

Counter-Terrorism Leadership

- USG Voronkov participated in the Doha Forum on Preventing Violent Extremism and a side event on the UN 75th Anniversary. He held high-level consultations with the State of Qatar and signed a contribution agreement on the establishment of a UNOCT Programme Office in Doha. (14-15 December, Doha)
- At the 4th annual quarterly briefing of UNOCT to Member States, Director Raffi Gregorian, Deputy to the USG, and other UNOCT senior managers briefed on the progress of activities undertaken by the Office and the Global Counter-Terrorism Compact Working Groups in 2019, and capacity-building projects and programmes. Five Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities also updated Member States on their respective efforts. (11 December, New York)



- On the margins of the UAE-UNOCT-Hedayah High-Level Regional Conference, UNOCT and Hedayah signed a Memorandum of Understanding to further enhance cooperation in preventing and countering violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism. (17 December, Abu Dhabi)
- Senior management of UNOCT participated in the discussion on the repatriation and reintegration of citizens including children from conflict zones organized by Kazakhstan. (5 December, New York)

High-Level Regional Conference



- The joint UAE-UNOCT-Hedayah Regional High-Level Conference on Empowering Youth and Promoting Tolerance, brought together more than 300 representatives of countries, CSOs, youth, religious and interfaith actors and think tanks. It provided an opportunity to discuss initiatives and action plans to strengthen resilience against radicalization leading to terrorism, with a focus on youth empowerment and tolerance at the national and regional levels. (18-19 December, Abu Dhabi)

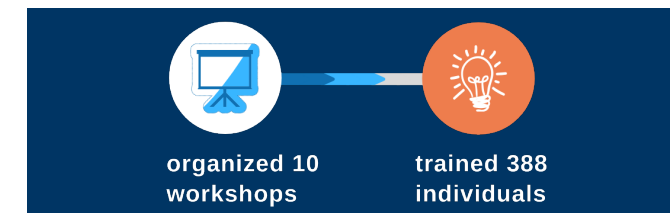
Highlights



- UNOCT, in collaboration with OICT and the Austrian Institute of Technology, held its first Hackathon on Countering Digital Terrorism. More than 200 young people from across the globe submitted ideas, and 40 were selected to participate in the event. The winning solution consists of a USB evidence extractor that law enforcement first responders can use to gather electronic evidence and quickly identify digital terrorist activities. (5-6 December, Vienna)

Capacity Building

UNCCT in December 2019:

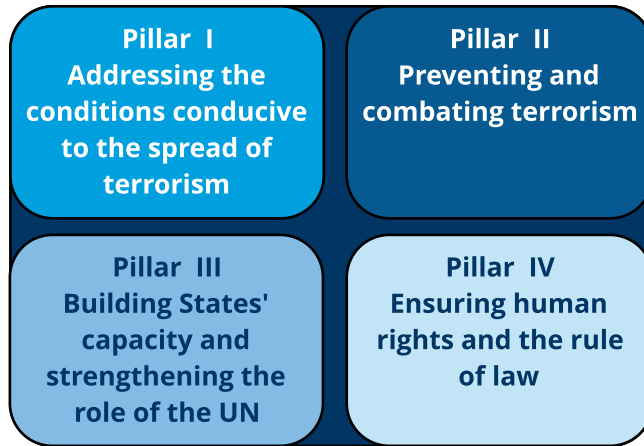


- UNOCT held three activities on countering the financing of terrorism in December, including with the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (3-4 December, Dhaka), the Financial Intelligence Unit of Madagascar (12-13 December, Antananarivo), and with the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (17-18 December, Pretoria).
- UNOCT, together with IGAD International Centre of Excellence, delivered a regional workshop on strategic and crisis communications for East African government officials. The workshop brought together spokespeople, directors of communication and CT and P/CVE policy and operational leads with the aim of developing and enhancing skills in planning for better communication responses after attacks. (December 9-12, Nairobi)

SPIB - UNOCT Special Projects and Innovation Branch

- UNOCT led an interagency mission to Khartoum for bilateral consultations and as part of a CTED-led deep-dive assessment together with UNODC and INTERPOL. The Countering Terrorist Travel Programme engaged with senior officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Interior, Justice, Sudan National CT Commission, Customs, Police, Civil Aviation among others. (3-5 December, Khartoum)
- USG Voronkov chaired the 3rd Quarterly Steering Committee meeting of the UNOCT flagship Countering Terrorist Travel Programme. UNOCT, UNCTED, UNODC, ICAO, OICT and INTERPOL discussed the progress of the Programme and main priorities going forward. (11 December, New York)

UN Global CT Strategy



UNOCT Mandate

Established through GA resolution 71/291 on 15 June 2017, the Office has **5 functions**:

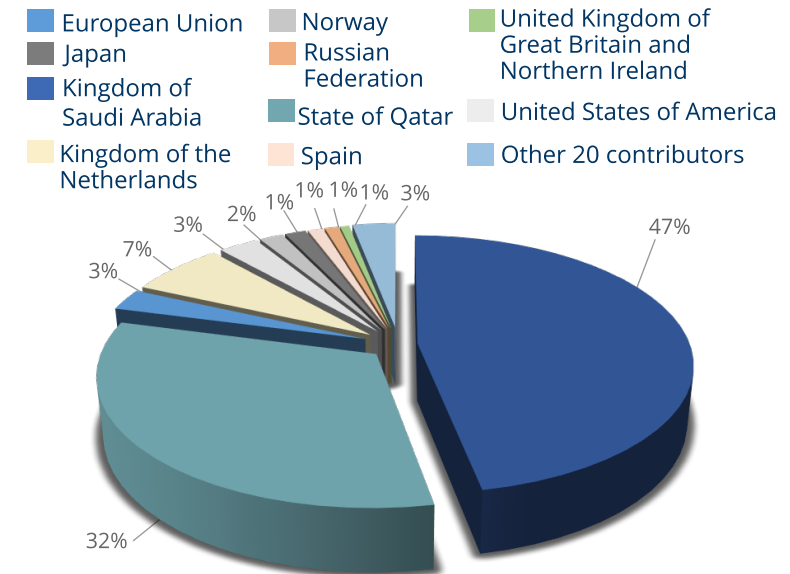
- **Provide leadership** on the GA counter-terrorism mandates entrusted to the Secretary-General from across the UN system;
- **Enhance coordination and coherence** across the 38 Global Counter-Terrorism Compact entities to ensure the balanced implementation of the four pillars of the UN Global CT Strategy;
- **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.

To enhance **coordination and coherence**, the **UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact**, which is a coordination framework bringing together 42 entities was launched by the UN Secretary-General in December 2018. 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.

The Office provides most of its **capacity-building** support to Member States through the **UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)**, which 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.

Top Contributors to the Trust Fund

The Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism has received funding of \$233.95 million and \$11.5 million in in-kind contributions since inception in 2009 to the end of December 2019. Overall top donors to date:



UNOCT Office Structure

