Counter-Terrorism Compact in Review March-April 2024



COUNTER-**TERRORISM COMPACT IN NUMBERS**



Compact entities

137

Member States

14

International & regional organizations

1.050

Total focal points

3,521

Documents shared

261.775

Virtual visits to the CT Platform

842

CTFD TA recommendations

28

CTED country assessments



LEADERSHIP, COORDINATION, COHERENCE

KEY HIGH-LEVEL EVENTS

- → UNOCT Ambassadorial-level Quarterly **Briefing to Member States highlighted** UN counter-terrorism achievements in 2023 and priorities for 2024 (5 March)
- → UNICRI hosted a side event on genderresponsive efforts to prevent violent extremism in the Sahel during CSW68. co-organized with Mauritania, the Republic of Korea, CTED, and UN Women (19 March)



- → UNICRI addressed the G7 Rome-Lyon Group on tackling links between drug trafficking, organized crime, and terrorism (18 April)
- → 2024 High-Level African Counter-Terrorism Meeting in Abuja, organized by Nigeria with support of UNOCT called for enhanced regional cooperation to counter terrorism in Africa (22-23 April)



CTC open meeting on building resilience of communities to prevent radicalization to terrorism (29 April)

KEY ISSUES RAISED BY HEADS OF ENTITIES

- → UNODC ED Waly highlighted that counter-terrorism responses "should move further beyond a pure focus on security, and towards a balanced approach that allows for criminal accountability, alongside inclusive prevention strategies" (5 March)
- → CTED ED Gherman noted that findings and recommendations from CTED visits have been made available to the Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities for the design and programming of capacity-building activities (19 March)



- → UN-Habitat Acting ED Mlynár stressed that "by joining the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, UN-Habitat reaffirms its commitment to leveraging urban development as a tool for promoting peace, security, and resilience in cities and communities worldwide" (26 March)
- → UNOCT USG Voronkov emphasized that the Joint Appeal for Counter-Terrorism in Africa "tackles critical areas including border management and countering terrorism travel in Africa, the nexus between terrorism and organized crime, preventing violent extremism, gender equality and human rights" (22 April)





ENGAGEMENT WITH MEMBER STATES

- → CTED-UNODC held a webinar to brief → UNOCT-UNODC training on operational Ecuadorian officials on main findings and priority recommendations from the CTC assessment visit to the country on 23-27 October 2023 (1 March)
- → UNODC visited São Tomé and Príncipe (4-6 March) and Nepal (18-19 March) to raise awareness of ICSANT



- measures for Kazakhstan addressed terrorism-arms-nexus (12-15 Mar)
- → UNOCT EU-UN Global Terrorism Threats Facility conducted a Counter-Terrorism Tabletop Exercise in Uganda (11 April)



- → GCTF and UNOCT convened the 2nd workshop on effective border security and management (16-17 April)
- → UNOCT and the Democratic Republic of the Congo signed an agreement to strengthen cooperation in preventing and countering terrorist travel (23 April)
- > CTED briefed the 24th session of the OAS/CICTE on progress and challenges in implementing Security Council resolutions pertaining to counterterrorism and financing (24-25 April)
- → UNODC-UNOCT contributed to the tabletop exercise and workshop on nuclear forensics & radioactive incident responses related to ICSANT events co-organized by the Netherlands, Romania, and the U.S., and co-funded by the EU (23-26 April)







GUIDANCE, RESEARCH, ANALYSIS

COMPACT WORKING GROUPS MEETINGS

7 March

RMME WG meeting discussed final project proposals for the <u>Joint Appeal for CT in Africa</u>, reflecting on lessons learned and next steps; outcomes of the UNEG Annual Evaluation Week; and proposed approach for the implementation of OP96 of GA resolution 77/298

14 March

HRRoL-VoT WG quarterly meeting featured OHCHR's new UN Agenda for Protection; Global VoT Support Programme; and Special Rapporteur on HR&CT first report to the Human Rights Council

26 March

GENDER WG quarterly meeting discussed Kenya NCTC-UN Women cooperation; CTED's briefing on accountability for SGBV linked to terrorism; and UNICRI/UNW/CTED side event on gender and PVE in the Sahel during CSW68

4 April

NARS WG meeting featured briefings from ACSRT on national & regional CT strategies; from OSCE on PCVE and radicalization, CFT, countering the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes, adopting rule of law & human rights compliant approaches, and protecting vulnerable targets

12 March

etrcip wg meeting featured discussion on CHEMEX Africa; UNIDIR report on the use of UAS by non-state armed groups in Africa; UNODA's implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention in Africa; and ICSANT project updates

22 March

CJLR-CFT WG meeting featured briefings from: RUSI on anti-financial crime system; IIJ on strengthening criminal justice sector; and UNOCT on the Model Legislative Provisions for the Philippines

27 March

NARS WG meeting featured a GCERF briefing on its grantmaking to local CSOs for PCVE work; CTED's visit to Ecuador; and the EU briefing on its work in Ecuador

WHAT IS NEW

- Uruguay acceded to the 2010 Protocol Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, becoming the 11th country to mark universal adherence to all 19 legal instruments against terrorism (13 March)
- UNOCT launched the Youth Engagement and Empowerment Programme (YEEP) in Somalia (14 March)
- <u>UN-Habitat</u> joined the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact. With this addition, the largest coordination framework within the UN system now comprises 47 entities (26 March)



- UNODC launched a <u>new webinar series</u> on ICSANT (12 April) and opened a <u>new antennae office in Pemba,</u> <u>Mozambique</u> (16 April)
- UNOCT launched 2024 Edition of <u>Specialized Counter-</u> Terrorism Investigations Training Programme (23 April)

<u>FAFT VACG roadmap</u> on jurisdictions with materially important virtual asset activity (March)

