Counter-Terrorism Leadership

- USG Voronkov and ASG Coninsx briefed the Security Council on 27 August 2019 on the 9th report of the Secretary-General on the threat posed by ISIL (Daesh) to international peace and security and the range of United Nations efforts in support of Member States in countering the threat. USG Voronkov stressed that the territorial defeat of ISIL was not a fatal blow, ISIL continues to evolve into a network and to aspire to global relevance. (27 August, New York)

- The Steering Committee of the CT Travel Programme welcomed INTERPOL to its "All-of-UN" partnership of UNOCT, CTED, UNODC, ICAO, and OIIT, in its second meeting since the launch of the programme in May. (27 August, New York)

- Senior UNOCT staff attended the Annual Ambassadorial meeting hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania and participated, together with UNDP, UNHCR and OECD, in a roundtable in the segment dedicated to the humanitarian, security and development nexus together. (26 August, Bucharest)

- Senior UNOCT staff attended the 68th UN Civil Society Conference in Salt Lake City, on the theme of Building Inclusive and Sustainable Cities and Communities and organized a workshop at the conference on creating safe spaces for difficult conversations to strengthen inclusiveness & resilience. (26 August, Salt Lake City)

Highlights

- The UN Secretary-General, together with UNOCT/UNCCT and the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism, and victims of terrorism from different countries, commemorated the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism. The UNCCT also held a photo exhibition that showed the power of resilience of victims of terrorism to commemorate the International Day. To honour all victims of terrorism around the world, the UN observed a minute of silence. (21 August, New York)

- The screening of a documentary on Cameroon, under the UNOCT Victims of Terrorism Documentary series, that profiled victims of terrorist attacks of Boko Haram and an interactive roundtable discussion on resilience took place as part of the events to commemorate the International Day. During the discussion, three victims from Australia, Germany and the US shared their experiences and reflections with Member States and the UN on how the international community can further support victims. (20 August, New York)

- In a dedicated meeting, victims of terrorism shared their personal experience of resilience with USG Voronkov and called for further international action to address their needs and uphold their rights. (20 August, New York)

Capacity Building

UNCC from January to August, 2019:

- 1010 individuals trained in 45 workshops
- 13 expert meetings
- 10 technical missions

Capacity-building highlights:

- UNCC held a three-day regional training, attended by 29 participants, on “Good Practices in Border Security and Management to Strengthen National and Regional Capacities in Countering Terrorism”. (6-8 August, Dushanbe)

- UNCC conducted a workshop, attended by government officials, on the evolving FTF phenomenon in The Philippines and on current national practices for online investigations, both from an operational and a legal perspective. (19 August, Tagaytay)

- UNCC held a two-day workshop in Jakarta, focusing on introducing PVE through strategic communications and on investigation and prosecution of FTFs using Social Media and the Internet. (20-21 August, Jakarta)

- A two-day workshop by UNCC in collaboration with Malaysia’s SEARCCT was held focusing on the evolving FTF phenomenon, on current national practices for online investigations and on the tools available for Open Source Intelligence investigations. (26-27 August, Kuala Lumpur)

For more information: www.un.org/counterterrorism #UNItetoCounterTerrorism @UN_OCT #UNCC
To enhance coordination and coherence, the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, which is a coordination framework bringing together 36 UN entities, plus INTERPOL and the WCO, 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.