

# EU CBRN CoE NFPs meeting

## Countering Terrorist Use of Weapons Programme United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism

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# United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy





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a **unique global instrument** to enhance efforts **to counter terrorism**

a **living** document

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- Final plenary meeting on **22-23 June 2023**
- Third Counter-Terrorism Week
- Third High-Level Conference of Heads of CT Agencies



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# United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (7<sup>th</sup> Review)

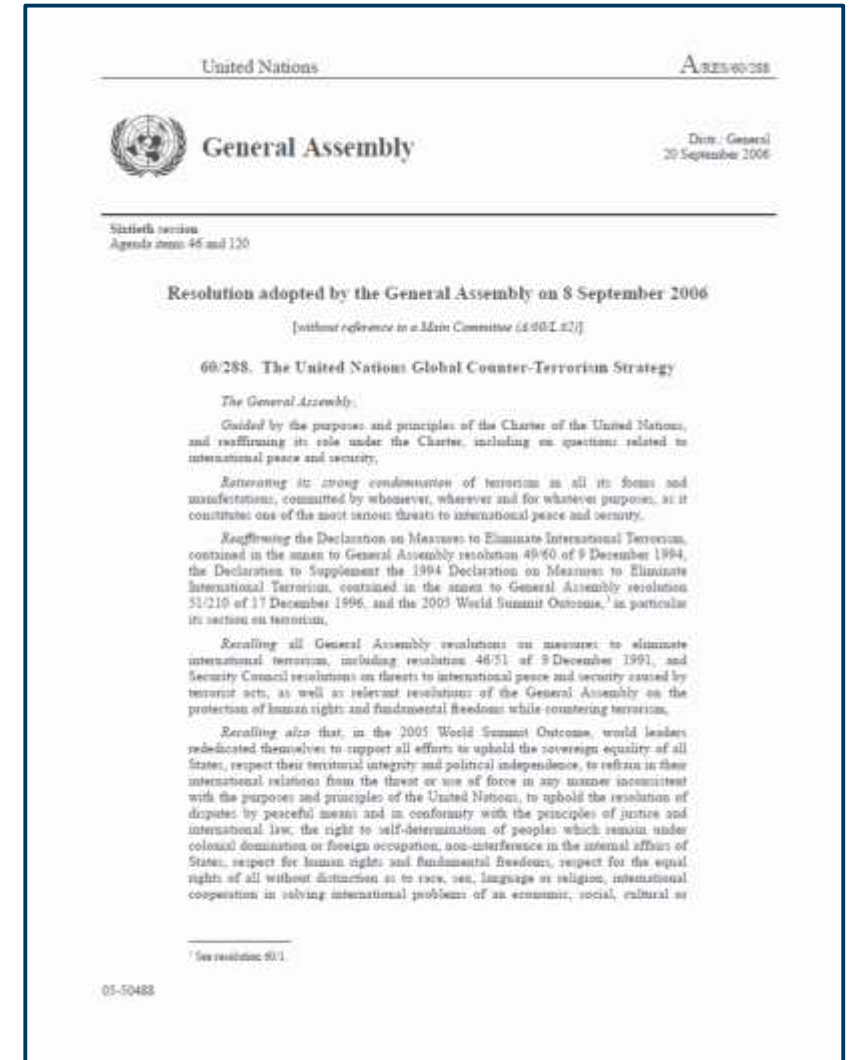
Recalls Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)

**Calls upon Member States to:**

- prevent the acquisition by terrorists of chemical, biological and nuclear materials
- support international efforts

**Urges Member States to:**

- take and strengthen national measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery and related materials, equipment and technologies related to their manufacture



# UNOCT mandate



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# UNOCT: Mandate and Objectives

Strengthen the **delivery of UN counter-terrorism capacity-building assistance** to Member States

Ensure that **due priority is given to counter-terrorism** across the UN system and that the important work on PVE is firmly rooted in the strategy

Provide **leadership on the General Assembly counter-terrorism mandates** entrusted to the SG from across the UN system

