



The Office provides most of its capacity-building support to Member States through the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCT), which was established by an initial contribution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund in 2011. UNCT has an Advisory Board composed of 21 Member States plus the European Union (EU) as a Guest Member.

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.



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

▶ Political Leadership



Council members unanimously expressed growing concerns over this issue; called for strengthened international, regional and sub-regional cooperation; and a stronger role of the UN to address it. (6 August)

USG Voronkov also briefed the Security Council with ASG Coninx, CTED's Executive Director, on the Secretary-General's [11th report on the threat posed by ISIL](#). Council Members welcomed the report, reiterated their support to the UN's counter-terrorism work, and underlined how the terrorist group has exploited the COVID-19 crisis and could further benefit as the political and socio-economic fallout exacerbates conditions conducive to terrorism. (24 August)

At the IPU's Special Event on Victims of Terrorism held on the margins of the virtual part of the 5th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament,

USG Voronkov stressed the central role of parliamentarians to promote and protect the rights of victims of terrorism. He reiterated UNOCT's commitment to support the development of a model legal framework on victims with IPU and UNODC. (20 August)

USG Voronkov chaired the 5th meeting of the [Counter-Terrorism Compact Coordination Committee](#), which gathered representatives from 33 Compact entities, including 19 at Principal-level. Heads of Counter-Terrorism Compact entities discussed thematic priorities and operational adjustments needed to continue supporting Member States during and after the pandemic. (28 August)



USG Voronkov briefed the Security Council, together with UNODC Executive Director Ms. Waly, on the Secretary-General's report on ["Actions taken by Member States and United Nations entities to address the issue of linkages between terrorism and organized crime"](#).

▶ Highlights

- The State of Qatar made a generous contribution of \$15 million as part of its annual support to UNOCT and an additional \$5 million in support of the International Hub on Behavioural Insights to Counter Terrorism to be established in Doha by UNOCT.
- UNOCT signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the International Civil Aviation Organization reaffirming its partnership on the UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme. The MoA provides the resources to support Member States and air carriers in sharing travel information to detect terrorists and their movements. (31 August)



UNOCT Office Structure

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► Highlights (cont'd)

- UNOCT, in collaboration with the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism (GoF), organized a virtual high-level event to commemorate the third International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism. The event, "Not Forgotten: Stories of Remembrance of Victims of Terrorism", was opened by Secretary-General António Guterres and featured

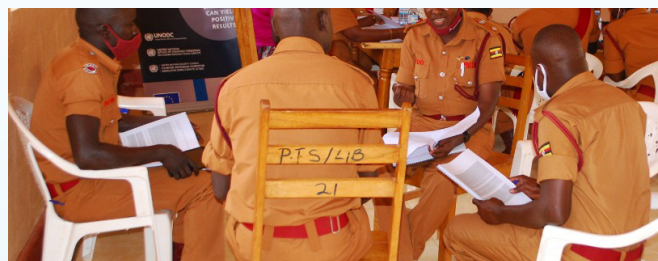
remarks by the President of the General Assembly, the co-Chairs of the GoF, the IPU and two victims of terrorism. Over 280 people attended the event online which received more than 9,500 views through the various UN social media platforms. (21 August)



► Capacity Building

UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)

UNCCT, together with UNODC and CTED, convened a series of three workshops with 27 prison staff in Uganda. The workshop aimed to review draft modules on PCVE developed under the auspices of the UNCCT Violent Extremism in Prisons project, which will be included in the national training curricula of the Ugandan Prison Academy. (3-5 August)



In cooperation with the Southeast Asia Regional Centre for Counter-Terrorism (SEARCCT) and CTED, UNCCT conducted a webinar for 40 Malaysian officials on methodologies for counter-terrorism investigations, with a focus on the dark web, open source intelligence, cryptocurrencies and cross-border digital evidence. (5 August)

UNCCT delivered, in English and Arabic, the first joint strategic communications capacity building training for victims and survivors of terrorism participating in UNOCT's commemoration of International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism. (12-13 August)

UNCCT convened a second virtual capacity-building workshop for officials in Bahrain on countering the financing of terrorism related to Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Recommendation 8 on the protection of the nonprofit organization sector from terrorist abuse. (26 August)

Jointly with IGAD's International Centre of Excellence, UNCCT launched its first virtual workshop on strategic and crisis communications during COVID-19. The workshop brought together senior counter-terrorism officials from Djibouti, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda. (27 August)

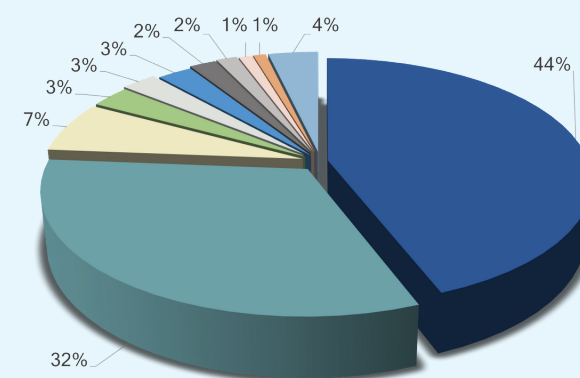
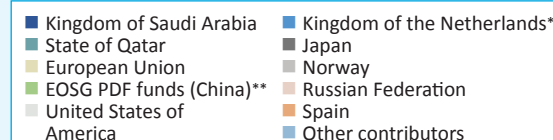
Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)

SPIB issued the final report of the 15 July Virtual International Expert Group Meeting on the impact of COVID-19 on the security of major sporting events and disseminated it amongst Permanent Missions and participants.



Top Contributors to UNOCT

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$249.8 million, out of which \$189.4 million has been received from 31 donors. Overall the top donors to date are:



* The Netherlands also provided in-kind contribution valued at \$11.5 million in 2018.
** Allocation from the UN Peace and Development Trust Fund



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

UN Counter-Terrorism Centre
January to August 2020:



3605
Individuals trained



38
Workshops organized

