

FACT SHEET

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About

The mission of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) is to strengthen global capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to nuclear terrorism by conducting multilateral activities that strengthen the plans, policies, procedures, and interoperability of partner nations. The GICNT is co-chaired by the United States and Russia.

Objectives

- Integrate collective capabilities and resources to strengthen the overall global architecture to combat nuclear terrorism
- Bring together experience and expertise from the nonproliferation, counter-proliferation, and counterterrorism disciplines
- Provide the opportunity for nations to share information and expertise in a voluntary, non-binding framework

Statement of Principles

The GICNT is composed of committed nations that have endorsed a set of core nuclear security principles across the full spectrum of nuclear terrorism deterrence, prevention, detection, and response objectives. The full text of the Statement of Principles can be found on the GICNT website (www.gicnt.org). A brief summary of each principle is included below:

1. Improve accounting, control, and protection of nuclear/radiological material
2. Enhance security of civilian nuclear facilities
3. Detect and suppress illicit trafficking of nuclear/radiological material
4. Improve ability to search for, confiscate, and establish safe control of nuclear/radiological material
5. Assure denial of safe haven and resources from terrorists seeking to acquire or use nuclear/radiological material
6. Ensure adequate legal frameworks to combat activity related to nuclear terrorism
7. Respond to and mitigate the consequences of nuclear terrorism
8. Promote information sharing to prevent and respond to acts of nuclear terrorism

IMPLEMENTATION AND ASSESSMENT GROUP

Chaired by Finland

The Implementation and Assessment Group (IAG) is charged with implementing priorities identified by the Plenary and ensuring GICNT activities are coordinated and complementary to other international efforts. The IAG is currently focused on developing and executing a flexible work program that produces practical results for the GICNT through a series of technical working groups.

NUCLEAR DETECTION WORKING GROUP

Chaired by the United Kingdom

The Nuclear Detection Working Group (NDWG) is building and enhancing national detection capabilities by providing practical deliverables to raise awareness, transferring knowledge and experience, and providing guidance to detection experts.

GROUP NUCLEAR FORENSICS WORKING GROUP

Chaired by Canada

The Nuclear Forensics Working Group (NFWG) is concentrating on developing guidance and activities that raise awareness of nuclear forensics, assist partners to develop core capabilities, foster intergovernmental relationships, and share best practices.

RESPONSE AND MITIGATION WORKING GROUP

Chaired by Argentina

The Response and Mitigation Working Group (RMWG) examines best practices and techniques related to crises or emergencies when the immediate or potential threat exists to human life as a result of a radiological/nuclear terrorist threat or incident.

88 Partner Nations

Afghanistan	Iceland	Palau
Albania	India	Panama
Algeria	Iraq	Paraguay
Argentina	Ireland	Philippines
Armenia	Israel	Poland
Australia	Italy	Portugal
Austria	Japan	Romania
Azerbaijan	Jordan	Russia
Bahrain	Kazakhstan	Saudi Arabia
Belarus	Republic of Korea	Serbia
Belgium	Kyrgyz Republic	Seychelles
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Latvia	Singapore
Bulgaria	Libya	Slovakia
Cambodia	Lithuania	Slovenia
Canada	Luxembourg	Spain
Cabo Verde	Republic of Macedonia	Sri Lanka
Chile	Madagascar	Sweden
China	Malaysia	Switzerland
Cote d'Ivoire	Malta	Tajikistan
Croatia	Mauritius	Thailand
Cyprus	Mexico	Turkey
Czech Republic	Montenegro	Turkmenistan
Denmark	Morocco	Ukraine
Estonia	Nepal	United Arab Emirates
Finland	Netherlands	United Kingdom
France	New Zealand	United States
Georgia	Nigeria	Uzbekistan
Germany	Norway	Vietnam
Greece	Pakistan	Zambia
Hungary		

6 Official Observers

European Union (EU)

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)

United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)

United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

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