



UNOCT Activities in Central Asia

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism continues to support Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in the implementation of all four pillars of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. Here are a few examples of counter-terrorism and preventing violent extremism initiatives implemented in Central Asia by UNOCT programmes and projects.



Towards a Comprehensive Implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia - Phase IV

Objective

Support the five Member States in implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia

Achievements

- Adoption of the regional strategy, Joint Plan of Action
- Launch of the Counter-Terrorism Early Warning Network for Central Asia
- Regular technical training courses at regional and national levels
- E-learning on Human Rights and Counter Terrorism in Central Asia for law-enforcement officials
- Overall participation of more than 2,000 officials and experts
- Regular coordination and mapping of CT and PCVE initiatives of UN agencies, international and regional organizations in Central Asia
- More than 3,000 promotional and awareness-raising materials and products
- Enhanced CSOs role in the implementation of National CT and PCVE Strategies and Action Plans in Central Asia

Upcoming activities

- Further implementation of the Counter-Terrorism Early Warning Network for Central Asia
- Implementation of three roadmaps on (i) women; (ii) CSOs; and (iii) Youth engagement in implementation of national strategies on CT and PVE

Programme Beneficiaries in Central Asia:

All five

Programme Partners:

UNOCT, UNRCCA

Funding Partners:

Kazakhstan, Saudi Arabia, UNPDF (China), Turkmenistan

For more information:

www.un.org/counterterrorism/cct/counter-terrorism-in-central-asia

Achievements

- Developed three roadmaps on (i) women; (ii) CSOs; and (iii) Youth engagement in implementation of national strategies on CT and PVE
- Conducted 1 High – Level Briefing on National Strategy of Tajikistan and further supported its implementation
- Organized 4 High – Level Regional Forums (on Parliamentarians, Youth Dialogue, on Women Parliamentarians, on CSO engagement in NAPs implementation)
- Research on Afghanistan and Central Asia
- Research on the use of Internet for terrorist purposes in the Maldives
- Involved 600+ participants from civil society, international organizations, private sector, and member state governments

Programme Beneficiaries in Central Asia:

All five

Programme Partners:

UNDP and UNODC

Funding Partners:

European Union, Saudi Arabia

For more information:

www.un.org/counterterrorism/cct/strive-asia



Strengthening Resilience Against Violent Extremism in Asia (STRIVE Asia) EU-UN Initiative

Objective

To contribute to Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism in Central, South and Southeast Asia through a multi-stakeholder approach, including governments, security actors, civil society and private sector entities



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UNOCT cooperation with the Regional Antiterrorist Structure of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO RATS)

Objective

Strengthen the cooperation and coordination between UNOCT and SCO RATS in the area of counter-terrorism while developing, coordinating and delivering capacity-building to common SCO Central Asia Member States in implementation of UNGCTS and relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions

Achievements

- Memorandum of Understanding between UNOCT and SCO RATS to enhance the cooperation between the two entities
- Jointly conducted 4-day Regional Interactive Training Course on Advance Passenger Information and Passenger Name Record (API and PNR) Data to SCO Member States and Turkmenistan
- Jointly conducted 3-day Regional Roundtable on the Investigations and Prosecution, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration of Individuals Suspected of Terrorism, including Foreign Terrorist Fighters and their Accompanying Family Members

Upcoming activities

Organization of further joint events by UNOCT and SCO RATS in the area of counter-terrorism in response to other regional threats

Programme Beneficiaries:

SCO Member States (China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)

Programme Partners:

SCO RATS

Funding Partner:

Russia



EU-UN Support to States in Central Asia for their Citizens Returned from Conflict Zones, Primarily Syria and Iraq – Component 2: Security and Accountability Action

Objective

Countries in Central Asia are provided with child and human rights-based, age and gender-sensitive technical assistance to support families of alleged Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs) from Syria and Iraq. These include families both returning from Syria and Iraq and those in their countries of origin

