



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 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.



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 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 counter-terrorism across the UN system and that the important work on preventing violent extremism is firmly rooted in the Strategy

▶ Leadership

In commemoration of the International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism As and When Conducive to Terrorism, Secretary-General António Guterres stressed the need to "work together to build more peaceful, inclusive, and stable societies in which terror and violent extremism have no home". (12 Feb)

In his briefing to the Security Council on the 16th report of the Secretary-

General on the threat posed by Da'esh, USG Voronkov highlighted the expansion of Da'esh in Central and Southern Africa and increased use of new and emerging technologies. He reaffirmed the need to "strengthen our collective efforts to confront and defeat terrorism". (9 Feb)

At this year's first Ambassadorial-Level Quarterly Briefing to Member States, USG Voronkov shared strategic

policy priorities of UNOCT, and thanked Member States and other Global CT Compact entities for their ongoing support and collaboration. (28 Feb)



▶ Highlights

- UNOCT and the Government of Belgium signed a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize the strategic partnership between the 'CT Travel' Programme and Belgium's National Travel Targeting Center to build a framework for exchanging expertise and enhancing capabilities to detect the travel of known and suspected terrorists. (7 Feb)



of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the International Center for Sport Security (ICSS), launched a special podcast series "Power of the Pitch" to illustrate how sports can be a preventive mechanism against terrorism. (12 Feb)

- UNOCT-led Global Sports Programme, in partnership with professional athletes, civil society, youth leaders, and Member States, organized a virtual roundtable to shed light on the power of sport to prevent violent extremism. (13 Feb)



UNOCT Office Structure

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► Highlights (cont'd)

- **UNOCT**, along with the **co-leads (DPO, DPPA, ODA)**, continued to hold a series of high-level consultations on the New Agenda for Peace with the following group of Member States to seek their views and priorities: Eastern European Group (8 Feb); Western European and Other Group (10 Feb); Group of Latin America and Caribbean Countries (27 Feb).

Recent Contribution

UNOCT received contributions in support for the following programme:

- **Germany: \$2,138,435** for CT Travel Programme

► Capacity-building

UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)

Global PCVE Programme, with co-funding by EU Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, held Whole-of-Government Crisis and Strategic Communications Workshops for PCVE in [Thailand](#) (15-17 Feb) and [Indonesia](#) (22-24 Feb), concluding a series of workshops held in Southeast Asia.



Cybersecurity and New Technologies Programme held three [expert group meetings](#) to discuss challenges and opportunities of new technologies in countering terrorism, as part of the joint UNOCT-INTERPOL CT TECH initiative, aimed at strengthening capacities of law enforcement. (28 Feb-2 Mar)

After the pilot phase of the **goFintel software development** was officially closed in February 2023, a transitional phase has started, to ensure the software encompasses different environments' needs and the human rights due diligence process, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders including civil society. The Minimum Vital Product (MVP) is to be released later this year.

Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)

The Programme on Threat Assessment Models for Aviation Security held its [second training](#) and technical assistance session with the Government of Nigeria, to enhance risk management practices and strengthen inter-agency coordination on threats to civil aviation across participating government entities. (30 Jan-2 Feb)



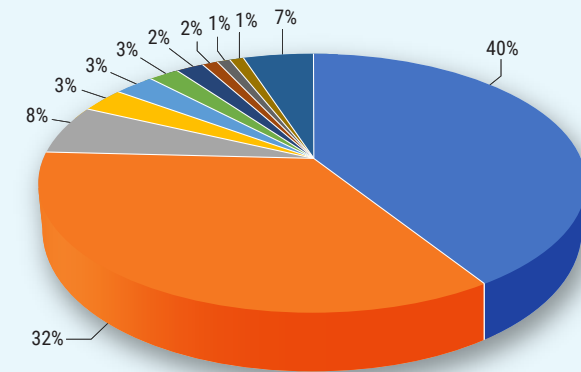
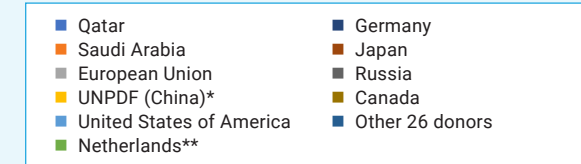
The Global Countering Terrorist Travel Programme, with the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB), held a virtual meeting with national sub-working group responsible for the Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) in relation to drafting the National Passenger Name Record (PNR) legal framework of the Philippines. (15 Feb)

The UNOCT Programme Offices in Rabat, Madrid and the BI Hub in Doha held an [Expert Group Meeting](#) (EGM) in Rabat, on the protection of vulnerable targets by strengthening law enforcement capabilities through behavioral insights. 43 international experts from 19 different countries attended the EGM. (27-28 Feb)



Top Contributors to UNOCT

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$352.5 million, out of which \$269.6 million has been received from 36 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 (\$534 thousand in 2021).



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