



UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF COUNTER-TERRORISM

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism and the State of Qatar to discuss counter-terrorism cooperation in a series of thematic events and bilateral meetings on the margins of the Doha Forum

Doha 24 March 2022 - The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism will participate in the Doha Forum and hold a series of events showcasing the collaboration of the United Nations with the State of Qatar in support of global efforts to address the scourge of terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism.

On Sunday, 27 March, the [Fourth High-Level Strategic Dialogue](#) between the State of Qatar & the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) will discuss strategic priorities and collaboration for effective United Nations support to Member States on counter-terrorism. The dialogue will take stock of key achievements and impact of policy, coordination and capacity-building work supported by the State of Qatar, and explore future cooperation areas. The State of Qatar is the second largest contributor to the United Nations [Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism](#) out of a total 35 other donors.

On Sunday, 27 March, the Global Sports Programme will organize a [“High-Level Round Table on the Protection of Major Sporting Events and the Use of Sports’ Values for the Prevention of Violent Extremism”](#) on the margins of the Doha Forum. Dignitaries, national focal points designated to represent Member States within the Global Sports Programme, and the Programme’s overall Community of Experts and Practitioners from international organizations, sport federations and civil society organizations will connect to present the achievements, current and future priorities of the Global Sports Programme. The multi-year “Global Programme on Security of Major Sporting Events, and Promotion of Sport and Its Values as a Tool to Prevent Violent Extremism” (Global Sports Programme) was launched in 2020 by UNOCT, together with its partners, the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), and the International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS), and in close consultation with the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED).

On 28-29 March, UNOCT and the State of Qatar will convene the first [Annual Forum of Beneficiaries of Technical Assistance](#), which will bring together recipients, providers and donors of technical and capacity-building assistance in counter-terrorism and prevention and countering of violent extremism (CT/PCVE) to discuss and assess the results-based performance and progress of UNOCT programmes, projects and activities funded by the State of Qatar with the goal of improving programme design, delivery and impact. An outcome document of the Beneficiaries Forum will be prepared after the Forum with key principles, good practices and recommendations to help inform counter-terrorism policy and programming efforts going forward. This Beneficiaries Forum is the first in a series of annual forums to be co-organized by UNOCT and the State of Qatar.

On Tuesday, 29 March, UNOCT, through its International Hub on Behavioural Insights to Counter Terrorism based in Doha, will hold a [Global Youth Town Hall](#) on the theme “Together, Building A Future Without Terrorism” at the Hamad Bin Khalifa University. The event will create an opportunity for young people from around the world to better understand the United Nations and Member States’ efforts and future vision towards countering terrorism and preventing violent extremism conducive to terrorism, to interact with a social scientist, a practitioner and youth leaders in this field, and to enhance their awareness of individual, contextual and structural factors affecting violent extremist action through a behavioural insights’ lens.

On 30 and 31 March, the UNOCT Programme Office on Parliamentary Engagement, in partnership with the African Parliamentary Union and the Shura Council of the State of Qatar will organize a two-day high-level parliamentary conference on “[Understanding the terrorist threat in Africa: new challenges and necessary measures](#)”. During the conference, representatives of African national parliaments and parliamentary assemblies will discuss existing and emerging terrorist threats in the African continent and identify measures to support parliamentarians in mitigating and addressing these threats through technical and capacity-building assistance, including the development or revision of national strategies and action plans to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism.

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