Achievements

- The project has successfully enhanced the coordination and collaboration among United Nations entities in Central Asia, particularly UNOCT, OHCHR, UNODC, and UNDP, towards the effective implementation of the Global Framework for United Nations Support on Syria / Iraq Third Country National Returnees in the region
- Technical support to the Governments of Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan continues to enhance the national and local capacities to develop and implement comprehensive, evidence-based, gender-responsive, and child-sensitive rehabilitation and reintegration services for returnees from conflict zones, including through strategic communications
- The project has enabled the enhancement of human rights monitoring activities and cooperation with the National Human Rights Institutions related to returnees from conflict zones, including women and children

Upcoming activities

- In the first half of 2023, UNOCT will implement two workshops in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan for government representatives and civil society organizations on

strategic communications to support reintegration

- Based on previous consultations conducted in the three beneficiary States, UNOCT has developed a Compendium on Prosecution, Rehabilitation and Reintegration, in which collects PRR practices, implemented all over the world. In 2023, UNOCT will present Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan about the practices included in the compilation of the Compendium on PRR, with the aim of clarification and confirmation of national practice and further Compendium improvements

Programme Beneficiaries:

Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

Programme Partners:

UNOCT, UNODC, OHCHR, UNDP

Funding Partners:

European Union, Germany, Uzbekistan

For more info:

www.un.org/counterterrorism/cct/prosecution-rehabilitation-reintegration



Uzbekistan Expert Advisor and Rehabilitation and Reintegration (R&R) Programme

Objective

The Government of Uzbekistan develops and implements coherent, comprehensive, and tailored strategy and judicial approaches on persecution, rehabilitation and reintegration

Achievements

- Through the positioning of a dedicated expert to support coordination among the United Nations entities in the country, the project has enabled a cohesive “all-of-UN” approach to the rehabilitation and reintegration of returnees from Syria and Iraq, including FTFs and their family members

- The production of a report, led by UN Women, on “Strengthening gender responsiveness of Repatriation, Rehabilitation and Reintegration measures for citizens returned from conflict zones, primarily Syria and Iraq”, which has been used as the foundation for a series of online capacity-building events for local communities (Mahalla) and national stakeholders
- A technical guide, led by UNODC, on the implementation of the rehabilitation and reintegration strategies through a multi-stakeholder and evidence-based approach for service providers is being developed
- Led by OHCHR, strengthened awareness on the roles and capacities of the Ombudsperson, the Children’s Ombudsperson, and the National Human Rights Centre in the monitoring and evaluation of services delivered to returnees from conflict zones including women and children

Upcoming activities

- UNOCT is planning to implement two training workshops for social workers and mental health practitioners on effective practices for social rehabilitation and reintegration of individuals returned from Syria and Iraq
- In 2023 UNOCT is planning to convene roundtable discussions with the aim to establish and develop the framework for a Regional Expert Council of Leading Experts in Central Asia on Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Returnees

Programme Beneficiaries:

Uzbekistan

Programme Partners:

UNOCT, UNODC, UN Women, OHCHR

Funding Partner:

United States

For more information:

www.un.org/counterterrorism/cct/prosecution-rehabilitation-reintegration



Global Counter-Terrorism Programme on Cybersecurity and New Technologies

Objectives

- Develop knowledge and raise awareness of challenges and opportunities related to new technologies in countering terrorism
- Enhance skills and capacities required to develop and implement effective national counter-terrorism policy responses to the challenges and opportunities of new technologies
- Enhance skills and capacities required to protect critical infrastructures against terrorist cyber-attacks
- Enhance criminal justice capacities to counter and investigate terrorist use of new technologies

Achievements

- Over 150 Member States benefited from the Programme support (including all five Central Asian countries)
- 4000+ officials acquired new skills and knowledge on artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, online investigations, dark web investigations, cryptocurrencies investigations and digital forensics
- 12 new knowledge products launched on Artificial Intelligence, development of national cybersecurity strategies, counter-terrorism Investigations on the Internet and social media, countering the exploitation of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes and on leveraging these technologies in the fight against terrorism
- Two counter-terrorism cyber-drills and an interactive open-source investigation training for the CIS and Arab region (with participants from Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan)
- UNOCT-UNCCT, UNRCCA and OSCE joint training course on Efficient Online Investigations and the Role of Digital Forensics in Turkmenistan in October 2020

Programme Beneficiaries:

Global

Programme Partners:

