

Counter-Terrorism Compact in Review May-June 2025



COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT IN NUMBERS



46

Compact entities

137

Member States

14

International & regional organizations

1,050

Total focal points

3,670

Documents shared

407,000

Virtual visits to the CT Platform

861

CTED TA recommendations

28

CTED country assessments



LEADERSHIP, COORDINATION, COHERENCE

KEY HIGH-LEVEL EVENTS



→ The UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact held it's firstever retreat to strengthen partnerships with regional organizations through policy interventions and capacitybuilding, supporting Action 23(c) of the Pact for the Future. The retreat gathered over 100 participants, including Permanent Representatives and representatives of regional organizations, and featured keynote remarks from USG Voronkov and CTED ASG Gherman on enhancing UN coordination and the critical role of regional partnerships. Ambassador Sheikha Alya Ahmed Saif al-Thani (Qatar) called for deeper cooperation with the GCC and the LAS. An action plan with indicators will be issued soon to advance the UN's collaboration with regional organizations on Counter-Terrorism (25 June)



→ INTERPOL co-organized the 5th Global Congress on Chemical Security and Emerging Threats, gathering 320 experts from 100 countries and 6 IOs (5-8 May)



- → UNODC held the 34th Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice session alongside side events on rehabilitation in Central Asia, the CONNECT initiative and forensic capacities in West Africa, and private sector cooperation in Mozambique (19-23 May)
- → Morocco and UNOCT organized the Fourth High-Level Meeting on the Marrakech Platform on the African Intelligence Community's role in the context of Counter-Terrorism (17 June)
- → The Permanent Mission of Morocco to the UN and UN OSAPG held a <u>high-level event</u> on Hate Speech and Artificial Intelligence (16-18 June)

KEY ISSUES RAISED BY HEADS OF ENTITIES

→ UN Secretary-General Guterres reiterated that "the Global Digital Compact, adopted at the Summit of the Future, offers a path forward —



calling for stronger international cooperation to tackle hate online, rooted in human rights and international law (18 June)

→ CTED ASG Gherman noted that effective counter-terrorism requires drawing on regional organizations' experiences and local solutions to emerging threats, which are particularly relevant due to their proximity to, and legitimacy within their Member States (25 June)

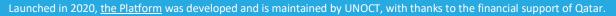


→ UNOCT USG Voronkov stressed that "proactive regional engagement — with Member States and our partners in the field — can pave the way for a more dynamic, practical, and result-oriented coordination and collaboration through the Compact" (25 June)



→ UN Special Rapporteur Ben Saul encouraged the United Nations Global Coordination Compact and its Working Groups to prioritize promoting human rights protection when engaging with regional organizations (25 June)







ENGAGEMENT WITH MEMBER STATES

- → UNODC facilitated a <u>regional visit</u> by senior Mozambican justice officials to Egypt to strengthen Mozambique's counter-terrorism and organized crime efforts (5-8 May)
- → UNOCT signed MoUs with the United Kingdom on the Counter-Terrorism Travel Programme (13 May), and with the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (21 May) and the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly to strengthen parliamentary efforts in countering terrorism (30 June)
- → UNODC provided technical support in Nigeria on IED, crime scene investigation, chemical detection, and supported defence lawyers in pre-trial preparation for Boko Haram cases (May-June)
- → UN Special Rapporteur on human rights while countering terrorism visited Somalia and issued an End of Mission Statement and accompanying Press Release (10-20 May)



Photo: SR CT and HR, Somalia Visit

- → UNICRI and the Permanent Missions of Germany and Mauritania to the UN held an <u>expert</u> <u>discussion</u> on the links between climate change and violent extremism (12 June)
- → CTC/CTED conducted a first assessment visit to Hungary (16-18 June), and follow-up assessment visits to Norway (19-20 June) and Chad (23-27 June)



Photo: CTED, Norway visit

GUIDANCE, RESEARCH, ANALYSIS

COMPACT WORKING GROUPS MEETINGS

5 June

ETCIP WG focused on dual-use research governance and biological risk mitigation, with presentations from WHO on the Global Guidance Framework for the Responsible Use of Life Sciences; the EU on its Export Control Programme for Dual-Use Goods; and INTERPOL-WCO on the List of Dual-Use Commodities Related to Biological Weapons

