



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 47 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.

## ► Leadership



At an **Ambassadorial-Level Briefing to Member States** to discuss key UN counter-terrorism (CT) achievements in 2023 and priorities for 2024,

**USG Voronkov** [called](#) for increased multilateral cooperation to counter the evolving terrorism threat and reiterated **UNOCT’s** commitment to support countries most affected by terrorism. (5 Mar)

The 25th meeting of the **UNCCT Advisory Board**, comprising of 21 Member States and the EU, was briefed on key milestones and the impact of the Centre’s activities by **USG Voronkov**

and UNCCT Director **Mauro Miedico**, and chaired by **H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz M. Alwasil**, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. (25 Mar)



## ► Highlights



• **UN-Habitat** [became](#) the 47th entity to [join](#) the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, the largest coordination framework within the UN system. (26 Mar)

[20th anniversary](#) of the 11 March terrorist attacks in Madrid. (8 Mar)

• On **International Women’s Day**, USG Voronkov reiterated in a [video message](#) UNOCT’s commitment to invest in women and strengthen their voices in CT and PCVE spaces. [Four alumnae](#) of UNOCT’s programmes shared their perspectives. (8 Mar)



• **The Youth Engagement and Empowerment Programme (YEPP)**, which aims to foster meaningful engagement with young people for safer, more resilient communities, was [launched](#) in Somalia, gathering 26 young leaders from across the country. (14 Mar)

• UNOCT and the **Fundación Víctimas del Terrorismo** [unveiled](#) the ‘[Memories](#)’ exhibition in Madrid, Spain, as part of commemoration activities marking the European Day of Remembrance of Victims of Terrorism and the



### UNOCT Office Structure

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## 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 47 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

## Recent Pledges to UNOCT

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

**Canada: CAD 1,025,216/USD 758,873** in earmarked funding for the UNOCT Specialized Training Curriculum on CT Investigations (STOCTI).

**Organization of American States (OAS): USD 52,206** in earmarked

funding for the Global Counter-Terrorism Programme on Cybersecurity and New Technologies.

**Turkmenistan: USD 50,000** in earmarked funding.

## ► Capacity-building

### UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)

UNOCT, the U.S. and Kazakhstan co-hosted a [workshop](#) in Almaty to enhance regional CT cooperation and develop national exercises to counter CBRNE terrorism threats. (4-7 Mar)

The **CT TECH Initiative** held a [workshop](#) for 30 Uzbek officials in Tashkent on the development of policy and operational responses to counter the use of new technologies for terrorist purposes. (4-7 Mar)

The **Global Victims of Terrorism Support Programme** held the first consultation with victims and associations on the development of a Victims of Terrorism Associations Network (VoTAN). (12 Mar)



UNCCT and UNODC convened a [training course](#) on “Operational measures to address the terrorism-arms-crime nexus” in Astana, Kazakhstan. (12-15 Mar)

UNOCT completed the UN Technical Assistance Plan for Tajikistan on Protecting the Non-Profit Sector from Terrorist Abuse with a workshop for local non-profits and a graduation ceremony in Dushanbe. (27-29 Mar)

### Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)

The **Global Sports Programme** held an [expert discussion](#) on “Countering Terrorist Movement Across International Borders and Securing Transportation on the Occasion of Major Sporting Events” with INTERPOL (5 Mar); and a one-week programme on youth and women empowerment through sport during the African Games in Accra, Ghana. (8-15 Mar)

The **Global Programme on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable**

**Targets** hosted a [briefing](#) on “Protecting Critical Energy Infrastructure against Terrorist Attacks”. (6 Mar)

The **UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme** held an [interactive training](#) for Pakistan (4-8 Mar), and, with the UNCCT Border Security and Management Programme a briefing in Dushanbe to support Tajikistan in updating its National Border Management Strategy and Action Plan. (11-15 Mar)

### EU-UN Facility

The **Facility & the Global Programme on PRR** held consultations in Baghdad on possible support regarding the repatriation of Iraqi citizens from Al-Hol camp. (12-14 Mar)

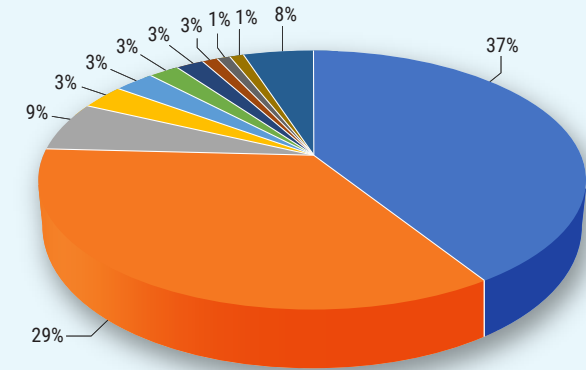
### Human Rights and Gender Section

The **Section** co-organized a workshop with the Office of the National Security Advisor of Iraq on “Monitoring and Reporting on Human Rights in Counter-Terrorism”. (5-7 Mar)



## Top Contributors to UNOCT

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$379.5 million, out of which \$312.9 million has been received from 42 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).



## 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