

2015 OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Expert Conference
“Countering the Incitement and Recruitment of Foreign Terrorist Fighters”
 30 June – 1 July 2015, Hofburg, Vienna

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

30 June 2015 – Neuer Saal, 2nd floor Hofburg	
08:30 - 09:30	Registration of Participants – Segmentgalerie I
09:30 - 10:30	<p align="center">Opening Session - open to the media</p> <p>Mr. Aleksandar Nikolić, State Secretary, Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia</p> <p>Mr. Oleg Syromolotov, Deputy Foreign Minister on Counter-Terrorism, Russian Federation</p> <p>H.E. Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General</p> <p>Mr. Michael Georg Link, Director of OSCE ODIHR</p> <p>Special Introductory Statement from the Floor: Mr. Trevor Rajah, Chief of the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC, on behalf of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force</p>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee-break
11:00 - 13:30	<p align="center">First Session</p> <p>Trends and Dynamics in the Incitement and Recruitment of Foreign Terrorist Fighters</p> <p><i>In order to effectively counter the incitement and recruitment of FTFs, it is crucial to understand the appeal that joining terrorist groups abroad can have, and to identify factors increasing the risk of individual susceptibility to FTF radicalization and recruitment. This session will discuss the multi-layered messaging of violent extremism leading to terrorism; the channels used to spread these narratives, including the impact of social media and the Internet; intended audience(s), especially youth; possible patterns in the recruitment of FTFs, including women and girls.</i></p> <p><u>Keynote presentations:</u></p> <p>Mr. André Vandoren, Director, Co-ordination Unit for Threat Analysis, Belgium (6-8 minutes)</p> <p>Mr. Mario Janeček, Counter-Terrorism Adviser, Ministry of Security, Bosnia and Herzegovina (6-8 minutes)</p> <p>Ms. Arta Dade, Chairwoman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Albanian Parliament, Albania (6-8 minutes)</p>

Discussant: H.E. Amb. Piet de Klerk, Special Counter-Terrorism Envoy, Netherlands (6-8 minutes)

Followed by discussions

Questions to be addressed:

- What is the appeal of violent extremism and what factors increase an individual's susceptibility to this appeal?
- What messaging is used to incite and recruit foreign terrorist fighters?
- What channels are used to spread this message and who is the target audience?
- Are there national or sub-regional patterns of recruitment that you have recognised?
- How can the OSCE be best utilised to counter the incitement and recruitment of foreign terrorist fighters?

Moderator: Mr. Thomas Wuchte, Head on Anti-terrorism Issues, Transnational Threats Department, OSCE Secretariat

Pre-Registered Interventions (2-3 mins): Russian Federation, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Ukraine, Israel, UNCTED, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Women Against Borders / SAVE, Jinishian Memorial Foundation

Delegations and other IO/NGO participants are invited to pre-register short national statements/contributions with the conference focal point.

Side Events:

13:30 -
15:00

13:35 – 15:00 - Activities of GCTF-inspired Institutions in the field of CVE and rule of law-based approaches to addressing security challenges– **Segmentgalerie I, 1st floor**

Lunch

13:35 – 14:20 – Islam in Women's Words: Hearing the Other Narrative - **Bibliotheksaal, 5th floor**

14:20 - 15:00 - Spanish National Strategic Plan against Radicalization -**Bibliotheksaal, 5th floor**

Second Session

Good Practices and Lessons Learned for Strategic Messaging to Counter Incitement and Recruitment of Foreign Terrorist Fighters

15:00 -
17:30

Both governments and civil society are undertaking efforts to counter, through their own communication strategies, the violent extremist narratives underlying radicalization and recruitment of young men and women as FTFs. This session will discuss the impact and limitations of these efforts and identify good practices and lessons learned to maximize effectiveness, including in terms of messengers, message contents, audiences and channels, while ensuring respect for human rights and the rule of law, in particular freedom of expression and freedom of the media.

