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Reflections on contemporary terrorism

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Headlines from the International Press

“Uno de los terroristas de Bombay ayudó y envió dinero desde Catalunya”

La Vanguardia, 13 febrero 2009

“Houses searched in anti-terror operation”

The Guardian, 14th February 2009

“Lutte contre le terrorisme : l'Afghanistan convié à la réflexion américaine”

“Australian FM urges counterterrorism in Pakistan”

International Herald Tribune, February 15 2009

Le Monde, 15 février 2009

“Fortaleza contra el terrorismo y no discursos almibarados exigió el Presidente Uribe”

El Tiempo, 11 febrero 2009

“«Basta terrorismo in Sri Lanka» Trecento cingalesi in piazza”

Corriere della Sera, 16 febbraio 2009



2 What is terrorism?

- There is no internationally agreed legal definition for terrorism
 - There is a common strategy
- Who does it affect?
 - All sectors of society
- When did it become a key item on the international agenda?
 - After 9/11



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What is terrorism?

- 9/11- the face of terrorism had changed
- Gone beyond the state
- Includes mass murder
 - Targeting Civilians
- Resulting in crimes against humanity



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What is the UN's role in fighting terrorism?

- 2005 – Secretary General established the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF)
- Purpose: To ensure coherent and coordinated efforts across the UN system in Counter-terrorism efforts
- Over 20 members of the Task Force
 - UNICRI is a member

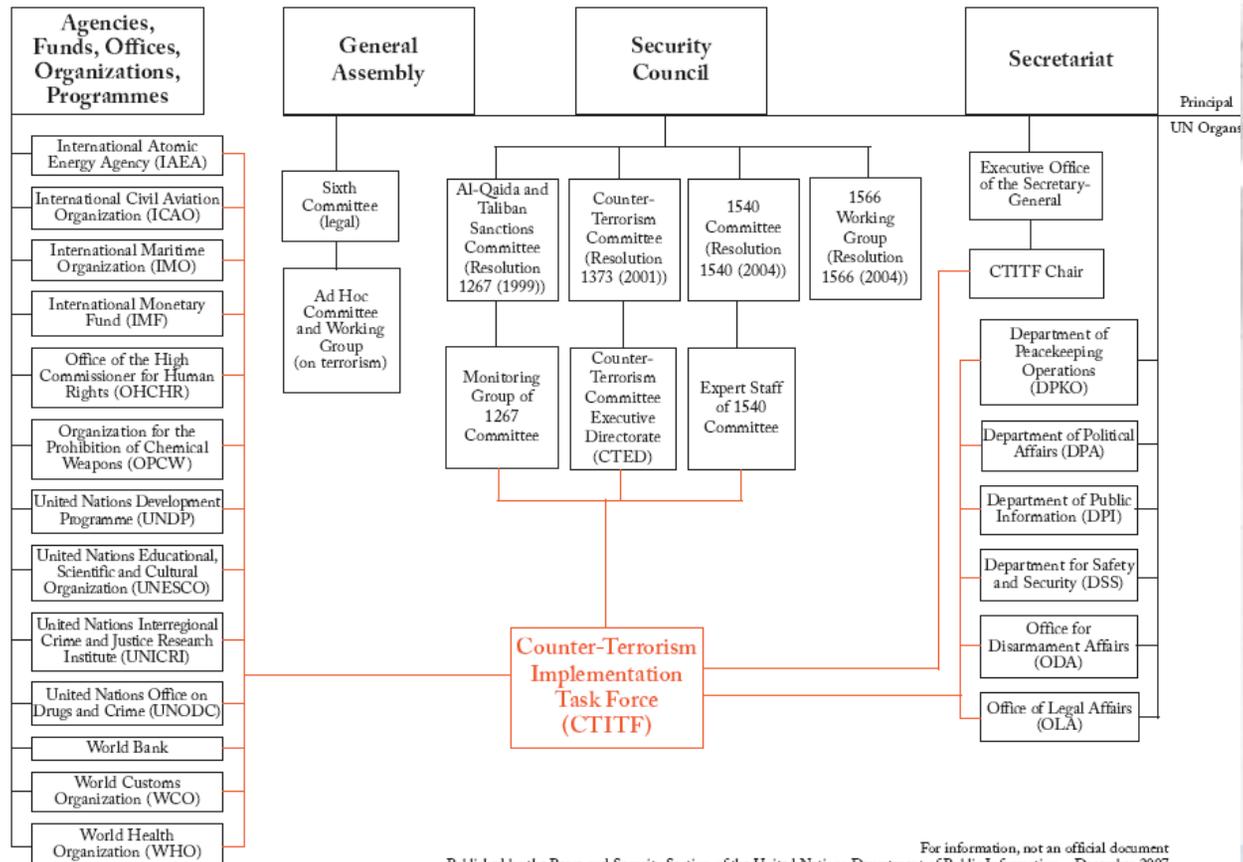


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What is the UN's role in fighting terrorism?



Main Actors of the United Nations System in Counter-Terrorism Efforts





6 What is the UN's role in fighting terrorism?

5 Ds first outlined by SG Annan in Madrid 2005

- **Dissuading** people from resorting or supporting terrorist acts;
- **Denying** terrorist the means to carry out attacks;
- **Deterring** states from supporting terrorism;
- **Developing** state capacity to defeat terrorism, and
- **Defending** human rights



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The UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

- **Unique global instrument** intended to enhance national, regional and international efforts to counter terrorism
- Adopted by all **192** member states on **8 September 2006**
- **First time** that all Member States **agreed** to a **common** strategic approach to fight terrorism

For more information: www.un.org/terrorism



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The UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

Four paths of action:

1. Addressing conditions **conducive** to terrorism
2. **Prevention** and combating terrorism
3. Building States' **capacity** to counter terrorism
4. Defending **human rights** in the fight against terrorism



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What is UNICRI?

