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Leadership



USG Voronkov met with the Permanent Representative of the Philippines, H.E. Mr. Antonio Manuel Revilla Lagdameo, and the UN Resident Coordinator in the country, Mr. Gustavo Gonzalez, to sign the UN Cooperation Framework for the Philippines. This was the first time UNOCT signed a country framework. (10 Nov)

USG Voronkov provided pre-recorded opening remarks at the graduation ceremony for the 2023 class of the Specialized Training on Counter-Terrorism Investigations (STOCTI), held at the Al-Akhawayn University (AUI) in Ifrane, Morocco. This year, 18 law enforcement officers from six African Member States (Benin, Ghana, Libya, Mozambique, Niger, and Togo) completed the training. (24 Nov)



Highlights

- UNOCT co-organized the first Turkmenistan Ashgabat Model **United Nations (TAMUN) Regional** Conference. The Conference brought together 100 students from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan to participate in an educational simulation of the work of the United Nations. (10-11 Nov)
- The Global Victims of Terrorism Support Programme, in partnership with the **Memorial Center for** Victims of Terrorism and the **Victims of Terrorism Foundation of Spain**, unveiled the 'Memories' exhibition in Pamplona, Spain. The exhibition showcases the personal

- stories of victims and survivors of terrorism. (6-19 Nov)
- The Global **Programme Preventing and Countering Violent** Extremism (PCVE), in partnership with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, held a workshop on online PCVE for young leaders from South-East Asia in Bangkok, Thailand. (13-21 Nov)





of Major Sporting Events and **Promotion of Sport and its Values as** a Tool to Prevent Violent Extremism ("Global Sports Programme"), in collaboration with the African Union Sports Council (AUSC) and the 13th **African Games Local Organising** Committee (LOC), organized a Youth Forum in Accra, Ghana, on the role of young people in the upcoming 13th African Games. (21-22 Nov)



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 November, UNOCT received pledges in support of the following programmes: **Germany: EUR 1,693,359.24 / USD 1,807,214** earmarked funding to support the project "Enhancing the Capacity of West African Member States to Prevent and Counter Terrorism Through Effective Border Security Management and the Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems".

Italy: EUR 200,000 / USD 212,089 earmarked funding for the Integrated Border Stability Mechanism (IBSM) project "Enhancing Coordination on Border Security and Management to Counter Terrorism and Related Transnational Organized Crime".

Capacity-building

UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)

The Countering Terrorist Use of Weapons Programme and the U.S. Department of State WMD Office held a virtual seminar for nine African Member States on CBRN exercise programs. (14 Nov)

The CT TECH Initiative, implemented by the Global Counter-Terrorism Programme on Cybersecurity and New Technologies, held a <u>regional workshop</u> in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on "developing national counter-terrorism policy and operational responses to counter the use of new technologies for terrorist purposes while protecting human rights". (16-17 Nov)

Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)

The Programme on Threat Assessment Models for Aviation Security (TAM Programme) convened a joint workshop on civil aviation threats with the UK Department for Transport and Nigeria's National Counter-Terrorism Centre for a group of 40 practitioners from Nigerian CT and civil aviation authorities. (9 Nov)

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OSCE and the UN Countering Terrorist Travel (CT Travel) Programme gathered experts from 22 Member States in Vienna, Austria, for the 7th Passenger Data Exchange Seminar and a Eastern European Informal Working Group on Passenger Data meeting. (8-10 Nov)



The Global Fusion Cells Programme, in partnership with the UNOCT Rabat Programme Office and the Kingdom of Morocco, delivered an "Analyst course" and "Threat Assessment" course in Rabat to officials from 10 African Member States. (6-21 Nov)

The UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme conveyed a meeting of the

Southern Africa Informal Working Group in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. (22-23 Nov)

The TAM Programme co-organized a second workshop with the NATO-EUROCONTROL ATM Security Coordinating Group (NEASCOG) in Brussels, Belgium, on national approaches to threat assessment for aviation. (24 Nov)

The Global Programme on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable Targets, in collaboration with Spain's Guardia Civil, <u>organized a study visit</u> for representatives of the Government of

Tunisia to learn about the security measures taken at the World Motorcycle Grand Prix in Valencia. (24-27 Nov)



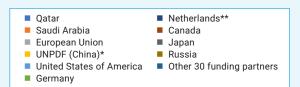
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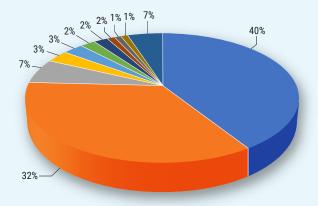
The EU-UN Global Terrorism Threats Facility started the implementation of its second support package to Togo, focused on countering the threat from improvised explosive devices (IEDs). (20 Nov)



Top Contributors to UNOCT

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$365.7 million, out of which \$300 million has been received from 40 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