UNICRI, INTERPOL, OSCE, CTED, DOS, DPO, DPPA, ICAO, OICT, UNODC, ITU

Funding Partners:

European Union, Germany, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Republic of Korea, United Arab Emirates

For more information:

www.un.org/counterterrorism/cct/programme-projects/cybersecurity



CT TECH Initiative (January 2022-July 2024)

Objective

CT TECH is a EU-funded initiative implemented by UNOCT-UNCCT and INTERPOL under the UNCCT Global Counter-Terrorism Programme on Cybersecurity and New Technologies. The initiative aims to strengthen capacities of law enforcement and criminal justice authorities in selected partner countries to counter the exploitation of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes, as well as supporting the leveraging of new and emerging technologies in the fight against terrorism

Achievements

- 5 regional consultation meetings to discuss priorities, needs and capacities of Member States, including one for Central Asia and Mongolia in April 2022
- Launch of 7 new knowledge products in June 2023, under CT TECH initiative, publicly available for all UN Member States
- 5 regional awareness raising workshops, focusing on developing national counter-terrorism policies and operational responses to counter the use of new technologies for terrorist purposes, while protecting human rights, including one for Central Asia and Mongolia in September 2023

- Open-Source Investigations Training for law enforcement (Kazakhstan attended the training)
- Two facial recognition trainings for law enforcement (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan attended the trainings)

Upcoming activities

- Two CT TECH national capacity building workshops for Uzbekistan, March and June 2024
- CT TECH training with INTERPOL on facial recognition, OSINT, dark web, cryptocurrencies
- CT TECH trend reports to Partner States on the use of different social media platforms by terrorists and nexus among different terrorist groups

Programme Beneficiaries:

35 Member States in Southern Europe, Southern Caucasus, Middle East and North Africa, East Africa, Asia, Caribbean and Central America

Programme Partners:

INTERPOL

Funding Partner:

European Union

For more information:

www.un.org/counterterrorism/ct-tech-initiative



Addressing the terrorism-arms-crime nexus: Preventing and combatting the illicit trafficking of Small-Arms and Light Weapons and their illicit supply to terrorists – Phase II

Objectives

To address the terrorism-arms- crime nexus in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan by enhancing criminal justice responses to counter the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons and to disrupt the illicit supply of such arms to terrorists

Achievements (Jan 2020 - Dec 2023)

- 600 officials engaged
- 1 high-level regional workshop
- 2 regional workshops
- 5 capacity consultations
- 5 legislative workshops
- 5 inter-institutional workshops
- 11 trainings

Upcoming activities

- 9 trainings
- 5 information exchange seminars
- Development of a regional study on illicit trafficking of SALW
- Translate and disseminate the Handbook on Firearms
- Provision of equipment to increase the capacities of forensic labs

Programme Beneficiaries in Central Asia: All five

Co-implementor: UNODC

Programme Partners:

UNODC, CTED, UNODA, UNRCCA, INTERPOL, SCO RATS, WCO

Funding Partners: Canada, European Union, Finland, Saudi Arabia, Russia



UNOCT-UNCCT Global Coordinated Programme on Detecting, Preventing, and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (the CFT Programme)

Objective

Member States and other interested stakeholders have an enhanced capacity to detect, prevent and counter the financing of terrorism, in accordance with relevant United Nations Security Council and General Assembly resolutions, other international law obligations, and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Recommendations

Achievements

- Technical assistance provided to the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan [ongoing] on the protection of the non-profit sector from terror

financing abuse (respective to FATF recommendation 8)

- Assistance provided through (i) delivering technical assistance products, (ii) providing awareness-raising events, and (iii) building the capacity of the designated regulators, financial intelligence units, other national law enforcement agencies, and the NPO sector to assess the terrorist-financing risks in the NPO sector and apply a risk-based approach while protecting human rights and international humanitarian standards
- Conducted five consultation missions in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan in 2022 to assist the authorities on TF risk assessment of the NPO sector.
- Conducted three capacity-building workshops to public sector officials and two awareness-raising events to NPO sector in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan in 2022.
- A higher rating in compliance has been given to the Kyrgyz Republic with respect to FATF recommendation 8 during the 37th EAG Plenary in November 2022
- Launched the UNOCT initiative on Virtual Assets for the EAG-region in 2023 and completed three regional consultations, with preliminary results presented at the EAG Plenary in China, December 2023

