

Our Work

The Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB) of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is the key United Nations entity with the mandate and expertise to deliver counter-terrorism legal technical assistance to Member States for the ratification, legislative incorporation and implementation of the international legal instruments against terrorism.

Our work in preventing and countering terrorism focuses on:

- [Ratification](#);
- [Legislative Assistance](#);
- [Capacity Building](#), including in the following specialized areas:
 - [Countering the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes](#),
 - [Support and assistance to victims of acts of terrorism](#),
 - [Tackling chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear \(CBRN\) terrorism](#),
 - [Responding to transport-related offences](#),
 - [Promoting and protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism](#), and
 - [Countering terrorism financing](#);
- [Strengthening International Cooperation in Criminal Matters Related to Terrorism](#).

Since its launch in January 2003, the *Global Project on Strengthening the Legal Regime against Terrorism* has provided a framework for the Terrorism Prevention Branch's delivery of technical assistance to requesting Member States for strengthening national criminal justice responses to terrorism. The Global Project functions as an ongoing project which is regularly revised and updated to ensure its continued relevance and to incorporate new initiatives in response to new requirements.

Since the Terrorism Prevention Branch began providing counter-terrorism legal technical assistance, the scope of that assistance has been constantly broadening, in terms of its geographical reach, the number of Member States assisted, and the range and substantive content of the capacity building assistance offered. This assistance includes specialized substantive training on the international legal framework against terrorism, legislative drafting assistance and legal advisory services, thematically-focused regional, sub-regional and national workshops, on-line training courses and live legal discussion forums for counter-terrorism

practitioners, as well as the development and dissemination of 33 training tools and practical guides.

The Terrorism Prevention Branch draws on its unique field presence to ensure that all activities are tailored to the specific requirements of each region. Currently, the Branch has field experts located in Central and Southeast Asia, East and West Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East and North Africa who provide the regional expertise and the necessary operational capacity to effectively implement counter-terrorism activities on the ground, tailored to the regional political, legal and institutional specificities of the recipient country. In addition, the Terrorism Prevention Branch has increased strategic partnerships and synergies, including with other UN entities and international, regional and sub-regional organizations with a view to strengthen coordination and cooperation in assistance delivery.