



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 46 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 46 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

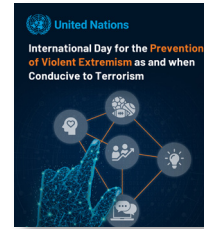


"Da'esh continues to pose a serious threat to international peace and security, notably in conflict zones, despite significant progress achieved by Member States in countering the threat." (15 Feb)

To mark the **International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism** (PVE Day) on 12 February, USG Voronkov [called](#) for coordinated, inclusive, transparent as well as human rights-based and gender-responsive

policies and programming to address this rapidly evolving threat at an [event](#) organized by the **Permanent Mission of Iraq** as well as in a [video message](#).

UNCCT Director **Mauro Miedico** [addressed](#) a UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact



Working Group (WG) on [PCVE special event](#), co-organized with the WG Vice-Chairs, UNDP, UNICRI and UNAOC. (13 Feb)

USG Voronkov [briefed](#) the Security Council on the 18th report of the Secretary-General on the threat posed by ISIL (Da'esh). He warned that

▶ Highlights

- **USG Voronkov** and **Dr. Alexandra Wynn** signed a Memorandum of Understanding formalizing the [partnership](#) between UNOCT and the **Counter Terrorism Preparedness Network (CTPN)**. (6 Feb)



- The **UN Joint Appeal for Counter-Terrorism in Africa** was presented at a [side event](#) on the margins of the **23rd Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF)** Coordination Committee meeting in Nairobi, Kenya. (29 Feb)



- **UNOCT and Conflict Armament Research (CAR)** [launched](#) a [Global Report](#) on the Acquisition, Weaponization, and Deployment of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) by Non-State Armed Groups for Terrorism-related Purposes.



- The **'Connect & Learn'** e-learning platform, developed by UNOCT and the UN International Computing Centre (UNICC), was [recognized](#) as the **'Learning Platform of the Year'** at the [2024 Learning Awards](#). (22 Feb)



UNOCT Office Structure

www.un.org/counterterrorism/office-structure



Recent Pledges to UNOCT

During the month of February, UNOCT received contributions in support of the following programmes:

Italy: USD 163,339 earmarked funding for the UNOCT Programme Office for Counter-Terrorism and Training in Africa, located in Rabat, Morocco.

Qatar: USD 1,667,000 earmarked funding for the UNOCT International Hub on Behavioral Insights to Counter Terrorism, located in Doha, Qatar.

► Capacity-building

UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)

The **Global Weapons Programme** and the **U.S. Department of State** held a virtual seminar for Central Asian Member States on the development of CBRNE exercise. (7 Feb)

Together with the **Co-Chairs of the GCTF Foreign Terrorist Fighters Working Group, the U.S. and Jordan, UNCCT** organized a [workshop](#) to kick off the development of the Addendum to the 2016 GCTF Good Practices in the Area of Border Security and Management (BSM). (22 Feb)

As part of a joint project on preventing and combatting the illicit trafficking



of small arms and light weapons (**SALW**), **UNCCT and UNODC's Global Firearms Programme** held a [training](#) in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, on operational measures to address the terrorism-arms-crime nexus. (22 Feb)

Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)

The **UN Countering Terrorist Travel (CT Travel) Programme** held a [4-day training](#) for Kyrgyz officials in Bishkek (5-8 Feb) and trained 30 aviation personnel in Ashgabat on using API and PNR data to detect and counter terrorist travel and prevent human and drug trafficking. (19-20 Feb)

The **Global Fusion Cells Programme, with Morocco**, delivered a [threat assessment course](#) in Rabat to analysts from The Gambia, Senegal, Liberia, Libya, Mauritania, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. (8-13 Feb)

The **Global Programme to Counter Terrorist Threats Against Vulnerable**

Targets and **Australia** organized an [expert briefing](#) on Australia's experience in protecting crowded places from terrorism. (13 Feb)

On the International PVE Day, the **Global Sports Programme** [launched](#) an e-learning course on the "Prevention of Violent Extremism through Sports," available on [Connect & Learn](#). (14 Feb)

EU-UN Facility

The **EU-UN Global Terrorism Threats Facility** completed a second mentoring mission to support Uganda in strengthening national coordination and capacities for CT investigation and prosecution within a framework based on the rule of law and human rights. (5-13 Feb)

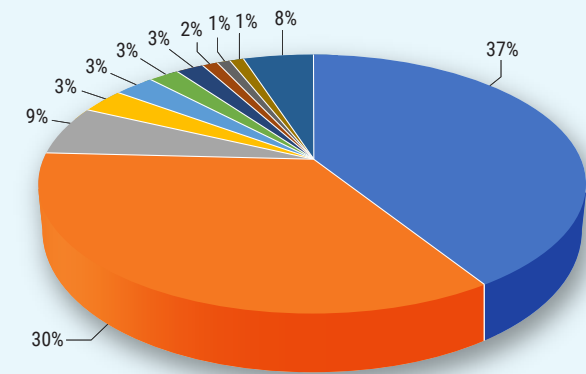
The **Facility** and the **Global Programme on PCVE** also completed a second expert mission to support the Kenyan National Counter-Terrorism Centre in the development of a new national PVCE strategy. (31 Jan-15 Feb)



Top Contributors to UNOCT

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$378.6 million, out of which \$310 million has been received from 41 funding partners. Overall, the top contributors to date are:

- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- European Union
- UNPDF (China)*
- United States of America
- Netherlands**
- Canada
- Germany
- Japan
- Russia
- Other 31 funding partners



* 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 (\$1.1 million in 2021-2022).



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