Enhance **coordination and coherence across the 45 Global Compact entities** to ensure balanced implementation of the four pillars of the Strategy

Improve **visibility, advocacy, and resource mobilization** for UN counter-terrorism efforts

**5 main Functions**



# The programme



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# Countering Terrorist Use of Weapons - Objective

Enhance **capacities of Member States** in addressing the terrorist **acquisition and use of weapons**, including:

- **weapons of mass destruction (WMD)**
- **chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear (CBRN) materials**
- **small arms and light weapons (SALW)**
- **improvised explosive devices (IED)**
- **unmanned aircraft systems (UAS)**





# Highlights



**global programme (global, regional & national activities)**



**8000+ beneficiaries**



**100+ Member States**



**field exercises (2500 participants)**



**4 reports**

# Funding from European states and EU

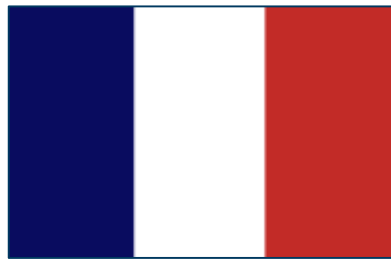
## Direct funding of UNOCT projects



EU



Finland



France



Netherlands



Germany



Norway

## Through joint projects with UNOCT partners



# WMD/CBRN Portfolio



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# WMD/CBRN – threat and risk



## CHEMICAL

ISIL use of chemical weapons in Syria and Iraq – confirmed by UN



## BIOLOGICAL

ISIL test of biological agents in Iraq – being investigated by UN

ISIL affiliates attempt to produce toxins for biological attacks in Germany



## RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR

ISIL seizure of 40 kg of low enriched uranium from Mosul University, Iraq – reported to SG and IAEA

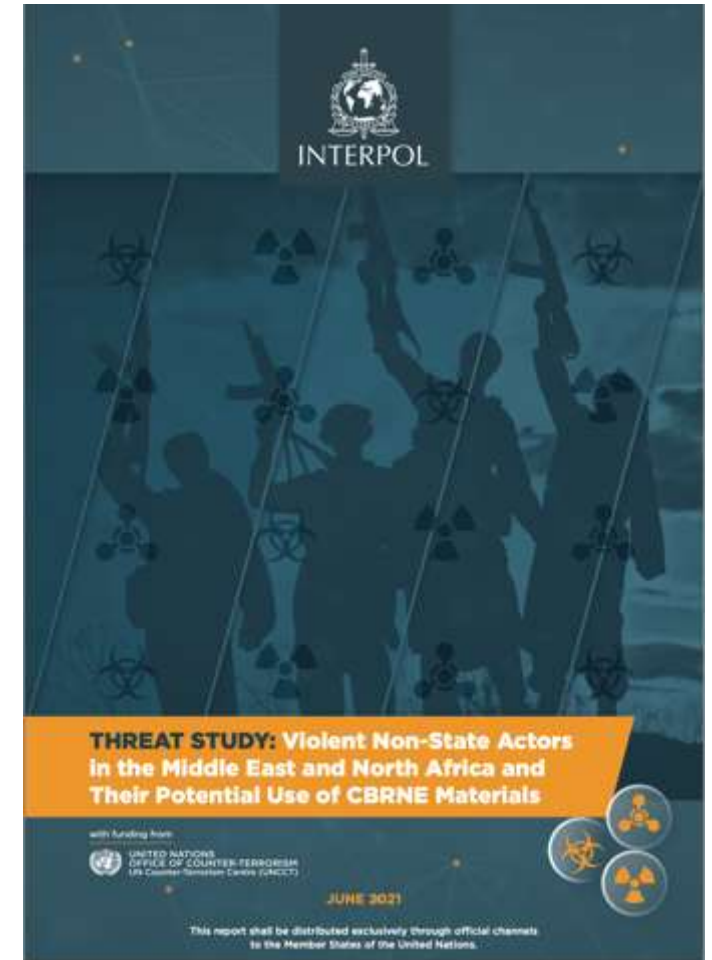
Illicit trafficking of radiological materials in Tajikistan

