



2023 Counter-Terrorism Week SIDE EVENTS

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Addressing the Evolving Terrorist Threat by Strengthening Cooperation Between the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact and Regional Organizations

22 June 2023 | 13.15-14.30 (EST) | Hybrid
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Background

The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact (Counter-Terrorism Compact) is at the core of the United Nations counter-terrorism efforts, owing to the wealth of knowledge and expertise of its 46 UN and non-UN member and observer entities. As the largest inter-agency framework across the three pillars of work of the United Nations, the Counter-Terrorism Compact is the primary institutional vehicle for the coordination and coherence of the UN counter-terrorism efforts, and supports requesting Member States in their balanced and integrated implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, as well as relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions.

In the seventh review resolution of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy ([A/RES/75/291](#)), adopted by the General Assembly in June 2021, Member States called for enhanced “coordination and coherence through consultative, inter-agency efforts, and interacting in their field engagement with country team presences”. Additionally, the resolution noted the role of partnerships with Member States and regional and subregional organizations, and encouraged close cooperation at the national, regional, and international levels in the consideration of thematic counter-terrorism priorities.

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The African Union, that has since 1999 adopted a strong counter-terrorism framework which places international cooperation as one of key elements for a successful combating of terrorism and considers that the international community, led by the United Nations, needs to act in a joint, coherent and unified manner, towards ensuring that all measures taken to prevent and combat terrorism comply with United Nations standards, including the 2006 Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. Also, the African Union plays a vital role in bringing continental and national perspectives and specificities to ensure legitimacy and ownership by its Member States in view of their active participation to the discussions around measures adopted at the United Nations level.

In June 2022, the Counter-Terrorism Compact Coordination Committee adopted the Joint Programme of Work for 2022-2023, which provides strategic guidance on the implementation of the seventh review of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and lays out the overarching strategic priorities of the Counter-Terrorism Compact. One of these strategic priorities include “Strengthened partnerships and regional cooperation between the Counter Terrorism Compact and international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including through a field-centered approach and enhanced engagement through the Coordination Platform,” in particular: (i) Inviting regional organizations to brief during Coordination Committee, Working Group and/or special/*ad hoc* meetings; (ii) Facilitating discussion on key issues of thematic or regional focus; (iii) Engaging with diverse civil society, including women and youth-led organizations, as well as academia and the private sector; and (iv) Increasing the online collaboration between Counter-Terrorism Compact entities and Regional Organizations’ focal points on the use of the Coordination Platform.

The transnational and evolving nature of terrorism makes it necessary to ensure efficient international and regional cooperation to effectively prevent and counter terrorism. The United Nations is pivotal in facilitating this cooperation, namely through the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact.

Side event

In the wake of the adoption of the eighth review resolution of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, the side event will provide an opportunity to reflect on ways to enhance and strengthen cooperation in preventing and countering terrorism between the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact and regional organizations, as well as discuss main current challenges and priorities for joint engagement.

The side-event desired outcomes are the following:

- *Reflect* on ways to enhance and strengthen cooperation in preventing and countering terrorism between the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact and regional organizations;
- *Discuss* main current challenges and priorities for joint engagement; and
- *Stimulate* institutional cooperation within and between Member States.

Co-organizers

African Union (AU), Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)

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Logistical details

- The working language of the meeting and its related documents will be in English only.
- Please **RSVP** through the online form [here](#) by 21 June 2023. The meeting link with those participating virtually will be shared with the registered participants ahead of the meeting.

For any questions, please contact the Counter-Terrorism Compact Secretariat (globalcompact-committee@un.org), copying Mr. Tenacio Vara (jacobo.tenaciovara@un.org), Ms. Mihailescu (cristina.mihailescu@un.org) and Mr. Kopunovic (ivan.kopunovic1@un.org).

Programme

Mr. Rafi Shah, Chief, Policy, Knowledge Management, and Coordination Branch, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), will moderate the event

13.15 – 13.45 High-Level Opening Segment

- **Mr. Vladimir Voronkov**, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism
- **H.E. Mr. Hameed Ajibaiye Opeloyeru**, Permanent Observer for the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)
- **H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz Alwasil**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations
- **H.E. Mr. Pedro Comissário Afonso**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations
- **H.E. Ms. Alena Kupchyna**, Ambassador, Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats (OSCE)
- **Mr. Idriss Mounir Lallali**, Deputy Director and Acting (Interim) Director of the African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT)

13.45 – 14.15 Discussion on exploring ways to further enhance international and regional cooperation in addressing the evolving terrorist threat

- **Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa**, Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- **H.E. Mr. Mohamed El Amine Souef**, Special Representative of the African Union Commission Chairperson (SRCC) for Somalia and head of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS)
- **Mr. Justin Hustwitt**, Coordinator of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team (1267 Committee Monitoring Team)
- **Mr. Masood Karimipour**, Chief, Terrorism Prevention Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

14.15-14.25 Interventions from the floor and Q&A

14.25-14.30 Event summary and wrap-up by the moderator

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