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Leadership



USG Voronkov highlighted the achievements and vision of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) at the 24th Meeting of the UNCCT Advisory Board. The meeting was led by Ambassador Abdulaziz Al-Wasil, Permanent Representative of the

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Chairman of the Advisory Board. (25 Oct)

DUSG Gregorian undertook an official visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina to discuss current and prospective UN support to the country's counterterrorism efforts. During his visit, he met with senior defense and security officials, parliamentarians, the Head of the Islamic Community, representatives of civil society, the Office of the High Representative, the European Union (EU) Special Representative, and members of the diplomatic corps. (9-13 Oct)

At the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) open meeting on "Countering terrorist narratives and preventing the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes", DUSG Gregorian called for whole-of-society, gender-sensitive, and human rights compliant approaches to counter terrorist narratives. (19 Oct)



Highlights

• The Programme Office on Parliamentary Engagement in • The 10th Partnership Consultation between the UN Preventing and Countering Terrorism, with support from the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, and in partnership with the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held the Fourth Counter-Terrorism Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary



Assemblies and the Second Parliamentary Policy Dialogue on PCVE, in Vienna, Austria. (4-5 Oct)





- Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact and the Global Counterterrorism Forum was held. (12 Oct)
- Nigeria became the fourth Member State to complete the UN Programme on Threat Assessment Models for Aviation Security ('TAM Programme'). (12 Oct)



- UNCCT launched a new global project on promoting the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT), funded by the EU and to be jointly implemented with UNODC. (17 Oct)
- UNOCT Connect & Learn Platform was shortlisted in the "Learning Platform of the Year" category for the Learning and Performance Institute's Learning Awards 2024. (24 Oct)



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.



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 mobi-lization 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



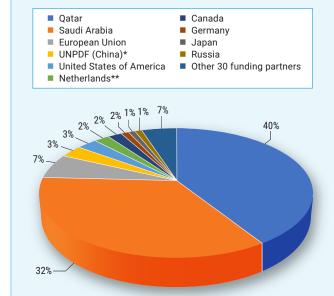
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Top Contributors to UNOCT

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$363.9 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).



Pillar I Addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism	Pillar II Preventing and combating terrorism
Pillar III Building States' capacity and	Pillar IV Ensuring human rights and the rule
strengthening the role of the UN	of law

Recent Pledges to UNOCT

During the month of October, UNOCT received pledges in support of the following programmes:

Kenya: USD 1,050,000 (USD 350,000 annually) earmarked to support the full operationalization of the UNOCT Programme Office in Nairobi for a period of 3 years.

Kenya: USD 100,000 earmarked to support the development of programmes at the Programme Office in Nairobi.

Oman: USD 100.000 unearmarked funding to the Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism.

Netherlands: USD 400,000 earmarked funding for the Global Programme on Detecting, Preventing and Countering the Financing of Terrorism and the "goFintel" software.

Capacity-building

UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)

UNCCT held a workshop in Nairobi, Kenya, on developing national exercise programmes to counter terrorism. It was supported by the U.S. Department of State and UNICRI. (3-6 Oct)

The Global Programme on PCVE, in partnership with the EU and the **Ugandan National Counter-Terrorism** Centre, organized a workshop on strategic communications for PCVE in Entebbe, Uganda. (16-20 Oct)



Global **Counter-Terrorism** The Programme on Cybersecurity and New Technologies held Regional CT **TECH Awareness Raising Workshops** for Europe and North Africa, in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (10-11 Oct) and for South- and Southeast Asia, in Bangkok, Thailand (25-26 Oct).



UNCCT and UNRCCA organized a conference in Tbilisi, Georgia, on the Counter-Terrorism Early Warning Network (EWN) for Central Asia. (9-13 Oct)

Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)

The Global Programmes on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable

Targets and Countering Terrorist Use of Weapons held a joint strategic-level

table-top exercise

In partnership with ICAO and the African Union, the 'TAM Programme' co-organized a workshop in Dakar, Senegal, on the importance of an intelligence-based approach to aviation security. (3-5 Oct)

EU-UN Facility

The EU-UN Global Terrorism Threats Facility conducted joint scoping missions to Dushanbe, Tajikistan, with the Global Programme on Countering Terrorist Use of Weapons, and to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, with the Central Asia Unit, to consult national authorities on their priorities and possible support from the Facility. (12-18 Oct)