Upcoming activities

- Provide technical assistance to the Republic of Tajikistan to conduct the risk assessment of the non-profit sector and apply a risk-based approach in line with international laws and standards.
- Assess the second phase of the technical assistance in Kyrgyzstan to support implementing the recent reforms on protecting the non-profit sector from terror abuse
- Last event under the Virtual Assets initiative in 2024, to present final report and developed guidance on countering the use of virtual assets for terrorist purposes

Programme Beneficiaries in Central Asia: All five

Programme Partners:

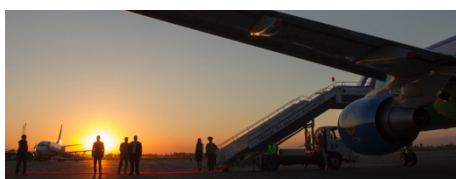
EAG, UNRCCA

Funding Partners:

France, India, Saudi Arabia, Russia

For more information:

www.un.org/counterterrorism/countering-financing-of-terrorism



Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CT Travel)

Objective

To support Member States to implement their obligations related to the establishment of passenger data systems in line with Security Council resolutions 2178 (2014), 2396 (2017), and 2482 (2019), and ICAO standards and recommended practices, relevant privacy laws and human rights principles, improve the use of international databases, and enhance international information exchange

Achievements

- 69 beneficiary countries have joined the Programme since 2019 launch, including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan
- 37 national implementation roadmaps developed and 1 regional workplan (covering 15 CARICOM Member States) following consultations with the beneficiary countries
- 2417+ competent authority representatives trained using a suite of online and in-person learning tools
- 4 Regional Informal Working Groups (IWG) on Passenger Data established to promote regional and cross-border cooperation on API and PNR involving 60 Member States in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, South-east Asia, West Africa and Southern Africa
- 4 Passenger Information Units operationalized with the support of the Programme
- 24 countries testing UN's goTravel software for API and PNR collection and analytics
- Development of model legislative provisions on API and PNR, Template Passenger Information Unit (PIU) Terms of Reference, Air Carrier National Implementation Guide and PIU Engagement Guide, and high-level technical implemen-

tation guide for the deployment of goTravel

Upcoming activities

- Convene CT Travel Interactive Training in Kyrgyzstan (February 24).
- Transition to national implementation of CT Travel Programme in Tajikistan

Programme Beneficiaries in Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan

Programme Partners: CTED, UNODC, ICAO, OICT, INTERPOL and IOM

Funding Partner: Australia, European Union, Germany, Hungary, India, Japan, Qatar, Netherlands. United States

For more information:

www.un.org/counterterrorism/countering-terrorist-travel



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BORDER SECURITY AND MANAGEMENT (BSM)

Strengthening Member States Border Security and Management Capacities to Counter Terrorism and Related Transnational Organized Crime and Stem the Flow of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs)

Objective

To contribute to the capacity of Member States, at the national, subregional and regional levels, to prevent the cross-border movement of terrorists and stem the flow of FTFs through improved border security and management strategies

Achievements

- Technical assistance to Member States and regional bodies in incorporating critical counter-terrorism elements within their national border management strategies and action plans
- Development of guidelines and good practices for border security and management in the context of counter-terrorism and stemming the flow of foreign terrorist fighters;

Recommended Practices for the responsible use and sharing of biometrics; a handbook on human rights and screening at borders; and BSM good practices in response to Covid 19