# Areas of work



# CBRNE Study with INTERPOL - Threat and risk analysis

- Strategic level regional threat assessment
- Intelligence and law enforcement information
- Five phases:
  - □ Middle East and North Africa
  - □ Sub-Saharan Africa
  - □ South East Asia
  - □ Western, Central, and Southern Asia
  - □ the Americas



# Projects



# Jordan project - UNOCT/UNCCT – NATO



## October 2018 - September 2022

1. Scoping mission
2. Workshops on Self Assessment and Senior Leaders
3. Workshop National Response Plan on CBRN terrorism
4. Training on CBRN response
5. Field and Virtual Reality Exercise
6. High Level Conference to present results





# Iraq project - UNOCT/UNCCT – US DOS

**November 2019 - March 2022**

- terrorist clandestine laboratories (VR)
- security culture in academia and CBRN response
- strategy and action plans for multi-sectorial coordination
- chemical countermeasures
- chemical attach table-top-exercise



## **CHEMICAL THREAT – CLANDESTINE LABORATORIES**

How can Member States prevent, interdict and investigate terrorist chemical laboratories?

UNCCT and the Department of State of the United States of America are supporting Iraq in these efforts through virtual reality training.

<http://webtv.un.org/watch/player/6169210740001>



# Strengthening Capacities in Countering WMD Terrorism

US



**Workshops will provide skills and tools to:**

**develop  
implement and  
evaluate  
countries' TTX**

**apply exercise  
design best  
practices**

**sustain use of  
exercises in the  
long term**



**Goal:** To contribute to the universalization of ICSANT and its implementation by Member States

<http://webtv.un.org/watch/player/6169208148001>

## UNCCT-led activities:

1. **National advocacy events** with Parliamentarians
2. **Regional workshops and TTX** on nuclear security
3. **Global study** on reason for non-adherence
4. **Global High-Level Conference** at UNHQ



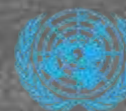
# How could we cooperate with the EU CBRN CoE Initiative?





### LIST OF COURSES

1. **Outbreak Containment for Law Enforcement Course**
2. **Biological Countermeasures Course**
3. **Biological Incident – Table-Top Exercise**
4. **Chemical Countermeasure Course**
5. **Radiological and Nuclear Countermeasures Course**
6. **Chemical Incident – Table-Top Exercise**
7. **CBRN Law Enforcement Training Course**
8. **Radiological and Nuclear Incident – Table-Top Exercise**
9. **CBRN Countermeasures and Response Workshop**
10. **Basic Microbiology and Biological Threats Course**
11. **Basic Chemical Threats Course**
12. **Basic Radiological and Nuclear Threats Course**
13. **Intro to WMD Science Course**
14. **Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources Protection Activities Course**
15. **Intermediate Biological Threats Course**
16. **Intermediate Chemical Threats Course**
17. **Intermediate Radiological and Nuclear Threats Course**
18. **Advanced Biological Threats Course**
19. **Advanced Chemical Threats Course**
20. **Advanced Radiological and Nuclear Threats Course**

