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UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF COUNTER-TERRORISM UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)

Leadership

Addressing the **2023 High-level** International Symposium on Counter-Terrorism by the Korean National Police Agency in a video statement, USG Voronkov <u>stressed</u> the need for international cooperation to address the evolving terrorist threats from new and emerging technologies. (20 Apr)

USG Voronkov <u>briefed</u> the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee, highlighting the global cooperation to deter and prevent terrorist threats to civil aviation, including through



UNOCT's Global Countering Terrorist Travel (CT Travel) and Threat Assessment Models for Aviation Security (TAM) programmes. (20 Apr)

DUSG Raffi Gregorian addressed Member States in a briefing hosted by Portugal and Mozambique on terrorism trends, emphasizing the importance of the biennial review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GTCS) in multilateral responses to terrorism. (5 Apr)

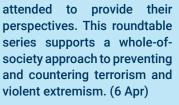
In his keynote speech to the **Counter-Terrorism Preparedness Network Annual Conference**, DUSG Raffi Gregorian <u>briefed on</u> emerging threats and stressed the role of partnerships in addressing misinformation related to violent extremism. (19 Apr)

Highlights

• The Secretary-General's High-Level Action Group on Preventing Violent Extremism <u>held</u> its 7th meeting to discuss the All-of-UN response to the spread of violent extremism in Africa. (28 Apr)



- The first Session of the UNOCT Brown Bag series on Gender and Counter-Terrorism was <u>held</u>, aimed at strengthening the understanding of the intersection between gender, terrorist and violent extremist groups. (20 Apr)
- The first 2023 Civil Society Roundtable was <u>held</u> to discuss "UNOCT 2023 Priority Activities and the New Agenda for Peace". 23 representatives of civil society



- Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, together with the European Union (EU), <u>held</u> a Joint EU-UN Workshop on Good Practices in Monitoring & Evaluation for CT and PCVE Programmes in Rabat, with over 50 in-person and virtual participants. (26-27 Apr)
- UNOCT participated in the first UNSC Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) assessment visit to Spain, led by the CTED Executive Director ASG Gherman who also visited the UNOCT Programme Office in Madrid. (24-28 Apr)





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To enhance coordination and coherence, the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, which is a coordination framework bringing together 45 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.



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 45 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 counterterrorism across the UN system and that the important work on preventing violent extremism is firmly rooted in the Strategy



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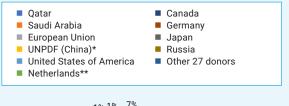


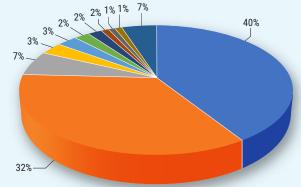
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Top Contributors to UNOCT

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$356.8 million, out of which \$275.1 million has been received from 37 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 \$11.5million in 2018) and Hungary (\$534 thousand in 2021 and \$537 thousand in 2022)



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

Recent **Contributions** to UNOCT

UNOCT received contributions in support for the following programmes:

- Turkmenistan (JPOA programme): USD \$50,000 for the implementation of Phase IV of the project entitled "Towards the Implementation of the Joint Plan of Action for the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia"
- Canada (Human Rights programme): USD \$1,844,825 for "Irag Human Rights and Counter Terrorism Support"
- Canada (CBRN programme) 2023 funding: USD \$2,800,658 for "Addressing the terrorism-arms-crime nexus: Preventing and combatting the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons, Phase II (SALW project)"

Capacity-building

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More than 50 government representatives

from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and the Philippines and members of



civil society participated in a four-day Regional Workshop on Crisis & Strategic Communications for PCVE in Southeast Asia, hosted by the Global PCVE Programme in Bangkok, Thailand. (3-6 Apr)

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Office in Bern, jointly with the IOM African Capacity Building Centre (ACBC) and UNOCT-UNCCT Border Security and Management (BSM) Programme, organized a two-day training aimed at 15 IOM national staff deployed in Eastern and Southern Africa offices, on mainstreaming human rights into border security and management activities. (25-26 Apr)

UNCCT Global PCVE Programme co-organized a side event at UNHQ with UN DESA, UNESCO, UN Women and the Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY) on the margins of the 2023 ECOSOC Youth Forum on "Rebuilding the Trust of Youth in Multilateralism: Exploring Intergenerational and Peer-to-Peer Dialogue". (27 Apr)

Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)

The UN Global Programme to Counter Terrorist Threats **Against Vulnerable Targets** conducted its first workshop in Jakarta, Indonesia, where the country's National Action Plan to protect vulnerable targets was launched. (12-14 Apr)



CT Travel Programme supported a five-day workshop, in collaboration with IOM and the Tunisian Ministry of Interior, aimed at strengthening national participants' capacities to counter the exploitation of irregular migrants by terrorist networks. (24-28 Apr)

The Programme on Threat Assessment Models for Aviation Security (TAM Programme), in coordination with the CT Travel Programme and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), held its first training and technical assistance session in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, that focused on strengthening their threat prevention capacities and protecting their fast-growing air traffic. (24-28 Apr)