



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

## ► Leadership

**At the Opening Ceremony of the International Year of Peace and Trust**, organized by the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan, USG Voronkov stressed that trust is a result and a driver of stronger international cooperation to

sustain peace and address the scourge of terrorism. “Only by working together can we deny terrorists the space and the ability to operate and harm” he said in his keynote address. (17 Jan)



## ► Highlight



**The Permanent Mission of Austria, the UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) and UNOCT** organized an informal dialogue on “The contribution of counter-terrorism and prevention of violent extremism to peacebuilding and sustaining peace.” As the first in a series of joint initiatives, the event explored the interlinkages between counter-terrorism, violent extremism and peacebuilding to inform the 2025 review of the Peacebuilding Architecture and the 2026 review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. (28-29 Jan)

## ► Capacity-building

### UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)

The **UNOCT / UNCCT Programme on Countering Terrorist Use of Weapons** participated in the launch of CTED’s Analytical Brief on “Weapons Management Challenges in the Context of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism in Africa”, hosted by the African Union Permanent Observer

to the UN. UNOCT highlighted the continuous partnership with CTED in providing capacity-building and efforts to promote the UNSCR 2370 for over 100 officials from 22 African Member States. (Jan 23)



### Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)

**CT Travel Programme**, in collaboration with **IOM** and the **Ministry of Interior of the State of Qatar** held a three-day Regional Workshop on Enhancing Connectivity between Airlines and Passenger Information Units in Doha for representatives from national security services, law



### UNOCT Office Structure

[www.un.org/counterterrorism/office-structure](http://www.un.org/counterterrorism/office-structure)



## Recent Pledges to UNOCT

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

**Qatar: USD \$1,667,000**

for the International Hub on Behavioral Insights to Counter Terrorism.

## ► Capacity-building (cont'd)

enforcement, immigration, customs, and civil aviation of 10 MENA Member States. (27-29 Jan)

course to 21 law enforcement representatives from Morocco and Togo, on enhancing counter-terrorism investigative capacities with a commitment to ethical standards and human rights compliance. (15-23 Jan)

**The Vulnerable Targets Programme** hosted its [23rd Expert Briefing](#) focused on strategies to strengthen the resilience of transportation hubs in the Americas against terrorism while ensuring they maintain accessibility and minimize disruption to daily operations. (30 Jan)

**CT Travel Programme** held consultations with Indonesia (27 Jan), [signed](#) an Agreement with Timor-Leste to strengthen cooperation on the use of API and PNR to counter terrorist travel (27 Jan) and [welcomed Luxembourg](#) as the newest Member State to go-live with the #goTravel software solution. (8 Jan)

## EU-UN Facility

**UNOCT** organized an official [ceremony](#) in Baghdad to hand over information technology equipment to the National Security Service of Iraq,



which is responsible for registering and screening Iraqi nationals seeking to be repatriated from Al Hol Camp in Northeast Syria. The equipment supports effective and ethical registration and screening, in compliance with international human-rights standards. (16 Jan)

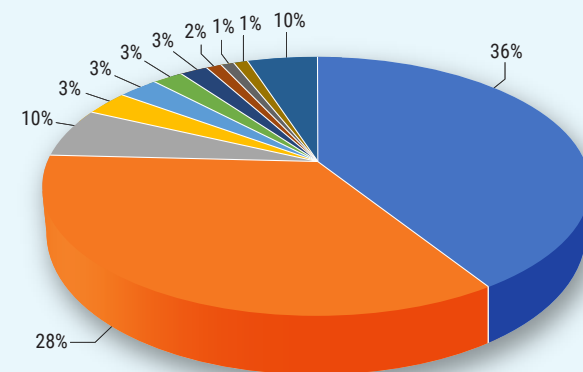
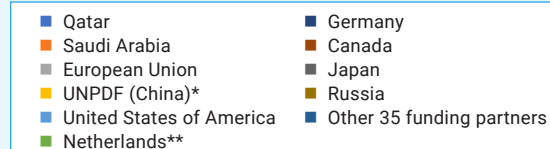
## Human Rights and Gender Section

**UNOCT** delivered a session on Human Rights considerations applicable to Digital Evidence in a Counter-terrorism Context as part of a training organized by the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IJ) for the Office of the Attorney General of Libya, as well as criminal justice practitioners of Algeria, Malta, Morocco and Tunisia. The session focused on applicable human rights norms, criminal procedure rules, privacy and data protection considerations, and upholding the rights to freedom of thought and expression. (28 Jan)



## Top Contributors to UNOCT

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism in 2009 and from other funds to date, amount to \$394 million, out of which \$348 million has been received from 45 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 (\$2 million in 2021-2024).



## 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