG's regional CFT plan, as well as progress in deploying *goFintel*



9 July

BMLE WG meeting featured briefings from the Chair of the ETCIP WG, the Global Programme on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable Targets, ICAO and WCO on aviation and custom sectors, and NARS WG on the Valletta Principles

15 July

GENDER WG meeting featured the joint Gender-HRRoL-VoT WGs initiative on developing a benchmark tool applying human rights and gender equality principles to Compact activities. UN Women briefed on its work on security and defense, and NARS WG on the Valletta Principles

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

UNIDIR report on
Artificial intelligence
in the military
domain and its
Implications for
International Peace
and Security
(3 July)



<u>36th report</u> of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) (24 July)

21st Report of the Secretary-General on the threat posed by ISIL (Da'esh) to international peace and security (1 Aug)

UN Special
Rapporteur on
human rights and
counter-terrorism
issued a Briefing
Note on <u>UN80</u>
Reforms to <u>UN</u>
Counter-Terrorism
Activities (Aug)



CTED published a <u>Trends Alert</u> on maritime border security (Aug)



WHAT IS NEW

- UNAOC commemorated its 20th Anniversary (14 July)
- UNOCT issued an Open Call to partners for inputs on the implementation of the UN GCTS ahead of its 9th review by the GA - deadline: 15 October (31 July)



- UNICRI, UNOCT and Australia launched a call for young gamers in Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines to join a new initiative against online radicalization (7 Aug)
- SG Guterres appointed Chaloka Beyani of Zambia as Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide (22 Aug) - photo



Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid is the Acting SRSG for Children and Armed Conflict since 1 August 2025, alongside her role as SRSG-VAC since July 2019 (Aug)





JOINT INITIATIVES AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

MULTI-AGENCY MEETINGS, PROGRAMMES

The FATF report, co-led by CTED and the French Treasury, with input from UNOCT, UNODC, and the 1267 Monitoring Team, highlights evolving terrorist financing risks and global awareness gaps (8 July)



UNOCT-UNRCCA hosted a High-Level Briefing on the Counter-Terrorism Early Warning Network for Central Asia (8 July)



terrorism using new technologies while upholding human rights. The EU-funded CT TECH+ project has now been launched in 9 countries

Cybersecurity and New Technologies Law Enforcement Capabilities Framewor for New Technologies in Countering Terr 24-25 July 2025, Abuja, Nigeria CT TECH+

INTERPOL-UNOCT organized

workshops under the CT TECH+

initiative in Ghana (11 July) and

national capacities to counter

Nigeria (24-25 July) to strengthen

IOM-UNODC-UNOCT-INTERPOL held a regional conference in Dakar under the Integrated Border Stability Mechanism (IBSM), launching Phase 2 of the initiative in West Africa. Germany is contributing USD 7.6 million through a new UN Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund window, to bolster border management, law enforcement, and regional stability (9-10 July)

UNOCT hosted a kick-off meeting for Compact entities on the upcoming review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GCTS) and the SG report on the GCTS implementation (7 Aug)

REGIONAL FOCUS

INTERPOL held a Practical Biosecurity Simulation Exercise in Tunisia to strengthen knowledge, interagency collaboration, and response to biological threats (7-9 July)

UNODC delivered training on protecting critical infrastructure and supporting victims of terrorism in Mozambique (14-25 July)

UNODC and partners held activities in Côte d'Ivoire focused on terrorist financing, cross-border cooperation, and women's leadership in preventing violent extremism (July)

UNOCT, in partnership with the United States, organized a course for 28 Iraqi officials to strengthen responses to chemical and biological terrorism and protect critical infrastructure (28-31 July)



INTERPOL held a Radiological Crime Scene Managers and Investigators training in Peru to strengthen law enforcement's capacity to handle radiological crime scenes (11-15 Aug)

COLLABORATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY, ACADEMIA AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

- UNODC held the first Thematic Working Group meeting on Inclusive and Civic Education within its youth PVE Network in the Sahel region (1-2 July)
- UNODC held the Second Youth Academy to promote the universalization of ICSANT, bringing together 11 Member States not yet party to it (7-10 July)



- UNOCT and the Counter Terrorism Preparedness Network co-hosted a strategic conference on transport security, marking 20 years since the 7/7 bombings (16 July)
- CTED held two roundtables with civil society and the Global Research Network on counter-terrorism trends in West Africa (Aug)





COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT STRUCTURE

EIGHT COMPACT WORKING GROUPS

Promoting and protecting human rights and the rule of law while countering terrorism and supporting victims of terrorism Chair: OHCHR Vice-Chair: UNOCT

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

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

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



8 working groups under 4 pillars

Border management and law enforcement relating to counter-terrorism

Chair: CTED / Co-Chair: WCO / Vice-Chairs: INTERPOL, UNODC

Emerging threats and critical infrastructure protection Chair: INTERPOL Vice-Chairs: UNODA, UNICRI.

OPCW

Criminal justice, legal responses, and countering the financing of terrorism Chair: UNODC Vice-Chairs: CTED, UNOCT

Pillar I

Pillar III

Pillar II

Pillar IV

COMPACT ENTITIES





To see the full list of Compact Members and Observers: bit.ly/CTCompact-Members



To see the Counter-Terrorism Compact Brochure: bit.ly/CTCompact-Brochure

COORDINATION COMMITTEE



Chair: Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism and Head of UNOCT

COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT SECRETARIAT



UNOCT's Policy, Knowledge Management and Coordination Branch

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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