



## **VIRTUAL COUNTER-TERRORISM WEEK 2020**

# **Strategic and Practical Challenges of Countering Terrorism in a Global Pandemic Environment**

*A Series of Webinars and Interactive Discussions on Strategic and Practical Challenges of  
Countering Terrorism in a Global Pandemic Environment*

## **FINAL PROGRAMME**

**6-10 July 2020**

**United Nations Headquarters, New York**

10:00-12:00 **Launch of CT Week: Webinar I**

**Post COVID-19 World: Contours, Pivot Points and Benefits of Multilateral Collaboration**

***Key issues to be addressed***

- ◁ *What is the short- to medium-term impact of COVID-19 on societies, businesses, governments and international and regional organisations?*
- ◁ *How will societies evolve and respond to social and technological changes in the post-COVID-19 environment?*
- ◁ *How to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic: how do we harness -of-  
leverage existing multilateral platforms? how to*
- ◁ *What is the impact of COVID-19 on international efforts to prevent and counter terrorism and the underlying spread of violent extremism, including from a gender perspective?*

**Co-Moderators**

- ◁ **Mr. Vladimir Voronkov**, Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) (5 min)
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|                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◁ <b>Mr. Jonathan Brewer</b>, Coordinator, Group of Experts supporting the 1540 Committee, United Nations (7 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Commentary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◁ <b>Ms. Cindy Termorshuizen</b>, Director General, International Security Policy, Global Affairs Canada (5 min)</li> <li>◁ <b>Mr. Florentino Manalastas</b>, Acting Chair, Program Management Center of the Anti-Terrorism Council, Republic of the Philippines (5 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and comments from participants</b></p> |
| <p><b>DAY II: TUESDAY, 7 JULY</b></p> |  |

09:00:11:00 **Webinar II**

**The Global Scourge of Terrorism: Assessment of High-Risk**

- < **Ambassador Vladimir Tarabrin**, Director, Department on New Challenges and Threats, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (7 min)
- < **Mr. Edmund Fitton-Brown**, Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, United Nations (7 min)
- < **Ambassador Andreas Künne**, Director for the United Nations and Counterterrorism, German Foreign Office (7 min)
- < **Mr. Christopher Harnisch**, Deputy Coordinator for Countering Violent Extremism, Bureau of Counterterrorism, U.S. Department of State (7 min)

### **Commentary**

- < **H.E. Ms. Sima Bahous**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations (5 min)
- < **Ms. Julia Ebner**, Resident Research Fellow at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD) (5 min)

### **Questions and comments from participants**

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- ◁ **Dr. Jehangir Khan**, Director of UNCCT, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (7 min)

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11:30-13:00 **Interactive Discussion III**

**Global programmes on Countering Terrorist Travel, Returning Foreign Terrorists Fighters (FTFs), including their Prosecution, Rehabilitation and Reintegration**

*Key issues to be addressed*

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|  | <p>◁ <b>H.E. Mr. Huib Mijnares</b>, International Envoy for Counter-Terrorism of the Netherlands (5 min)</p> <p><b>Questions and comments from participants</b></p> |
| <p><b>DAY IV: THURSDAY, 9 JULY</b></p> |   |

09:00-11:00 **Webinar IV**

**Protecting and promoting Human Rights as a cornerstone of building resilience**



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|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt; <b>Ms. Sanam Naraghi Anderlini</b>, Founder and Executive Director, International Civil Society Action Network (7 min)</li> <li>&lt; <b>Mr. Zeeshan Amin</b>, Head of Unit on Countering the Financing of Terrorism, UNCCT/UNOCT (7 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Commentary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt; <b>H.E. Mr. Nicolas de Rivière</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations (5 min)</li> <li>&lt; <b>H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations (5 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and comments from participants</b></p>  |
| 11:30-13:00 | <p><b>Interactive Discussion IV</b></p> <p><b>Prevention of Violent Extremism and Strengthening Social Cohesion: Investing in Youth-led and Youth-driven Initiatives to build Resilient Societies</b></p> <p><i><b>Key issues to be addressed:</b></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt; <i>What are the challenges to social cohesion and community resilience in the COVID-19 recovery phase?</i></li> <li>&lt; <i>How can we mobilise the positive experiences of youth and leverage their impact as real partners in prevention and as peacemakers?</i></li> <li>&lt; <i>How can we prevent violent extremism conducive to terrorism by building youth resilience, including through promoting education, cultural identities, tolerance, sports, and gamification and by supporting livelihoods and national capacities?</i></li> <li>&lt; <i>How can we best support and reinforce youth-led PCVE initiatives?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt; <b>Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake</b>, United Nations Secretary-I on Youth (7 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt; <b>H.E. Mr. Ali Rashid Al Nuaimi</b>, Chairman, Hedayah (7 min)</li> <li>&lt; <b>Mr. Achim Steiner</b>, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (7 min)</li> </ul> |



## **Moderator**

- ◁ **Mr. Raffi Gregorian**, Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism and Director, UNOCT (5 min)

## **Speakers**

- ◁ **Mr. Eelco Kessels**, Executive Director, Global Center on Cooperative Security (7 min)
- ◁ **Mr. Frank Gardner**, Security Correspondent, BBC (7 min)
- ◁ **Ms. Grace Omondi**, Head of Strategic Communication, IGAD Centre of Excellence for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (7 min)
- ◁ **Mr. Nafees Hamid**, Cognitive Scientist of Violent Extremism, Associate Fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism ó The Hague (7 min)
- ◁ **Ms. Erin Saltman**, Head of Counterterrorism and Dangerous Organization Policy for Europe, the Middle East and Africa, Facebook (7 min)
- ◁ **Ms. Azadeh Moaveni**, Gender Project Director, International Crisis Group (7 min)
- ◁ **Dr. Sultan Alkhuzam**, Director of Global Collaboration, Global Centre for Combating Extremist Ideology, Etidal (7 min)

## **Voices from the field**

- ◁ **Ms. Elena Chernenko**, Foreign Editor, Kommersant (5 min)
- ◁ **Ms. Vidhya Ramalingam**, Co-founder, Moonshot CVE (5 min)

## **Questions and comments from participants**

11:30-13:30 **Interactive Closing Discussion**

## **O go dgt 'Ucvgu'Eqwvgt-Terrorism Priorities in the Post COVID-19 Environment ó Synergies and Complementarities between the COVID-19 and Counter-Terrorism Agendas**

### ***Key issues to be addressed:***

- ◁ *What are the counter-terrorism needs and priorities in the post COVID-19 environment?*
- ◁ *What are the synergies and complementarities between the response to and recovery from COVID-19 and the counter-terrorism*

## **Moderator**

- ⟨ **Mr. Vladimir Voronkov**, Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, UNOCT (6 min)

## **Speakers**

- ⟨ **Hon. Mr. Nathan Sales**, Ambassador-at-Large and Coordinator for Counterterrorism, U.S. Department of State (7 min)
- ⟨ **H.E. Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron**, President, Inter-Parliamentary Union (7 min)
- ⟨ **H.E. Thomas Greminger**, Secretary-General, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (7 min)
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