Keynote presentations:

Mr. Hugo MacPherson, EU Syria Strategic Communication Advisory Team (SSCAT) (6-8 minutes)

Mr. Christopher Lowe, Strategic Planner for the Department of State's Center for

Strategic Counterterrorism Communications (CSCC), United States (6-8 minutes)

Mr. Talaibek Zhaparov, Deputy Head of the Anti-Terrorism Centre (ATC), State Committee on National Security, Kyrgyzstan (6-8 minutes)

Discussant: **Dr. Christina Schori Liang**, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (6-8 minutes)

Followed by discussions

Questions to be addressed:

- What counter-messaging efforts are being made by governments and civil society to counter the violent extremist narrative?
- What impact are these counter-messaging efforts having, and how does it change depending on messengers, message contents, audiences and channels?
- Are there limitations or lessons learned that can be drawn from these efforts?
- How can we ensure full respect for human rights and the rule of law, in particular freedom of expression and freedom of the media?

Moderator: **Ms. Ingvil Conradi Andersen**, Senior Adviser in the Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Pre-Registered Interventions (2-3 mins): Turkey, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Commonwealth of Independent States, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Twitter, ICCT, European Network Against Racism, “Iyman” Public Foundation, IFES, ASTI Tajikistan, Search for Common Ground

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17:30

Buffet Reception Hosted by the Serbian Chairmanship

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Third Session

Good Practices and Lessons Learned to Empower Young People to Counter Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Lead to Terrorism (VERLT)

Young people are considered particularly vulnerable to radicalization and recruitment as FTFs. At the same time, they can make crucial contributions to preventing this phenomenon from spreading among their peers, families and communities. This session will discuss good practices and lessons learned in engaging youth to counter VERLT, including in the development and dissemination of positive counter-narratives to the violent extremist agenda.

09:00 -
11:00

Keynote presentations:

Ms. Iman Abou Atta, Deputy Director and Head of Middle East & North Africa Programmes, Faith Matters, United Kingdom (6-8 minutes)

Mr. Jan Buschbom, Head of Research, Violence Prevention Network, Germany (6-8 minutes)

Dr Erin Marie Saltman, Senior Counter Extremism Researcher, Institute for Strategic Dialogue, (6-8 minutes)

Discussant: **Ms. Sara Zeiger**, Hedayah (6-8 minutes)

Followed by discussions

Questions to be addressed:

- How can youth be involved in the design, delivery and assessment of measures to counter VERLT; and what are the conditions for youth to be able to play such a role?
- Is there a need for specific initiatives in the educational field to empower youth in countering VERLT, and if so to address which issues?
- How can youth use the media to counter VERLT and how can they be empowered to do so?

Moderator: **Ms. Lucile Sengler**, Adviser on Anti-Terrorism Issues, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Pre-Registered Interventions (2-3 mins): Kyrgyzstan, Special Representative of the OSCE CiO on Youth and Security, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Twitter, 180 Degree Life Change, Mediation Leadership, Cultures Interactive, Connect Justice

Delegations and IO/NGO participants are invited to pre-register short statements/contributions with the conference focal point.

11:00 -
11:30

Coffee-break

Fourth Session

Good Practices and Lessons Learned to Identify and Engage with Individuals at Risk of Radicalization and Recruitment as FTFs

The number of individuals at risk of terrorist radicalization and recruitment is extremely small. Yet governments are faced with a diffuse challenge of detecting and intervening in a timely and human rights compliant fashion to divert these few individuals from a path of VERLT. This session will discuss good practices and lessons learned in raising public awareness and mobilizing frontline workers to recognize, address or report risk behaviours, including referral mechanisms for appropriate interventions, while upholding human rights and the rule of law. The session may also focus on additional intervention mechanisms, such as prison rehabilitation programmes, and bilateral or multilateral exchanges of operational information.

11:30 -
13:30

Keynote presentations:

Ms. Gökçen Türker, Under-Secretariat of Public Order and Security, Turkey (6-8 minutes)

Ms. Verena Fabris, Head of the Advice Centre on Extremism, Austria (6-8 minutes)

Mr. Adkham Khamdamov, Deputy Head of the Independent Institute for Monitoring of Civil Society Development, Uzbekistan (6-8 minutes)

Discussant: **Mr. Omar Ramadan**, Head of the EU Radicalization Awareness Network (6-8 minutes)

