

# UNODC's CBRN Terrorism Prevention Programme: achievements, ongoing work, synergies and legislative and technical assistance

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# UNODC's Terrorism Prevention Branch

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Promote the adherence to the 19 international legal instruments against terrorism



Assist MS in bringing their CT legislation in line with these instruments



Strengthen regional and international cooperation in criminal matters



Build the capacity of criminal justice officials to prevent and combat terrorism



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- 1963 Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft
- 1970 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft
- 1971 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation
- 1973 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents
- 1979 International Convention against the Taking of Hostages
- 1980 Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM)
- 1988 Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation
- 1988 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation
- 1988 Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf
- 1991 Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection
- 1997 International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings
- 1999 International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism
- 2005 International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism
- 2005 Amendment to the CPPNM
- 2005 Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation
- 2005 Protocol to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf
- 2010 Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts relating to International Civil Aviation
- 2010 Protocol Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft
- 2014 Protocol to the Convention on Offences and Certain other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft



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*\* International legal instruments against CBRN terrorism*



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# International Legal Instruments Against CBRN Terrorism

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Seven instruments adopted under the auspices of different organizations

United Nations (UN)



International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)



International Maritime Organization (IMO)



International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)



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# UNODC's mandate on CBRN terrorism

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CCPCJ 32<sup>nd</sup> session resolution on technical assistance provided by UNODC related to counter-terrorism



Para 24: *“Requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue, within its mandate, to develop its specialized knowledge of the **international legal framework against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear terrorism** as enshrined in the relevant conventions and protocols in order to continue to provide assistance to requesting Member States in the effective legal, operational and technical implementation of these instruments, including through capacity-building.”*



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# UNODC's technical and legislative assistance

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UNODC delivers legal technical assistance and tailored capacity-building to requesting Member States through:

- National, regional, international **workshops** and **webinars** for criminal justice officials
- Expert **missions**
- **Legislative assistance** (model legislative provisions, assistance in the drafting/review of national CT legislation)
- Outreach and **awareness-raising**
- **Table-top exercises** (TTX) and **mock trials**
- Counter-terrorism legislation **database**
- Manuals & other **training tools**



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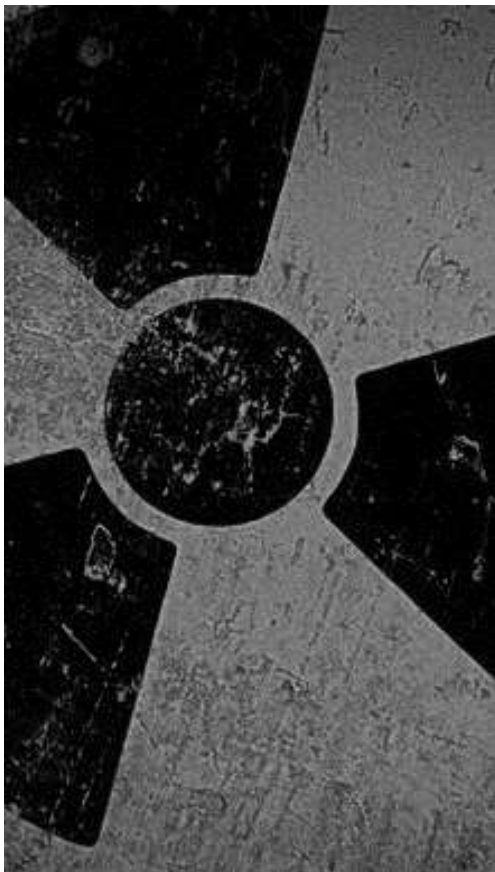


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# Prevention of R/N terrorism