11 June

PCVE WG explored the roles of youth in PVE, with insights from UNAOC, UNOCT, UNDP Togo and Uzbekistan, and youth voices from Uganda, Togo, Tajikistan, and Nigeria on early warning, resilience, livelihoods, policymaking, and intercultural dialogue

29 May

HRRoL-VoT WG discussed the impact of counter-terrorism laws and measures on media freedom and safety; presented OHCHR's study and efforts to support victims of terrorism, and highlighted the launch of the Victims of Terrorism Associations Network by UNOCT

10 June

NARS WG reviewed outcomes of the UN Conference on National and Regional Counter-Terrorism Strategies, coorganized by CTED and Malta in March 2025, and featured Malta's presentation of the non-binding Valletta Principles

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

UNICRI book on Strengthening efforts to prevent and counter violent extremism highlights 15 years of its work implementing counter-terrorism projects (13 May)



Malta submitted the <u>Valetta Principles</u> to the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council, developed at the UN Conference on National and Regional Counter-Terrorism Strategies (9 June) UNOCT <u>2024 Annual Report</u> features results across its mandates: policy leadership, coordination, capacity-building and advocacy (27 June)

UNIDIR report analyses The Future of <u>Space Security</u> in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (30 June)

FATF has updated its <u>Guidance</u> on Financial Inclusion Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Measures (June)





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WHAT IS NEW

- UN OSAPG and the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the UN <u>launched</u> an <u>exhibit</u>, marking the 30 years of the Srebrenica genocide (17 June)
- At the Compact Retreat, Mr. Rafi Shah introduced
 Ms. Saule Mektepbayeva as the new team leader of the Counter-Terrorism Compact and Regional Conference Section (25 June)





JOINT INITIATIVES AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

MULTI-AGENCY MEETINGS, PROGRAMMES

OICT-ICAO-INTERPOL-IOM-CTED-UNODC-UNOCT marked the <u>6th</u> <u>anniversary</u> of the UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme, a flagship global initiative led by UNOCT (7 May)



FATF, INTERPOL and UNODC leadership emphasized critical measures needed to fight money laundering and terrorist financing during the 34th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (19 May)



seminars in the Kyrgyz Republic (26-27 May), Kazakhstan (29-30 May), Tajikistan (23-24 June) and Uzbekistan (26-27 June) on best practice and information exchange in addressing SALW trafficking and diversion to terrorists

UNOCT and UNODC

held national

DPPA-UNOCT-Austria hosted a conference on Networked Multilateralism - Strengthening Partnerships: A Rule of Law and Human Rights-Based Approach to Counter-Terrorism in Support of Peacebuilding (4-5 June)

UNOCT-IAEA-UNICRI-UNODC held an ICSANT
Advocacy Event hosted by Cambodia's
Ministry of National Defence and the National
Authority for the Prohibition of CBRN
Weapons (23 June)

REGIONAL FOCUS

UNODC organized the first Regional Meeting on Strategic Communication in PCVE for Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger (6-7 May)

INTERPOL facilitated workshops for Nigeria (5-9 May), Iraq (1-5 June) and Jordan (23-26 June) on Biological and Radiological Crime Scene Managements INTERPOL facilitated Geiger Working Group meetings for Southern Africa (6–8 May), the Black Sea and Caucasus region (20-22 May) and Central Asia (17-19 June) to improve information exchange on radiological and nuclear threats.

UNODC MENA region workshop discussed strengthening cooperation to prevent and counter terrorism and foreign terrorist fighters (26-28 May)



UNODC-OAS and partners held a PCVE workshop to promote multisectoral cooperation in Latin America (17-18 June)

UNOCT conducted a training to strengthen Cambodia's response to counter radiological and nuclear threats (24-27 June)

COLLABORATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY, ACADEMIA AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

- CTED and the IIJ held a <u>regional event</u> on strengthening oversight and accountability of national security agencies in South and South-East Asia (5-6 May)
- CTED and the GCSP organized an Expert Group Meeting on rule of law and human rights aspects of using artificial intelligence in counter-terrorism (8 May)



- UNODC held a reunion for 2024 ICSANT Universalization Youth Academy's alumni to share updates and national advocacy efforts (12 May)
- UNODC delivered a lecture on legal instruments against CBRN terrorism at Italy's University of Siena, as part of its postgraduate course on international organizations (13 May)



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 III Pillar I 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

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