- More than 2,500 participants from border security and management agencies of around 70 countries
- Organized National Workshop on the Responsible Use and Sharing of Biometrics, held in Tajikistan, 28-30 March 2022
- Organized a Regional Training Course on "Strengthening Cross-Border Cooperation and Information Sharing to Interdict Terrorist Travel in Central Asia", held in Istanbul, 30 November-3 December 2021; (Jointly with the JPoA project)
- High Level Conference on Border Security and Countering Terrorism, held in Dushanbe on 18-19 October 2022
- Expert BSMU's side event "The role of the National Border Management Strategies in CT context" to show-case good practices and lessons learned
- Organized a Training on "Good Practices in Border Security and Management to Strengthen National and Regional Cooperation and Capacities in Combating Terrorism in Central Asia", held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 6 August- 8 August 2019
- Organized a Regional Training on "Good Practices in Border Security and Management to Strengthen National and Regional Capacities in Countering Terrorism under the Comprehensive Implementation of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia programme", held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, 15 October – 19 October 2018
- In cooperation with CTED, organized 2 regional workshops to raise awareness on the best practices around the responsible use and sharing of biometrics, held in 11 Member States in the Central Asia and Southeast Asia regions, 2020-2022;
- 3 national workshops funded by Japan were organized in Saudi Arabia, Thailand, and Tajikistan, with the participation of relevant stakeholders to discuss the current status of their respective implementations of biometrics technologies and related needs, 2020-2022

- A proposal to Tajikistan for a BSM project to reinforce the border security with Afghanistan was sent in 2023

Upcoming activities

- Provision of tailored Central Asia' national and regional capacity building activities for BSM and Law Enforcement services, based on the operationalization of Guidelines and good practices for border security and management in the context of counter-terrorism and stemming the flow of foreign terrorist fighters
- Assistance to Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan in development and implementation of National Border Management Strategies and Action Plans in the context of counter-terrorism, and thematic further coordination with Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan

Programme Beneficiaries in

Central Asia:

All five

Programme Partners:

IOM, UNODC, OSCE, INTERPOL, EU BOMCA, SCO

Funding Partner:

Italy, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Republic of Korea, United Arab Emirates, UNDPF (China)

For more information:

www.un.org/counterterrorism/border-security-management



UN Global Programme on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable Targets (Critical Infrastructure and "Soft Targets" (Public Places))

Objective

Support Member States- nationally, regionally and internationally - to prevent, protect, mitigate, investigate, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks against vulnerable targets (critical infrastructure and "soft targets")

Achievements

- 70+ in-person and online events at the national, regional and global levels
- 2,700+ official engaged and trained
- Tailored technical assistance and capacity building to five Member States (including Tajikistan)
- Five in-depth consultations held; five National Plans of Action ("Roadmaps") elaborated; specialized capacity building delivered
- Seven tools produced, i.e. five modules on "soft targets" (incl. in Russian); 2022 CIP Compendium; an eLearning course; and a training curriculum
- 5 Repository of international good practices hosted in UNOCT's "Connect and Learn" platform
- UN Global Expert Network on Vulnerable Targets Protection established with 200 members from 70 States, including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan
- 32 Expert Briefings and Coordination Meetings held
- 24 regional/global activities held, including for Central Asia, with ACSRT/AU, OSCE, GCTF, etc.
- New priority initiatives developed on: protecting vulnerable sites: through behavioral insights; tourism security and cultural property; safeguarding religious sites; and protecting educational institutions

Programme Beneficiaries in

Central Asia:

Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan

Programme Partners:

UNOCT, CTED, UNAOC, UNICRI and in consultation with INTERPOL

Funding Partner for activities

in Central Asia:

Qatar

For more information:

www.un.org/counterterrorism/vulnerable-targets



Global Programme on Countering the Terrorist Use of Weapons

Objectives

- To advance Member States' and International Organizations' understanding of the level of threat posed by materials and weapons in relation to terrorism
- To support prevention, preparedness and response efforts

Achievements (Jan 2020 - Dec 2023)

- 8,900 officials worldwide from 100+ beneficiary Member States
- 3,700 officials benefitted from capacity-building activities
- 2,700 officials benefitted from awareness raising activities
- 2,500 officials benefitted from field exercises
- 80+ workshops, exercises and trainings implemented, including a Regional workshop and tabletop exercise for Central Asia and the Caucasus on legal framework and nuclear forensics
- 30 courses delivered under the Global WMD/CBRN training portfolio
- 20+ awareness raising activities conducted, including an advocacy event in Tajikistan on the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT)
- 3 reports published (WMD science and technology; response to chemical and biological attacks; preventing terrorist acquisition of SALW, UAS and IEDs;)
- 3 global studies on WMD/CBRN threats designed trainings