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- Canada's Contribution to UNODC to Support the Universalization of International Legal Frameworks related to Nuclear Security (Phase I: Oct 2017 – Dec 2018; Phase II: Sep 2018 – Jun 2023)
- Repository of National Legislation for Implementing the Criminalization Provisions of ICSANT, CPPNM and A/CPPNM
- Union Support for the Universalization and Effective Implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (Apr 2019 – Jun 2023) – jointly with UNOCT/UNCCT

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# Workshops and webinars

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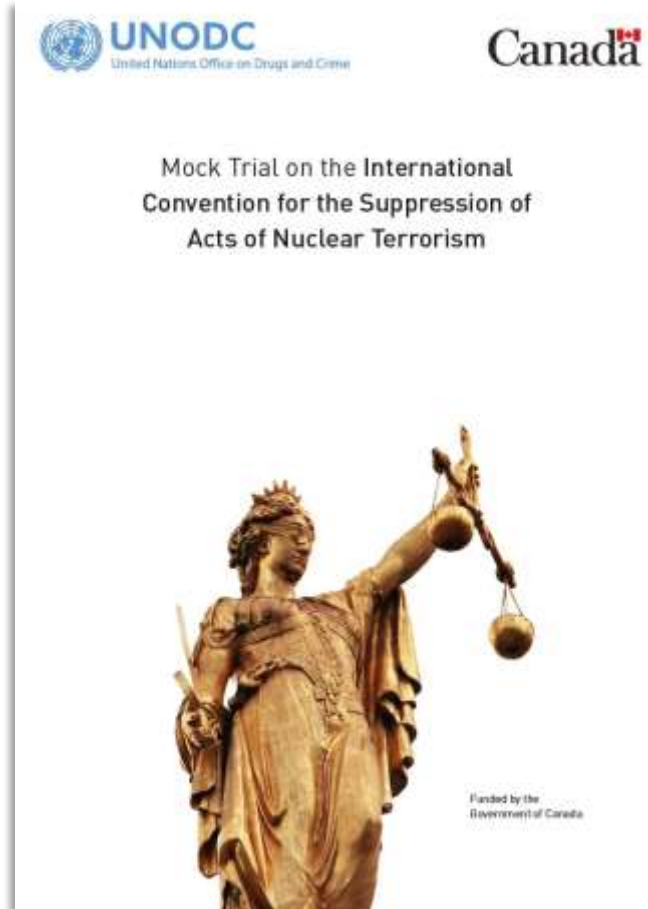
**Workshops** training thousands of criminal justice practitioners and policy-makers from 100+ MS

**Webinar series** on Countering CBRN terrorism: multilanguage, 350+ participants from over 60 MS





# Mock trials and TTX



# 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ICSANT's entry into force

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High-level event, Vienna, 12 Dec 2022  
100+ participants from MS



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Marjolijn van Deelen  
Special Envoy for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament  
European External Action Service

*“We remain a steadfast supporter of ICSANT and the many good projects implemented by UNODC [...] assisting States to join the Convention and effectively implement its provisions.*

*We greatly appreciate the vast experience accumulated by UNODC [...] in assisting States to prevent and counter acts of nuclear terrorism.*

*We are convinced that these efforts will greatly enhance our collective security by reducing the likelihood of nuclear and other radioactive material falling into wrong hands and being used for terrorist or other criminal purposes.*

*My appreciation belongs in particular to UNODC for organising today’s high-level event together with Canada and the European Union.”*

# UNODC ICSANT Website



[www.unodc.org/icsant](http://www.unodc.org/icsant)

Repository of all resources on ICSANT  
Available in all six UN official languages  
Regularly updated



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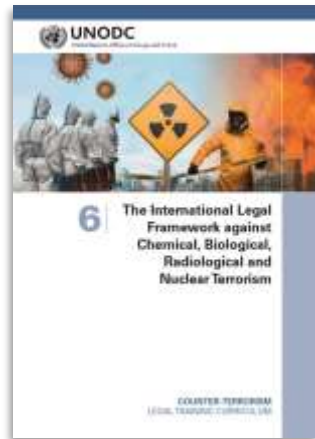


