



# Third United Nations HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON COUNTER-TERRORISM

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## Press Release

### United Nations to hold its Third Counter-Terrorism Week

**New York, 15 June 2023** - Terrorism is a complex, evolving and multi-faceted threat that requires a comprehensive, inclusive, and effective multilateral response. In this context, the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) is organizing the Third Counter-Terrorism Week (CT Week) from 19-23 June 2023 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

This biennial gathering will host the Third High-Level Conference of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States (19 and 20 June). It will also witness the adoption of the Eighth Biennial Review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GCTS) resolution by the General Assembly following a Plenary meeting and General Debate (22 and 23 June). Throughout the week at total of 40 thematic side-events will focus on initiatives related to the four pillars of the GCTS and the overarching theme of the Conference: *“Addressing Terrorism through Reinvigorated Multilateralism and Institutional Cooperation.”*

Organized as an in-person event, the Third CT Week will see the participation of the President of the General Assembly (via video message), the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as well as Ministers and senior-level dignitaries of Member States, international and regional organizations, UN Global Counter-Terrorism Compact entities, civil society organizations, and the private sector.

#### **Third High-Level Conference of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States**

The Third High-Level Conference of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States will discuss the practical implementation of the GCTS (A/RES/60/288) and its review resolutions, in line with Member States’ priorities, including those on human rights, gender equality, engagement with youth and civil society, as well as ‘whole-of-society’ responses. Held under the overarching theme *“Addressing Terrorism through Reinvigorated Multilateralism and Institutional Cooperation”*, it will provide the international community with the opportunity to renew and build upon the existing multilateral, results-oriented and balanced efforts to preventing and countering terrorism under the auspices of the United Nations.

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The High-Level Conference will encompass four thematic sessions on: (1) Countering terrorism while ensuring compliance with human rights and rule of law; (2) Building effective and resilient Member States’ institutions; (3) Assessing the global threat landscape (session open to Member States only); and (4) strengthening capacity building programmes.

#### **Eighth review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GCTS)**

The United Nations General Assembly reviews the GCTS, adopted in 2006, every two years, ensuring its status as a living document attuned to Member States’ counter-terrorism priorities. The President of the General Assembly appointed the Permanent Representatives of Canada and Tunisia as co-facilitators to guide Member States’ negotiations of the resolution that accompanies the eight review informed by the Report of the Secretary-General (A/77/718) on the Activities of the United Nations system in implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

#### **41 Side events**

Jointly organized by Member States, UN Global Counter-Terrorism Compact Entities and civil society partners, the side events will provide a platform for high-level officials and experts to share their experiences and enhance common efforts in the global fight against terrorism and violent extremism. The Journal of side-events is available [here](http://www.un.org/counterterrorism/CTWeek-2023-calendar) ([www.un.org/counterterrorism/CTWeek-2023-calendar](http://www.un.org/counterterrorism/CTWeek-2023-calendar))

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#### ***For more information***

- Visit: <https://www.un.org/counterterrorism/2023-counter-terrorism-week>
- Follow the sessions that will be broadcast live on UNWEBTV: [media.un.org/en/webtv](http://media.un.org/en/webtv)
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