- Established in 1968
- **Purpose:** to assist intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations to formulate improved policies in **crime prevention** and **criminal justice**
- UNICRI - “first response broker”
- **Tools:** Creative Solutions, knowledge management and partnerships



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What is UNICRI?

Justice Reform

- **Judicial Reform**
- **Institution and Capacity Building**
- **Juvenile Justice**
- **Probation and Parole**
- **Violence against Women**
- **International Criminal Law**
- **Witness Protection**
- **Migration: Integration and Juvenile Delinquency Prevention**

Security Governance and Counter Terrorism

- **Security during Major Events**
- **Enhancing Public/Private Cooperation to Protect Vulnerable Targets**
- **CBRN**
- **Information Sharing between Law Enforcement and Intelligence Sectors**
- **Programme of Excellence on Challenges and Change**
- **Reducing Radicalisation**
- **Victims of Terrorism**
- **Security Governance in Post-Conflict and Lawless Areas**

Emerging Crimes and Counter Human Trafficking

- **Trafficking in Human Beings**
- **Migrant Smuggling**
- **Counterfeiting**
- **Money Laundering**
- **Environmental Crimes**
- **Cyber crimes**
- **Illegal Trade in Cultural Goods and Stolen Works of Art**
- **Preventing and Responding to Corruption**
- **Institution and Capacity Building against Organized Crime**



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What is UNICRI?

Post-Graduate Training

- International Criminal Law
- Post-conflict Justice
- The International System to Protect Human Rights
- Gender in Crime Prevention
- Gender in post-conflict Situation
- Career Guidance

Documentation

- Supporting the Formulation & Implementation of Improved Policies in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Sharing Criminal Justice Information Globally

External Relations and Public Information (Liaison Office in Rome and HQ Turin)

- External Relations
- Public Information



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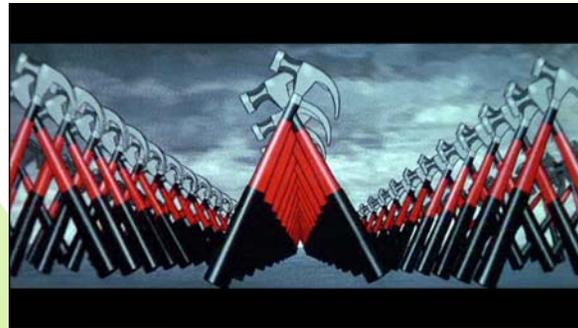
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UNICRI's Method

Creativity



KMS



Innovative Partnerships



OUR METHOD



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UNICRI's Security Governance Approach



Security Governance

- 1) Identification of Common Goals
- 2) Synchronisation of Resources
- 3) Establishment of a Common Language



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non traditional fields

Major Events Security

Ongoing

IPO
 International Permanent
 Observatory on
 Major Events Security

Ongoing

EU-SEC II
 Coordinating National
 Research Programmes and
 Policies on Security at
 Major Events

Ongoing

IPO Americas
 The first regional
 network
 of National Focal Points on
 Major Events

Public-Private Partnerships

Ongoing

CTITF Soft Targets
 United Nations
 Counter-Terrorism
 Implementation Task Force

Project Idea

**Critical
 Infrastructures**

Tech and Preventive Policy Urban Security

Project Idea

Crimewatchout.org

Project Idea

Free Zone

Starting soon

**M.I.T. UNICRI
 Boston Desk**

Starting soon

**The World's most
 Innovative Major
 of the Year**



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New Global Threats

Ongoing ●



CBRN KMS I
 Combat Illicit Trafficking in
 Chemical, Biological,
 Radiological and
 Nuclear Material

Starting soon ●



CBRN KMS II
 Combat Illicit Trafficking in
 Chemical, Biological,
 Radiological and
 Nuclear Material

Starting soon ●



Bio Stakeholders

Starting soon ●



Precious Metals
 Illicit Trafficking of
 Precious Metals and
 Stones

Dialogue and Innovation

Ongoing ●



**Countering the
 appeal of terrorism**
 UNICRI Center

Project Idea ●



The Game
 In partnership with
 Microsoft

Project Idea ●



**Mediterranean
 Youth Councils**
 In partnership with
 UN Alliance of Civilizations

Ongoing ●



The Movie

Project Idea ●



**Security and
 happiness magazine**
 In partnership with
 MLT



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Post-Conflict





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What is UNICRI's Role in Counter-Terrorism?

- Active in implementing the UN Counter-Terrorism Strategy via the CTITF
- The Security Governance/Counter-Terrorism Laboratory is co-leader in the following working groups:
 - The Protection of Vulnerable Targets
 - Radicalisation and Extremism that lead to terrorism
 - Preventing and Responding to Weapons of Mass Destruction Attacks



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What is UNICRI's Role in Counter-Terrorism?

- UN E/2006/28 ECOSOC Resolution – Official Designation of UNICRI's **International Permanent Observatory** on Security measures during Major Events
- **EU-SEC** – common long-term strategy for research and policy on security during major events
- **KMS** – illicit trafficking of CBRN



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Conclusions

- Reconcile the tension between: Urgency –v – Alarmism
 - Urgent action needed in preventative measures
- Global strategy is a good framework
 - Creates a common language and approach
- Multilateral approach to countering terrorism
- States to promote a multi-sector approach
- Civil Society plays an important role



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Thank you

Questions?

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