



2023 Counter-Terrorism Week **SIDE EVENTS**

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UNOCT moving closer to Member States – the activity of the UNOCT Programme Offices

Hungary, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Kingdom of Spain and the State of Qatar are proud host countries of UNOCT Programme Offices (POs). The event co-organized by these countries aims at providing a comprehensive overview of UNOCT's operations outside of its headquarters in New York, focusing on its programmatic activities. Each Member State representative will give an explanation of their country's decision to host a UNOCT PO and how do they facilitate their operation. Following the panel, in an interactive segment, UNOCT Senior Programme Managers will present the programmes developed by each office and the progress they have achieved since their opening. The discussion will also outline possible initiatives to further strengthen the work of the POs as well as their future plans.

Date and Venue

June 23, 8:00-9:30, Conference Room 11

Format

The event will be held in a hybrid format.

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Agenda

08:00 – 8:05

Welcome and opening remarks

H.E. Ms. Zsuzsanna Horváth

Permanent Representative of Hungary to the UN

08:05 – 8:10

Mr. Raffi Gregorian

Deputy Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism

8:10 – 8:50

Panel discussion on the activity of the UNOCT Programme Offices

H.E. Mr. Ismail Chekkori

Director of Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, Kingdom of Morocco

Mr. Carlos Ruiz

Director of Counter-Terrorism, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain

Ms. Hanouf Al-Thani

Assistant Director, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar

Ms. Dalma Hegedűs

Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

8:50 – 9:05

Interactive Segment

Ms. Aynabat Atayeva

Chief of the UNOCT International Hub on Behavioural Insights to Counter Terrorism (UNOCT Programme Office in Doha)

Mr. David Alamos Martinez

Chief of the Global Programme on Parliamentary Engagement in Preventing and Countering Terrorism (UNOCT Programme Office in Doha)

Mr. Ignacio Ibáñez

Head of the UNOCT Programme Office in Madrid

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Ms. Snezana Visnjic

UNOCT Programme Office in Rabat

Ms. Christine Bradley

Chief of the Global Programme to Counter Terrorist Travel

9:05 – 9:30

Q&A with participants

Working language

English (no interpretation provided)

To confirm your participation, please RSVP via this link:

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Background: UNOCT moving closer to Member States

UNOCT Programme Offices away from Headquarters are UNOCT structures established in a host-country and deployed from UNOCT Headquarters in New York with the aim of achieving UNOCT's institutional priority of "Moving Closer to Our Partners and Activities," as defined in UNOCT's Strategic Plan and Programme Framework 2022-2025. Programme Offices focus on carrying out or assisting in the implementation of UNOCT's capacity-building projects and activities with a regional or country-specific focus and specializing in topics of relevance to that region/country.

One of the UNOCT's programme offices has been operating in **Budapest** since 2021 and plays an important programme support function handling administrative management issues for all of UNOCT. However, most of the UNOCT staff in the Budapest Programme Office work on UNOCT's Countering Terrorist Travel Section, which manages the inter-agency Countering Terrorist Travel Programme. CTPP currently supports 66 Member States in meeting their Security Council obligations to adopt and use advance passenger information (API) and passenger name record (PNR) systems to identify and interdict the movement of known and suspected terrorists and other criminals in a human rights compliant manner. Being based in Budapest not only provides CTPP with partnering opportunities with various regional organizations' training institutions, but it also brings programme staff closer in terms of time and distance to the majority of its beneficiaries.

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The UNOCT Program Office in **Rabat** was officially inaugurated on June 23, 2021. This Program Office is tasked with developing and implementing key counter-terrorism training programs and initiatives to support requesting Member States and their Security sector and Law Enforcement agencies, with a particular focus on the Sahel and West Africa region. The Office is currently developing a range of complete multi-level training programs (from initial to advanced), including curricula, experts' trainings, trainings evaluation and certification. They will include a plethora of Counter-Terrorism related subjects, tailored to meet the needs of the beneficiary countries.

The UNOCT Program Office in **Madrid** focuses on the development of the following three programs: (i) preventing and countering violent extremism, including through sports and youth engagement; (ii) the protection of vulnerable targets; (iii) the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism and support to victims of terrorism. In this context, the Office will play a key role in the organization, together with the Spanish authorities, of the II. Congress of Victims of Terrorism that will take place in Spain in 2024.

The International Hub on Behavioural Insights to Counter Terrorism was established at the UNOCT Programme Office in **Doha** to advance research in behavioral sciences to better understand the drivers and factors contributing to radicalization leading to violent extremism and terrorism, provide capacity-building assistance, and promote communication and partnerships. The Hub has developed guidance on incorporating BI tools to build community and individual resilience to violent extremism, organized awareness-raising workshops, established a global network of BI focal points, and most recently launched the flagship project “BI Academy”.

Also in **Doha**, UNOCT established the UNOCT Global Programme for Parliamentary Engagement in Preventing Terrorism and Violent Extremism, in cooperation with the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, which aims to strengthen the capacities of parliamentarians and facilitate dialogue and cooperation on taking human rights-compliant and gender-sensitive counter-terrorism measures.