



About UNOCT

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 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 46 entities, was launched by the UN Secretary-General in December 2018. The Compact operates thanks to a contribution of the State of Qatar. It operates through its Coordination Committee and eight 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 46 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

UNOCT [launched the Victims of Terrorism Associations Network \(VoTAN\)](#), an initiative bringing together victims of terrorism and victims' associations from across the globe to support victims' rights and needs. In his [opening remarks](#), delivered alongside High-level representatives from Spain and Iraq, USG Voronkov highlighted the courage and resilience of victims and survivors of terrorism and called for sustained funding to meet their needs. (28 Apr)



The [Second Roundtable of Centres of Excellence](#), co-organized by the Presidency of State Security of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and UNOCT/UNCCT, explored the misuse of new technologies to finance terrorism. Discussions focused on virtual assets, AI, and drones, with recommendations to strengthen global responses and promote risk-based, coordinated CFT approaches. (29-30 Apr)

UNOCT, in partnership with Morocco and Cabo Verde, convened [a high-level regional meeting of Heads of African Counter-Terrorism and Security Agencies](#) in Sal, Cabo Verde, under the framework of the "Marrakech Platform". (7-8 Apr)

► Highlights



- On the margins of the ECOSOC Youth Forum, UNICRI and UNOCT in partnership with Japan and Singapore [held a side-event](#) to raise awareness of the harms faced by youth in online video gaming. UNOCT Director Mauro Miedico [warned](#) that violent extremist and terrorist groups are infiltrating unregulated gaming spaces by

exploiting their unprecedented accessibility. (17 Apr)

- UNOCT, with the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), [convened](#) 120 parliamentarians, experts, and technologists in Saint Petersburg, Russia to advance legislative efforts against the misuse of AI

and new technologies by terrorists. (17 Apr)



UNOCT Office Structure

www.un.org/counterterrorism/office-structure



Recent Pledges to UNOCT

In April, UNOCT recorded the following new contributions:

Germany: \$92,615 to the IBSM Programme

Uzbekistan: \$50,000 to the CT Trust Fund

Iraq: \$100,000 for the Global Victims of Terrorism Support Programme

Iraq: \$2,000,000 for the UNOCT Programme Office in Baghdad

► Capacity-building

UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)

Kazakhstan, **UNOCT/UNCCT, UNRCCA** and **OSCE** co-organized a [Cross-Regional Dialogue on the Prosecution, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration \(PRR\) of Returnees from Conflict Zones](#) to exchange good practices in addressing the plight of thousands of men, women, and children still held in dire conditions in camps and detention centers in northeastern Syria. (30 Apr)



UNOCT's Global Programme on Cybersecurity and New Technologies and INTERPOL [launched the CT TECH+ initiative in Nigeria](#) to strengthen law enforcement capacities against terrorist misuse of new technologies. Over the next two years, CT TECH+ will deliver tailored policy and operational support. (24 Apr)

Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)

UNOCT's Vulnerable Targets Programme and IMO organized a [three-day training course](#) in Mauritania to strengthen national capacities for the protection of hydrocarbon infrastructure, and maritime and port facilities against terrorist threats. (14-16 Apr)



The **UNOCT Global Counter-Terrorism Investigations Programme** and Al-Akhawayn University launched the 2025 edition of their [Specialised Training on Counter-Terrorism Investigations \(STOCTI\)](#), a university-certified 11-week Executive Masters programme. (14 Apr-9 May)

The **UNOCT Global Fusion Cells Programme** held a [series of specialized counter-terrorism trainings](#) for counter-terrorism officials from 10 African Member States. (14-25 Apr)

The **CT Travel programme** and IOM partnered to [support East African Member States' counter-terrorism efforts](#) with the establishment of a new working group on Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) Data for the region. (2-4 Apr)

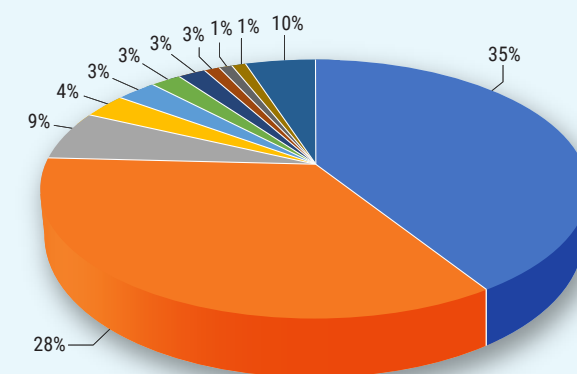
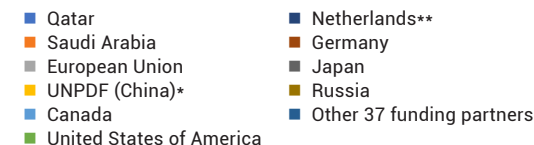
Human Rights and Gender Section

UNOCT, together with other Compact Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Human Rights and Gender Working Groups, convened a technical roundtable to advance a benchmark tool that will standardize measurement on human rights and gender equality across the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Compact. The event, attended by over 30 Permanent Missions and several UN entities, served to raise awareness and funding for its development. (28 Apr)



Top Contributors to UNOCT

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$402 million, out of which \$354 million has been received from 47 funding partners. Overall, the top contributors to date are:



* Allocation from the UN Peace and Development Trust Fund
** In addition, in-kind contribution provided by the Netherlands (valued at \$11.5 million in 2018) and Hungary (\$2 million in 2021-2024).



UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

Pillar I

Addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism

Pillar II

Preventing and combating terrorism

Pillar III

Building States' capacity and strengthening the role of the UN

Pillar IV

Ensuring human rights and the rule of law

