

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

- USG Voronkov and ASG Coninx (CTED) concluded a joint high-level visit to the Philippines where they held consultations with senior government officials and civil society organizations to discuss ways to strengthen cooperation to counter-terrorism (CT) and prevent and counter violent extremism conducive to terrorism (PCVE). The visit was a part of joint UNOCT-CTED efforts to better understand and respond to Member States' priorities and facilitate the delivery of counter-terrorism-related assistance. (1-3 March, Manila)



- USG Voronkov and UNDP Administrator, Mr. Achim Steiner, endorsed a joint Action Plan to advance the strategic UNOCT-UNDP partnership on PCVE and operationalize the MOU signed in 2018. In addition to existing joint efforts in the framework of the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, UNOCT and UNDP will strengthen capacity building cooperation to: (i) support requesting Member States in developing national and regional PCVE plans of action; (ii) strengthen the role of parliaments in PCVE; and, (iii) partner on sports for PCVE, rehabilitation & reintegration in the context of FTFs, gender, youth, and Strategic Communications. (24 March, New York)

HIGHLIGHTS

- UNOCT launched the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Platform, an online tool to enhance engagement, exchange of information and collaboration among Counter-Terrorism Compact entities and Member States. (26 March, New York)
- UNOCT/UNCCT and INTERPOL signed an agreement to develop a joint global study to assess the threat and risk of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) terrorism focusing on capabilities, vulnerabilities, impact and the relevance of new technologies. (30 March, New York, Lyon)
- UNOCT/UNCCT signed an agreement with UNODC to jointly implement a project focusing on preventing and combating the illicit trafficking of small-arms and light weapons (SALW) and their illicit supply to terrorists, in Central Asia. (30 March, New York, Vienna)
- The Governments of **Canada** and **Japan** provided funding for UNCCT capacity building activities focusing, respectively, on human rights while countering terrorism in Iraq; using the internet and social media to investigate terrorist and violent extremism crimes; and sharing biometric data to enhance border security and counter terrorism. The **EU** provided funding for the Special Projects and Innovation Branch (SPIB) on developing a UN-EU counter-terrorism partnership for Sudan.



BUSINESS CONTINUITY UNDER COVID-19

- The health, wellbeing and safety of its staff as well as business continuity are the top priorities of UNOCT during the COVID-19 crisis.
- To this end, the different sections of UNOCT have developed six-month-workplans, front-loaded activities which do not require traveling, strengthened partnerships, and implemented innovative working methods and online initiatives using new technologies.

CAPACITY-BUILDING

UN COUNTER-TERRORISM CENTRE - From January to March 2020:

420



INDIVIDUALS TRAINED

18



WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- UNCCT and IOM, delivered a joint multi-stakeholder workshop to strengthen inter-agency cooperation on border security and counter terrorism in the Maldives, in collaboration with WCO, IMO and Interpol. (3-5 March, Bandos)
- UNCCT is spearheading the development of an "all-of-UN" approach to support Member States with individuals returning from Iraq and Syria. Fifteen UN entities, including CTED and UNODC, participated in workshops to develop a Global Framework of cooperation on protection, repatriation, prosecution, rehabilitation, and reintegration of returnees, identifying minimum standards for engagement, and ensuring proper gender and human rights mainstreaming. (10-12 March, New York; 22 March, online meeting)
- UNOCT and UNRCCA held a series of consultations with external experts on technical assistance to Central Asian States for the rehabilitation and reintegration of FTFs and their family members. UN entities and local partners agreed to plan regional activities and projects to increase coordination and cooperation in addressing FTF challenges based on a shared understanding of violent extremism and terrorism threats.

SPECIAL PROJECTS & INNOVATION BRANCH

- UNOCT, in collaboration with CTED and ICAO, is developing an initiative to help Member States address gaps in aviation security by strengthening cooperation between counterterrorism entities and aviation operators, while implementing Annex 17 of the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) for international civil aviation.

UN GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY

Pillar I Addressing the condition conducive to the spread of terrorism	Pillar II Preventing and combating terrorism
Pillar III Building States' capacity and strengthen the role of the UN	Pillar IV Ensuring human rights and the rule of law

UNOCT MANDATE

Established through GA resolution 71/291 on 15 June 2017, the Office has **5 functions**:

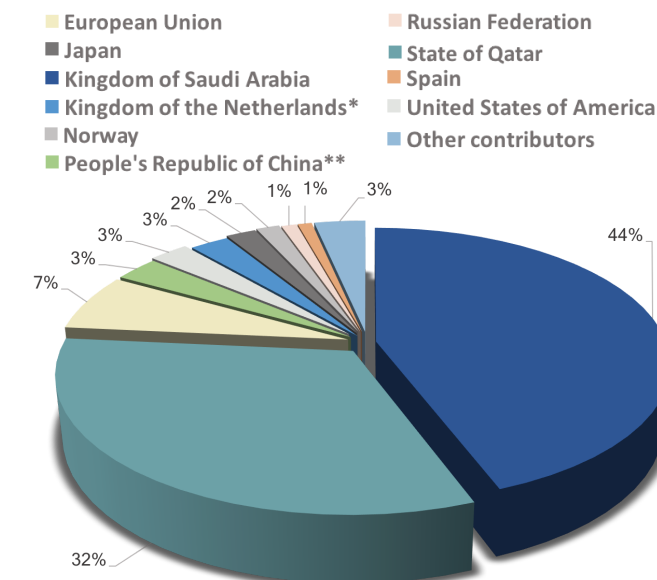
- **Provide leadership** on the GA counter-terrorism mandates entrusted to the Secretary-General from across the UN system;
- **Enhance coordination and coherence** across the 38 Global Counter-Terrorism Compact entities to ensure the balanced implementation of the four pillars of the UN Global CT Strategy;
- **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.

To enhance **coordination and coherence**, the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, which is a coordination framework bringing together 43 entities was launched by the UN Secretary-General in December 2018. It operates through its Coordination Committee and 8 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.

The Office provides most of its **capacity-building** support to Member States through the **UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)**, which 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.

TOP CONTRIBUTORS TO UNOCT

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$248.7 million, out of which \$165.8 million has been received from 31 donors. Overall the top donors to date are:



* The Netherlands also provided in-kind contribution valued at \$11.5million in 2018.

** Allocation from the UN Sub-Fund for Peace and Security of EOSG

UNOCT Office Structure

