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# Leadership



In partnership with Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, UNOCT, CTED, and **UNRCCA** held a Member States briefing on counter-terrorism programmes in Central Asia, USG Voronkov praised the results of joint efforts and urged Member States to bolster regional cooperation. (23 Jan)

At the Tenth Coordination Committee **Meeting of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism** Coordination Compact, that focused on Africa, SG António Guterres called for continued collaboration and new solutions to lift the shadow of terrorism across the continent, USG Voronkov chaired the first day of the meeting, while the second was chaired by PKMCB Chief Rafi Shah. (24-25 Jan)



# Highlights

- At a high-level event in Manila, the Victims of Terrorism Support Programme and UNODC, in collaboration with the Government of the Philippines, launched a project to support the harmonization of the national legislative frameworks and development of a national assistance plan aimed at addressing the rights and the needs of victims of terrorism. USG Voronkov welcomed this pioneering initiative. (16 Jan)
- As part of the Youth Engagement and Empowerment Programme (YEEP), UNOCT and the Office of the National Security Advisor of Nigeria (ONSA) convened

a national policy dialogue in Abuja. The event, gather-22 young leaders from 12 States across



Nigeria, focused on preventing and countering violent extremism. (16-17 Jan)

 The Global Programme on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable Targets and the EU-UN Global Terrorism Threats Facility, in collaboration with the Global Counter-Terrorism Programme on Autonomous and Remotely Operated Systems (AROS), organized a

workshop in Togo vulnerable targets protection unmanned aircraft systems. (29-31 Jan)



• UNOCT's Connect & Learn Platform grew its user base to 6,435 users across 193 nationalities. It offers 66 online courses and hosts 23 thematic communities of practice.



### **UNOCT Office Structure**

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

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### **Recent Pledges** to **UNOCT**

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

Canada: USD 417,323 as 'top up' contribution for the Gender and Identities Platform (GIFP) project.

**Denmark (Global PRR Programme):** USD 1,473,660 for the Stop Gap project of the Global Programme on Prosecution. Rehabilitation and Reintegration.

UNPDF: USD 1,554,800 for the promotion of the Global Fusion Cell Programme's 'Fusion Center' approach to enhance African Member States capacity on inter-agency coordination and analysis to prevent and counter terrorism.

# Capacity-building

## **UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)**

The CT TECH initiative, implemented by the Global CT Programme on Cybersecurity and New Technologies, held its first national workshop for Trinidad and Tobago on countering the use of new technologies for terrorist purposes while protecting human rights. (9-12 Jan)

The GCTF Foreign Terrorist Fighter Working Group, partnering with UNOCT in the Border Security and Management (BSM) Initiative, held a second dialogue on the opportunities and threats posed by technological advancements in BSM. (18 Jan)



The Global Programme on Countering the Financing of Terrorism and the Eastern and Southern Africa AntiMoney Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) held regional consultations for the group's 21 members plus the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Somalia. (24-25 Jan)

The Global Weapons Programme, under its project on countering illicit trafficking of SALW, organized trainings for Uzbekistan (23-26 Jan) and Tajikistan (29 Jan-1 Feb) on operational measures to address the terrorismarms-crime nexus.

## **Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)**

The UN Countering Terrorist Travel (CT Travel) Programme delivered a five-day training in Djibouti, outlining legal, operational, and transport industry engagement on the use of API and PNR to detect and counter terrorist travel. (7-11 Jan)

The CT Travel Programme congratulated Mongolia on becoming the third Member State to go live with the UN goTravel software to collect API production data (12 Jan) and, with the Swiss Federal Police, hosted the first inperson meeting of the International User Community on goTravel in Bern. (18 Jan)



The Global Sports Programme, in collaboration with the Italian National Police, conducted a four-day study tour for 14 law enforcement officials from African Member States on the security of major sporting events. (12-15 Jan)

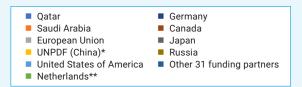
### **EU-UN Facility**

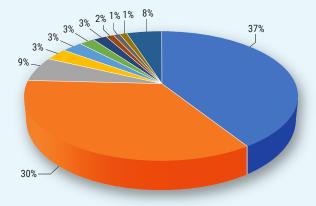
The EU-UN Global Terrorism Threats Facility conducted a mission to Togo to support the country on countering the threat of IEDs (8-12 Jan). The Facility also carried out a scoping mission to Kenya, together with the Global Programme on PCVE. (22-26 Jan)



## **Top Contributors to UNOCT**

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$376.8 million, out of which \$309 million has been received from 41 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 (\$1.1 million in 2021-2022).



#### Pillar I

Addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism

#### Pillar II Preventing and combating terrorism

#### Pillar III **Building States'** capacity and strenathening the role of the UN

#### Pillar IV Ensuring human rights and the rule of law

