



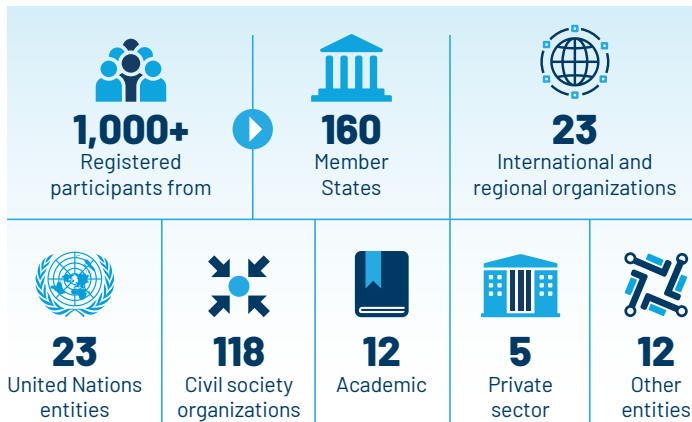
Third United Nations  
**COUNTER-TERRORISM  
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**The Third Counter-Terrorism Week (CT Week)** took place from 19 to 23 June 2023 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. UNOCT's signature event for 2023 comprised the Third High-Level Conference of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States (HLC), on 19-20 June organized under the theme of "Addressing Terrorism Through Reinvigorated Multilateralism and Institutional Cooperation"; the debate and successful adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the eighth review resolution on the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy on 22 June (A/Res/77/298), and the delivery of 40 side events co-organized with 95 stakeholders from all geographical regions and covering a diverse array of CT and PCVE related issues to foster common ground.

The HLC demonstrated the convening power of the United Nations to bring the world together:



During the High-Level Opening Session of the HLC, the Secretary-General called on the international community to "stand as one against this global threat... and that preventing terrorism is not just foiling attacks but addressing the factors that help its spread," while the President of the General Assembly warned that "if we cannot work together the terrorists will win. Our collective success requires approaches which are innovative, agile, multifaceted, and integrated." The keynote address of the Secretary-General resonated well with participants, with several speakers echoing his call for global unity and prevention and expressing support for a New Agenda for Peace.

The Conference generated high interest across all its four thematic sessions demonstrating that counter-terrorism remains a shared priority. It featured 58 experts, chairs, and panelists, 10 eminent speakers, 10 youth and civil society voices, 85 interventions from the floor, including 11 Ministers and Vice Ministers, and over 50 heads of counter-terrorism/intelligence agencies.

Discussions revolved around the practical implementation of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, including strengthening resilience, building institutions fit for purpose, good governance and inclusion, the imperatives of respecting human rights, ensuring gender equality and developing 'whole-of-society' responses involving youth and civil society. They also underlined the importance of effective law enforcement mechanisms, implementation of regional counter-terrorism strategies, and the need to continue strengthening the work of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact. Participants stressed the need for new impetus and strategic direction to stem the spread of terrorism in Africa and welcomed the African Counter-Terrorism Summit to be held under the auspices of the Secretary General and of the President of Nigeria in 2024.

Dialogue also centered on how to better respond to the developing terrorist threat landscape, enhancing action-oriented collaboration, and how to address, through horizontal cross-fertilization, the underlying conditions that can lead to terrorism, including concurrent and converging threats, such as climate change, armed conflict, organized crime, as well as regulatory challenges in cyberspace and the uneven recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Throughout the HLC, participants strongly supported the call for a reinvigorated multilateralism to counter-terrorism. USG Voronkov underlined, in his summary conclusions, the imperative of converting this appeal into practical plans to achieve this vision.

The broad participation and strong engagement in the HLC of a diverse range of participants and decision-makers from Member States, UN Global Compact entities, regional and international organizations, civil society, organizations, human rights actors, private and academic stakeholders, demonstrated the importance of a reinvigorated and networked multilateralism in addressing the global counter-terrorist threat.

The United Nations will continue to take the lead to leverage and convert the political support, impetus and momentum generated by the CT Week on global CT cooperation into more practical, innovative, multi-faceted, inclusive, and coordinated actions.



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