

Tenth United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Committee Meeting



PRESS RELEASE

Secretary-General Guterres opens 10th Meeting of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Compact Coordination Committee on Strategic Coordination of Counter-Terrorism Initiatives in Africa

New York, 24 January 2023 – The [United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact](#) (Counter-Terrorism Compact) began its tenth Coordination Committee meeting today under the theme “Strategic Coordination of Counter-Terrorism Initiatives in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities.” During the two-day event, Member States, regional organizations, Counter-Terrorism Compact entities, and civil society working in Africa will exchange views on the continued expansion of terrorist and armed groups in parts of Africa, as well as the need to align counter-terrorism efforts with the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the African Union’s Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want.

In his opening remarks, **United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres**, [stressed](#) that “our collective response to terrorism must be grounded in the principles that define our shared humanity — respect for human rights, the rule of law, and the pursuit of peace”, and made a call to the international community to continue standing together and forging new solutions that lift the shadow of terrorism, once and for all, “for Africa, for Africans and for the world we share”.

Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism and Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Compact Coordination Committee, **Mr. Vladimir Voronkov**, [emphasized](#) that “Stemming the increasing terrorist threat across the continent demands a more robust response that draws on the best knowledge, which is well coordinated and adequately funded”. He further underscored that “this Compact provides us with a framework for effective collaboration to support Member States’ counter-terrorism efforts, and is a testament to our shared commitment to a world free from terrorism”.

The President of the Commission of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS Commission), and the Permanent Representatives of the State of Qatar, the Republic of Kenya and the Kingdom of Morocco addressed the segment on regional perspectives, discussing the terrorism landscape in Africa, and the key challenges and gaps in the coordination of efforts to counter terrorism and prevent

violent extremism conducive to terrorism in the continent. This was followed by remarks from participating regional organizations, civil society, and Counter-Terrorism Compact entities.

The meeting also featured the adoption of the Counter-Terrorism Compact's Joint Programme of Work (JPoW) for 2024-2026, which provides strategic guidance to the eight inter-agency Compact Working Groups, with the aim of advancing the implementation of the eight review resolution of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, adopted by the General Assembly in June last year.

The Counter-Terrorism Compact meeting continues tomorrow with discussions on the counter-terrorism landscape in Africa; strengthening counter-terrorism coordination; engagement with regional organizations, civil society, and the private sector; and updates from the Counter-Terrorism Compact Secretariat on key achievements and the way forward.

Launched by the Secretary-General in 2018, the Counter-Terrorism Compact is the largest coordination framework within the United Nations system, comprising 46 UN and non-UN entities.

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