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# Manuals and training tools

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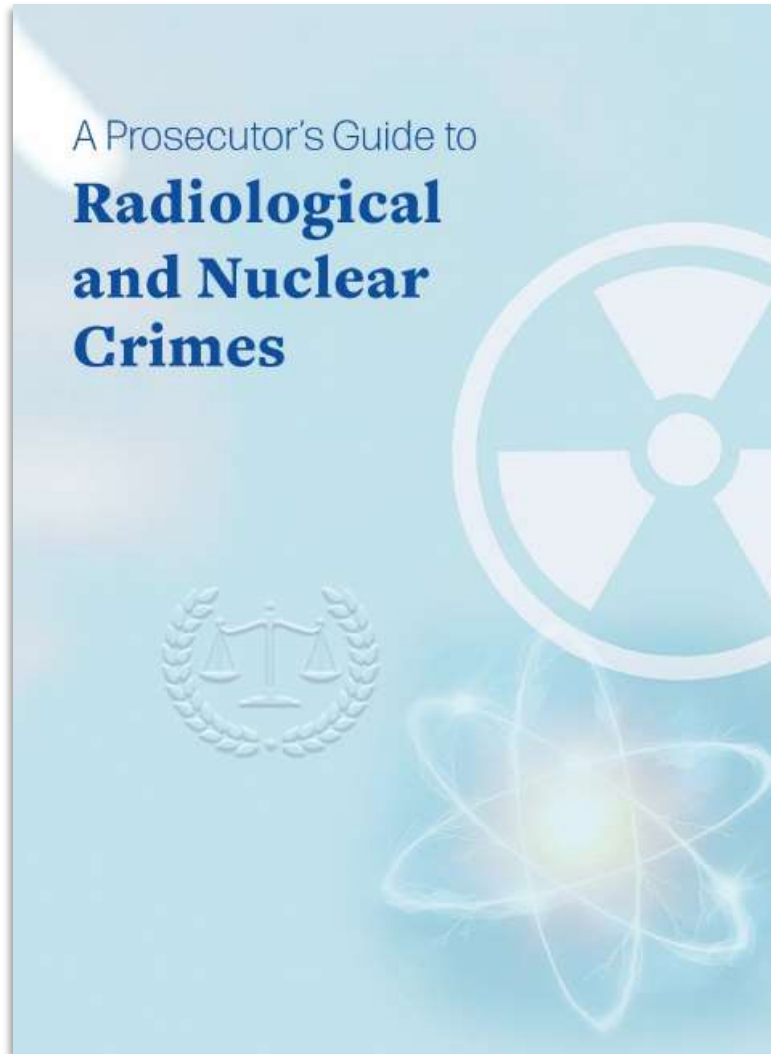
**Module 6** of UNODC counter-terrorism legal training curriculum - international legal instruments against CBRN terrorism, available in all six UN official languages



**Manual of fictional case studies on ICSANT** (focus on criminalization provisions) available in all six UN official languages + Portuguese

# Prosecutor's Guide on Radiological and Nuclear Crimes (upcoming)

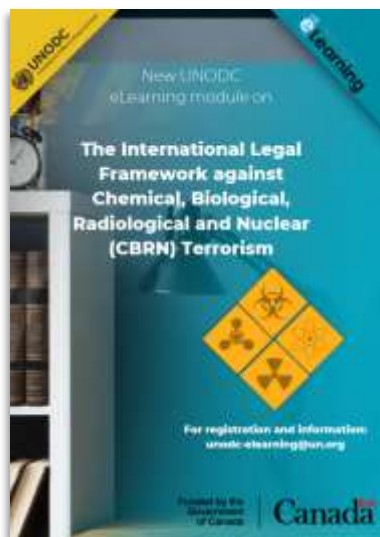
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- IAEA-UNICRI-IAP-JRC-UNODC initiative
- Guidance for prosecutors, investigators and law enforcement and judicial authorities to support the investigation, prosecution and adjudication of radiological/nuclear crimes