Upcoming activities

- Regional workshop and tabletop exercise for Central Asia on strengthening cooperation in nuclear security detection and response
- Regional workshop for Central Asia on CBRN exercises and exercise programmes development
- Global Threat Study on Non-State Actors and Their Potential Use of

CBRNE Materials – Phase IV focusing on Western, Central and Southern Asia

Programme Partners:

CTPN, CTED, IAEA, INTERPOL, NATO, OPCW, UNICRI, UNIDIR, UNODA, UNODC, UNSCR 1540 (2004) Group of Experts, United States Department of State, WCO, WHO

Funding Partners: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the European Union, Finland, United States

For more information:

www.un.org/counterterrorism/chemical-biological-radiological-nuclear-terrorism



UNOCT Programme Office on Parliamentary Engagement in Preventing and Countering Terrorism

Objective

To strengthen parliamentary contribution to and facilitate inter-parliamentary dialogue on human rights compliant and gender responsive preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism, building upon core parliamentary functions and partnerships with multilateral parliamentary assemblies.

Achievements

- High-Level Forum on the Role of Central Asian States' Women Parliamentarians in the implementation of PCVE National Action Plans (22- 23 June, 2022, jointly organized with the EU-UN "STRIVE Asia" Initiative)
- Roundtable discussion on "The Role of Parliamentarians in the Implementation of National Action Plans for Addressing Terrorism and Violent Extremism Conducive to Terrorism" (December 2021 – Doha, State of Qatar, jointly organized with EU-UN "STRIVE Asia" Initiative)
- Four Counter-Terrorism Coordination Meetings of Parliamentary Assemblies (December 2021 – Doha, Qatar; June

2022 – Naples, Italy; January 2023 – Doha; October 2023 – Vienna)

- Two Parliamentary Policy Dialogues (January 2023 – Doha; October 2023 – Vienna)
- Establishment of Counter-Terrorism Coordination Mechanism for Parliamentary Assemblies (currently 16 parliamentary assemblies are members)
- Establishment of CT Working Group for Africa (January 2023)
- Launch of the Model Legislative Provisions to Support and Protect the Rights and Needs of Victims of Terrorism (February 2022 – online)
- High-Level Parliamentary Conference on Understanding the Terrorist threat in Africa (March 2022 – Doha, Qatar)
- Side event during the "High-Level International Conference on Human Rights, Civil Society and Counter-Terrorism" on Engaging Parliamentarians with Civil Society Organizations in Enhancing Legislation and Oversight Functions on CT and PVE (May 2022 – Malaga, Spain)
- Supported Member States on the ratification of ICSANT in cooperation with the UNOCT-UNCCT WMD/CBRN/SALW Unit
- High-Level Conference on Parliamentary Support to Victims of Terrorism (June 2022 – Rome, Italy)
- High-Level Parliamentary Conference on Youth Engagement in CT&PVE (January 2023 – Lomé)

Upcoming activities

Central Asian parliamentarians will be invited to take part in all the following events (dates TBC):

- High-Level Parliamentary Conference on Youth Engagement in Counter-Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism in Africa in Togo, 19 January 2023
- First Meeting of the Parliamentary Counter-Terrorism Working Group for Africa in Togo, 20 January 2023
- 3rd Counter-Terrorism Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies, in Doha, 30 January 2023
- 1st Parliamentary Policy Dialogue, in Doha, 31 January 2023
- The Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians, in Doha, May 2023
- 4th Counter-Terrorism Coordination Meeting in Vienna (TBC), June 2023

- 2nd Parliamentary Policy Dialogue, in Vienna (TBC), June 2023
- The International Forum of Youth Parliamentarians, in Doha (TBC), Q3 2023

Programme Beneficiaries in Central Asia: All five

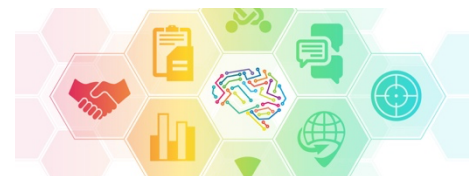
Programme Partners:

CTED, UNODC, the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, 14 Parliamentary Assemblies from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America (members of the Coordination Mechanism)