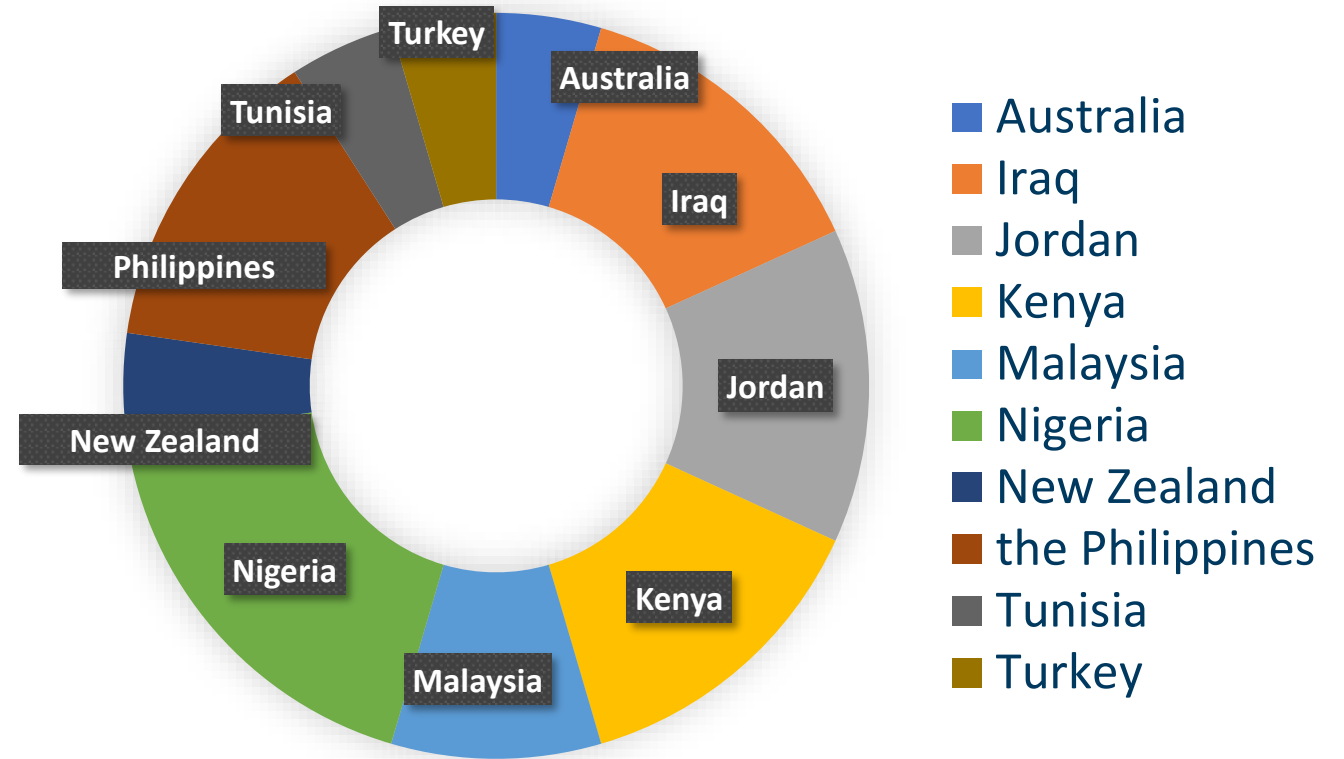




TWENTY COURSES  
TO COUNTER  
WMD/CBRN TERRORISM



**1600** since February 2021



<https://www.un.org/counterterrorism/cct/chemical-biological-radiological-and-nuclear-terrorism>

# Coming up



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# 2023 Counter-Terrorism Week – ICSANT side event



INVITATION

## Enhancing multilateralism and reinforcing nuclear security: EU support to the UN in promoting the universalization and effective implementation of ICSANT

The International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT) is one of the 19 international legal instruments against terrorism, essential for international peace and security. As of June 2023, ICSANT has 120 Parties, meaning that more than one third of the world is not yet protected by the Convention. In order to reach its full potential, and to avoid safe havens and legal loopholes, universalization of ICSANT remains a key goal. UNOCT and UNODC have partnered with the EU on joint projects promoting the Convention's universalization and effective implementation. The side event will present the progress made under the current project (January 2019 - June 2023) and highlight the main priorities for further action which will be addressed under the forthcoming project (July 2023 - June 2026).



[RSVP here](#)



Hybrid event  
[RSVP here](#)



# High-Level Conferences and Events



**“Abuja Summit on Counter-Terrorism:  
Strengthening Regional Cooperation  
and Institution Building to Address the  
Evolving Threat of Terrorism in Africa”  
Abuja, Nigeria, October 2023**

# Thank you

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