FATF Guidance on Beneficial Ownership and Transparency of Legal Arrangements (11 March)



<u>UNESCO</u> <u>guide</u> for the Arab region on Including Transformative Education in preservice teacher training, 2024, Beirut

IMF Global Financial
Stability Report on
salient risks and a
build-up of mediumterm vulnerabilities
(April)

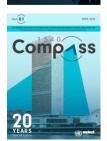
IEP Global Terrorism Index 2024

CTED report on civil society's critical role in supporting victims and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence linked to terrorism (April)



UNICRI inaugural issue of <u>1540 Compass</u> on UNSCR 1540 (2004) for preventing the proliferation of WMD by non-State actors (29 April)





REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

UNODC <u>brochure</u> on Supporting Nigeria in its Struggle Against Terrorism (22 April) wnicri



JOINT INITIATIVES AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

MULTI-AGENCY MEETINGS, PROGRAMMES

UN Special Rapporteur on HR and CT-Co-Chairs of the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism panel discussion on VoT during the 55th session of the Human Rights Council (12 March) Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (UNOCT-CTED-UNODC-ICAO-IOM-INTERPOL) held an all-partners retreat in Vienna to take stock of the global flagship initiative and discussed strategic priorities (25-26 March)

INTERPOL and its coimplementing partners hosted a webinar on <u>Women Leaders in</u> <u>Action</u>, focused on gender inclusivity within the field of chemical security (29 April)

CHEMICAL SECURITY

WOMEN LEADERS IN ACTION

CONVERENCE OF IMPACTIVE LEADERSHIP

AND CHINICAL SECURITY

WINNEY

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CTED-UNICRI convened an Expert Group Meeting on cultural heritage smuggling and its nexus with terrorism (20 March)



UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development -UNOCT discussed strengthening of collaboration on PVE through Games for Peace (16 April)

REGIONAL FOCUS

UNICRI conducted a <u>field</u> <u>exercise</u> in <u>Lebanon</u> to counter CBRN terrorism (4-7 March)



UNODC delivered practical trainings to Nigeria Police Force (NPF), a train-the-trainers workshop on forensic recovery, and a strategy session for the NPF Special Investigative Squad on evidence collection and forensic capabilities (March-April)

CTC/CTED concluded its first focused assessment visit to Montenegro (18- 22 March)



UNICRI-Indonesia held a second consultation meeting on the development of a policy paper to prevent and respond to <u>chemical</u> terrorism (20-21 March)

UNODC-Singapore held a regional workshop on the ethical use of artificial intelligence (AI) and advanced technologies to prevent and counter terrorist exploitation of online spaces (16-17 April)

UNODC-UNOCT-Mongolia-Viet Nam-the U.S. organized a workshop for ASEAN Regional Forum to promote legal framework to counter CBRN crimes (16-18 April)



COLLABORATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY, ACADEMIA & THE PRIVATE SECTOR

 CTED hosted an <u>Insight Briefing</u> for Member States on latest trends in the use of cryptocurrency by terrorist groups and their supporters (4 March)



- UNODC held national <u>consultative meetings in Mali,</u> <u>Burkina Faso, and Niger</u> with governments and civil society actors to promote meaningful youth engagement on PVE (6-21 March)
- UNICRI called for <u>expressions of interest</u> to attend its upcoming workshop for civil society on integrating gender perspectives into violent extremism prevention
- UNODC co-organised the <u>IV TRAC Forum</u> in Brazil in partnership with academia and civil society (3-4 April)
- CTED briefed the <u>regional tech workshop for Latin America</u>, organized by GIFCT and FIRJAN, on the exploitation of information communications technologies for terrorist purposes (16 April)
- <u>UNOCT-Institute for Economics and Peace</u> discussed joint partnerships and priorities (17 April)



 UNOCT and the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) met to explore collaboration opportunities, including research and mapping in regions of Africa (16 April)

UNOCT-the U.S.-Kazakhstan held a workshop for Central Asia to enhance regional cooperation on counter-terrorism and develop national exercises to counter WMD/CBRN terrorism threats (4-7 Mar)





COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT STRUCTURE

EIGHT COMPACT WORKING GROUPS

7.
Promoting and protecting
human rights and the rule of
law while countering terrorism and
supporting victims of terrorism
Chair: OHCHR
Vice-Chair: UNOCT

8.

Adopting a gender-sensitive approach to preventing and countering violent extremism Chair: UN Women Vice-Chair: CTED 1.

Preventing and countering violent extremism conducive to terrorism Chair: UNOCT Vice-Chairs: UNAOC, UNDP, UNESCO

GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY

Resource mobilization, monitoring, and evaluation Chair: UNOCT / Co-Chairs: CTED, UNODC

> National and Regional counter-terrorism strategies Chair: CTED Vice-Chair: UNOCT



8 working groups under 4 pillars

2.

Border management and law enforcement relating to counter-terrorism Chair: CTED / Co-Chair: WCO / Vice-Chairs: INTERPOL, UNODC

3.
Emerging threats
and critical
infrastructure
protection
Chair: INTERPOL
Vice-Chairs:
UNODA, UNICRI,
OPCW

4.
Criminal justice, legal responses, and countering the financing of terrorism
Chair: UNODC
Vice-Chairs:
CTED. UNOCT

Pillar III

Pillar I

Pillar II

Pillar IV

COMPACT ENTITIES





To see the full list of Compact Members and Observers: bit.ly/CTCompact-Members



To see the Counter-Terrorism Compact Brochure: bit.ly/CTCompact-Brochure

COORDINATION COMMITTEE



Chair: Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism and Head of UNOCT

COUNTER-TERRORISM COMPACT SECRETARIAT



UNOCT's Policy, Knowledge
Management and Coordination Branch

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