# eLearning

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## eLearning module on the international legal framework against CBRN terrorism

- ✓ Self-paced
- ✓ Currently available in all six UN official languages and Portuguese
- ✓ Completed by over 2,300 practitioners from 120+ MS



## eLearning module on ICSANT, available in all six UN official languages + Portuguese



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# Legislative assistance

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- Available upon request, non-binding review
- IAEA and UNODC jointly developed **model provisions** on the implementation of the criminalization provisions of ICSANT, CPPNM and its Amendment (2009)
- **Repository of National Legislation** for Implementing the Criminalization Provisions of ICSANT, CPPNM and CPPNM Amendment





# Partnerships and synergies

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- **Cooperation with other IOs**, including: IAEA, Interpol, OPCW, UNICRI, UNOCT/UNCCT, UNODA, 1540 Committee
- **Cooperation with NGOs**, including: Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI), Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), Stimson Center, Vienna Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP)
- **Observer** to Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction (GP)
- **Member** of the Emerging Threats and Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact



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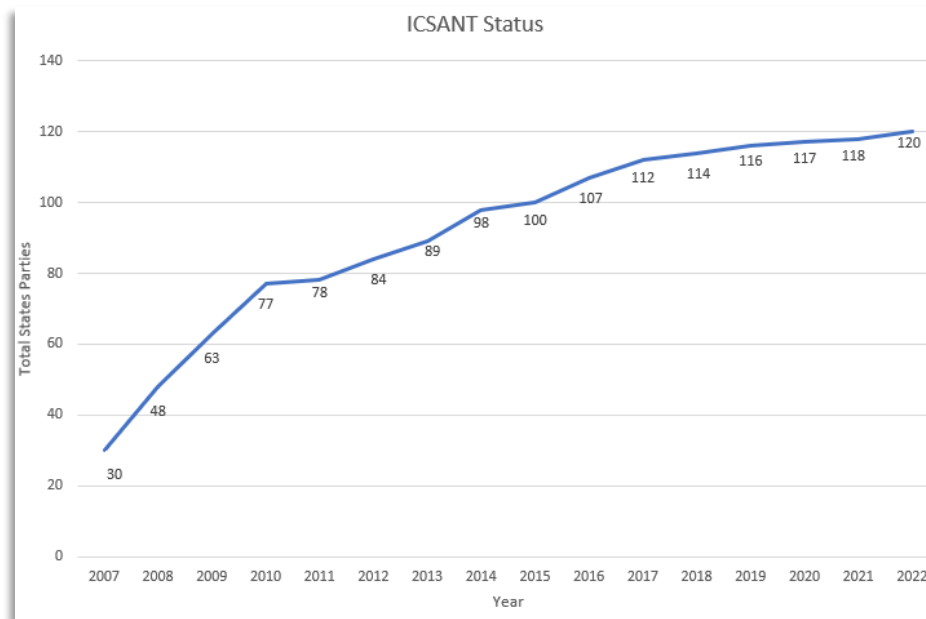


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# Impact

UNODC's outreach and technical assistance efforts in the past 15 years yielded tangible results (e.g. building the capacity of national criminal justice systems, increasing number of States Parties to ICSANT), contributing to strengthening the international nuclear security regime



*Increase in the adherence rate to the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism since its entry into force*

# Prevention of C/B terrorism

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- UNODC Online awareness-raising event on the International Legal Framework against Biological Terrorism (29 Sep 2020)
- Member of UN Biorisk Working Group
- Cooperation with OPCW, UNSCR 1540 Committee and other relevant stakeholders, and contribution to their events
- UNODC and UNICRI, in cooperation with OPCW: Project on Building a safer South-East Asia by preventing and responding to the use of chemical weapons by terrorists and other non-State actors in Indonesia



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