



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 generous 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 43 entities was launched by the UN Secretary-General in December 2018. The Compact operates thanks to the generous contribution of the State of Qatar. 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 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 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

**USG Voronkov** became an International Gender Champion. His commitments for Gender Equality can be read [here](#). (27 July)

**Mr. Raffi Gregorian**, Deputy to the USG, chaired a Director-Level Programme Management Team meeting of the UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CT Travel), which highlighted achievements in 2021: five new beneficiaries joined, two new donors contributed, and four Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) were signed and four trainings were held with beneficiaries. (9 July) Since its 2019 launch, CT Travel Programme has expanded to 43 beneficiary countries and continues to support Member States to enhance terrorist and serious crime detection capabilities using passenger data in accordance with relevant Security Council resolutions, international standards and human rights principles.



**Vladimir Voronkov**  
Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)



“Gender equality and women’s human rights are values that are not only right up front in the UN Charter, they are also part of the DNA of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism. I am committed to furthering gender equality and the empowerment of women in all of my Office’s functions, be it in our coordination role within the United Nations, or in the support we offer to Member States with policy advice and capacity-building. As an International Gender Champion, I will continue to be a strong advocate for women in their fight against violent extremism and terrorism, and will continue to support and amplify women’s voices.”

## ▶ Highlights



Travel Programme to assist the country to enhance its capabilities to detect the travel of terrorists and serious criminals by collecting and analyzing passenger data, in compliance with international standards and human rights principles. (7 July)

(AR/VR) of the World Economic Forum, [hosted](#) a webinar on “the application of AR/VR technologies in countering terrorism and preventing violent extremism”. The webinar brought together more than 1,100 participants and featured discussions with various stakeholders stressing the value of collaborations across and between academia and industry. (8 July)

- **UNOCT and the Philippines signed** an MoU under the UN

- **UNOCT, together with the Global Future Council on Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality**

## ▶ Capacity Building

**UNCCT & SPIB:**  
Jan-July 2021



**4,293**  
Individuals trained



**82**  
Workshops organized



**112**  
Expert meetings held





## ► Capacity Building (cont'd)

### UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCT)

**UNCT and UNODC**, within the framework of the small arms and light weapons (SALW) project, conducted two hybrid workshops for Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan on preventing firearms trafficking and their diversion to terrorists and a national training for Tajikistan on SALW and their supply to terrorists. The officials discussed the terrorism-arms-crime nexus and good practices. (7-8 July, 22-23 July, 27-30 July)

**UNCT, in partnership with UNAOC and UNESCO's Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development**, launched the UNOCT-funded project "Digital Games for Peace", which brought together young video gamers from South Asia and Southeast Asia. (9 July)

**UNCT** held a virtual training on chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) countermeasures and response for the Philippines, including multi-agency approach and joint response, and a biological countermeasures course for Nigeria, covering biological agents, their access and weaponization, different challenges in investigating bioterrorism, and emerging trends in bio advancement. (13-16 and 27-29 July)

**UNCT, in partnership with DPPA-DPO**, hosted a preventing and countering violent extremism (PCVE) thematic webinar to advance the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda in South Asia and Southeast Asia. The webinar aimed at building an interactive youth-led, inclusive and intergenerational space for young people to share experiences and contextualise PCVE within their own circumstances. (14 July)

**UNCT, in collaboration with the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG)**, concluded the second capacity-building virtual workshop on domestic coordination, international cooperation and information

sharing, including helping jurisdictions implement the ESAAMLG Countering the Financing of Terrorism Regional Operational Plan. (14-16 July)

**UNCT, jointly with UNODC**, delivered an East/Horn of Africa regional online course on prosecution, rehabilitation and reintegration (PRR) strategies to strengthen Member States' ability to develop, adopt and implement comprehensive and tailored PRR strategies for persons allegedly associated with terrorist groups. (12-26 July)

### Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)

**The UN-EU Counter-Terrorism Partnership for Sudan** delivered two capacity building workshops in Khartoum. In cooperation with the Regional Operational Centre in support of the Khartoum Process and AU-Horn of Africa Initiative, UNOCT organized a two-day workshop on the "Link between Fighting the Organized Crime Networks and Counterterrorism" for 40 law enforcement experts (5-6 July). UNOCT, jointly with UNDP, UNITAMS, AU/CAERT and OHCHR, organized a training on the "Role of Civil Society Organizations in Counter-Terrorism", focusing on countering hate speech and promoting human rights. (11 July)

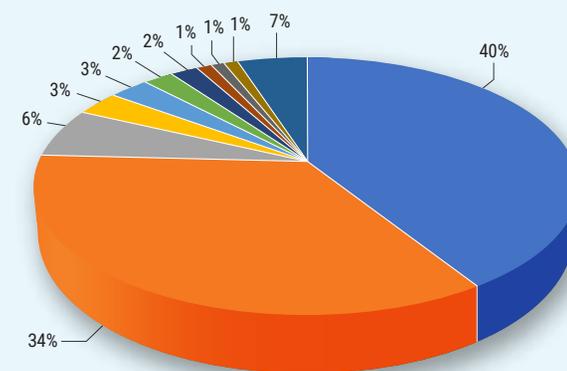
**The CT Travel Programme** organized the first regional information session for Eastern Africa on technical assistance and capacity-building for API/PNR, highlighting its importance to prevent terrorism (7 July). The Programme, with various partners, held a virtual deep-dive assessment with Iraq and a comprehensive roadmap will be jointly developed. (12-15 July)

**The Addressing Counter-Terrorism in Aviation Security (ACTAS) Programme** hosted its first national virtual workshop under the Threat Assessments Model (TAM) Programme with the Government of Botswana, confirming the state of interagency cooperation on terrorist threats to civil aviation and desired improvements. (13-14 July)



## Top Contributors to UNOCT

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$273.6 million, out of which \$223.7 million has been received from 34 donors. Overall, the top donors to date are:



\* Allocation from the UN Peace and Security Sub-Fund of the EOSG  
\*\* In addition, in-kind contribution provided by the Netherlands (valued at USD 11.5 million in 2018) and Hungary (USD 534k in 2021).



## 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



### UNOCT Office Structure

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

