



2021 COUNTER-TERRORISM WEEK

21-30 JUNE

PRESS RELEASE

The United Nations to hold the Second Counter-Terrorism Week

New York, 18 June 2021 – The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism is organizing the Second Counter-Terrorism [Week](#) from 21-30 June. It coincides with the 15th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and the 20th anniversary of the adoption of Security Council resolution [1373](#) (2001) following the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Although the fight against terrorism has seen important successes, the terrorist threat has persisted and diversified. Terrorism will remain a pressing challenge to international peace and security as terrorist groups, violent extremists and the individuals they influence and inspire have sought to exploit the hardships and grievances resulting from, or magnified by, the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Second Counter-Terrorism Week comprises the seventh United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy review by the General Assembly and the Second United Nations High-Level Conference ([HLC](#)) of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States (28-30 June). Thirty-four (34) [side events](#) will also be [organized](#) by Member States, international and regional organisations, UN entities, civil society organizations and the private sector (24-30 June).

Seventh review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

The UN General Assembly [reviews](#) the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GCTS) every two years, ensuring its status as a living document attuned to Member States' counter-terrorism priorities. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Assembly postponed the seventh review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism [Strategy](#) to its 75th session. The President of the General Assembly appointed the Permanent Representatives of Oman and Spain as co-facilitators to guide Member States' negotiations of the resolution that accompanies the review.

Second High-Level Conference of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States

The Secretary-General will convene the Second United Nations [High-Level Conference](#) of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States from Monday 28 to Wednesday 30 June under the

overarching theme “*Countering and Preventing Terrorism in the Age of Transformative Technologies: Addressing the Challenges of the New Decade.*”

Terrorists and criminals who provide them material support will invariably seek to exploit new technologies to gain an edge over governments. The High-Level Conference will enable joint efforts among governments, the private sector, academia and civil society, to better understand these risks, share good practices and increase our capacity to address them, ensuring consistent, coordinated, and comprehensive efforts across countries, sectors and disciplines, anchored in human rights and the rule of law, to address terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

[The opening session](#) will feature remarks by Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations; Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the Office of Counter-Terrorism, United Nations; Mr. Volkan Bozkır, President, United Nations General Assembly; Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Qatar; Mr. Josep Borrell Fontelles, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President for the European Commission; Ms. Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations; and Ms. Cristina Duarte, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa, as well as other high-level representatives.

The [34 side events](#) being organized on the margins of the High-Level Conference will spotlight a range of topics relevant to the main theme and all four pillars of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

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