Funding Partner: Qatar

For more information:

www.un.org/counterterrorism/engaging-parliamentarians



The International Hub on Behavioural Insights to Counter Terrorism, a UNOCT Programme Office in Doha

Objective

As the lead unit of UNOCT working specifically on the application of behavioural insights for countering terrorism (BI4CT) interventions, the BI Hub plays an important role in carrying forward the integration of research and analysis of individual, contextual and structural factors affecting human motivations, actions, interactions, and responses providing better understanding of the threats of terrorism and violent extremism. The Hub provides innovative, results-oriented outreach opportunities in Central Asia, to strengthen coordination among various counter-terrorism actors on behaviourally informed interventions, with a view to further mobilise resources and seek synergies for joint programming

Achievements

- As a result of consultations with representatives of Central Asian countries, the Hub, in cooperation with local CSOs, has developed a draft capacity building assessment program to support communities

experiencing significant numbers of complex cases and existing gaps in assistance and reintegration of returnees. The program will help to identify and organize community-based, multi-disciplinary BI-informed support networks at the local and national levels

- Through its targeted interventions in Central Asia and the new project in Iraq, the Hub will be working closely with host communities to absorb returnees from Middle East, through BI programming, supporting their meaningful return to their respective societies/local communities. This comprehensive, holistic approach will allow the implementation of BI-based programs throughout the returnee's journey

Programme Beneficiaries in Central Asia: All five

Programme Partners: OSCE Academy in Bishkek, NGOs in Central Asia

Funding Partner: Qatar

For more information:
www.un.org/counterterrorism/behavioural-insights



Global Programme on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE)

Objectives

- Deliver globally informed and locally tailored capacity building, supported by an overarching focus on mainstreaming human rights and gender aspects and on developing sustainable partnerships to support coordination and coherence in PCVE
- Building the capacity of key beneficiaries and partners to become more resilient to violent extremism and reduce the threat of terrorism, especially online
- Scale up initiatives that support and promote the positive role young people play in PCVE efforts

- Connect actors on the local, regional, and international levels for improved cooperation in the fight against terrorism

Achievements

- 3100+ participants engaged in PCVE outreach with support of 30+ partners from over 60+ member states
- 1800+ beneficiaries trained through PCVE portfolios
- Over 1750+ trained in strategic communications and crisis communication responses from 54 Member States
- Organized over 15 events and workshops in 2022 focusing on online radicalization, youth empowerment, video games and policy assistance
- Over 500 youth engaged from over 11 member states
- In 2022, 39 young leaders from South and Southeast Asia received training and coaching, who in turn empowered 170 youth peers in their communities
- Technical assistance on the development of Tajikistan's National Action Plan on PCVE

Upcoming activity

Upcoming capacity building support planned in 2023 in Reintegration Communication in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan

Timeline of Delivery:

January 2021 to December 2023

Programme Beneficiaries in Central Asia: Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan

Programme Partners:

CTED, UNDP, UNAOC, UNODC

Funding Partners:

Australia, Denmark, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, UNPDF (China)

For more information:

www.un.org/counterterrorism/preventing-violent-extremism



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Objectives

To strengthen national capacities in detecting, preventing, countering, responding to, and investigating terrorist threats, while ensuring strict adherence to international law, in line with the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, and requirements from relevant Security Council resolutions. The Facility offers three complementary lines of support in thematic areas determined by requesting Member States: (i) The deployment of experts for advisory and mentoring support; (ii) Training activities or workshops; and (iii) Limited provision of light, non-lethal equipment.

Upcoming activities

- The Facility will provide Tajikistan with equipment and training to detect nuclear and radioactive materials and conduct secondary investigations of suspicious radiation at the border with Afghanistan (in partnership with the UNOCT Global Programme on Addressing Terrorist Use of Weapons)
- The Facility is exploring the provision to Kyrgyzstan of comprehensive training for first responders on the collection and preservation of digital devices as part of counter-terrorism investigations, as well as digital forensic equipment, advisory and mentoring services to the forensic laboratory or the Ministry of Justice

Programme Beneficiaries:

Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

Funding Partner:

European Union

For more information:

www.un.org/counterterrorism/EU-UN-Global-Terrorism-Threats-Facility