	<p>Followed by discussions</p> <p>Questions to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can governments enhance opportunities for public authorities across sectors to identify and effectively engage with those few individuals at risk of terrorist radicalization? What are the obstacles, risks, and good practices? • What should be the role(s) of civil society and members of the public in identifying and engaging with those few individuals at risk of terrorist radicalization? How to empower them to play such role(s)? What are the obstacles, risks, and good practices? • What should be taken into account to design effective, human-right compliant diversion and reintegration programmes? <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Mehdi Knani, Programme Manager for VERLT, Transnational Threats Department/Action against Terrorism Unit, OSCE</p> <p><u>Pre-Registered Interventions (2-3 mins):</u> CITCO, Violence Prevention Network, NGO Virtua</p> <p><i>Delegations and IO/NGO participants are invited to pre-register short statements/contributions with the conference focal point.</i></p>
<p>13:30 - 15:00</p> <p>Lunch</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Side Events:</p> <p>13:35 – 15:00 - Foreign Terrorist Fighters: Perspectives from OSCE Field Missions - Segmentgalerie I, first floor</p> <p>13:35 – 14:20 - 180° Life Change: A practical approach for the prevention of radicalization - Room 201, 2nd floor</p> <p>14:20 – 15:00 - The Arab Judicial Cooperation Network - Room 201, 2nd floor</p>
<p>15:00 - 15:45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CONCLUSIONS</p> <p><i>The closing session will outline conclusions and recommendations from the conference sessions. The sessions' moderators will identify initiatives, lessons learned and challenges in relation to the topics presented and discussed in the four sessions, and how the OSCE, building on its expertise and structures, can continue working in this field, complementing efforts of other international/regional organizations.</i></p> <p>Moderator Session I: Mr. Thomas Wuchte, Head on Anti-terrorism Issues, OSCE Transnational Threats Department</p> <p>Moderator Session II: Ms. Ingvil Andersen, Senior Adviser in the Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media</p> <p>Moderator Session III: Ms. Lucile Sengler, Adviser on Anti-Terrorism Issues, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights</p> <p>Moderator Session IV: Mr. Mehdi Knani, Programme Manager for VERLT, OSCE Transnational Threats Department</p>
<p>15:45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Remarks</p> <p>Mr. Alexey Lyzhenkov, Director and Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats, OSCE Transnational Threats Department</p> <p>H.E. Vuk Žugić, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Serbia to the OSCE, Chairperson of the Permanent Council</p>

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ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES

Conference Goals

The conference will be organized in line with the Concept Paper CIO.GAL/33/15 which was circulated to OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation on 17 March 2015.

The conference will focus on countering the incitement and recruitment of foreign terrorist fighters and aims to contribute to further high-level discussions on Countering Violent Extremism at the UN General Assembly in September 2015. To further this goal, it is foreseen to produce a list of recommendations which will serve as a basis for further discussions within the OSCE, being a UN Chapter VIII regional arrangement, as well as in other international fora.

Participants

The suggested participants for this event are experts and practitioners who can share concrete examples, good practices and lessons learned as outlined in the indicative agenda. Therefore, practitioners from relevant government ministries/institutions, such as Ministries of Interior, of Justice, of Education/Youth, or of Foreign Affairs are especially encouraged to attend. Relevant international, regional and sub-regional organizations as well as representatives of civil society will be invited to add their perspectives and ideas to the discussion. Please note that active discussion between participants will be considered the most beneficial aspect of this conference. Participants are therefore strongly encouraged to discuss and share specific experiences, to identify needs and areas of possible improvement and to utilize panel experts as resources.

States are also strongly encouraged to include at least one youth representative in their official delegation and as well as relevant civil society experts working on countering violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism.

To promote interactive discussion, formal statements and interventions in response to speakers and discussants should focus on concrete examples and recommendations and be as concise as possible, not exceeding two to three minutes.

Moderators

Each session will be chaired by a moderator who will introduce the keynote speakers and the discussant and will facilitate the discussions. Moderators will also strictly enforce time limits and will ensure that speakers, discussants and participants limit their presentations and contributions to substantive issues only. Moderators are expected to serve as rapporteurs in the sense of summarizing the presentations and discussions, as well as suggesting how the OSCE, building on its expertise and structures, could continue working in this field, complementing efforts of other international/regional organizations. Concluding recommendations will be presented by moderators to the participants in the concluding session. Moderators should receive keynote speakers' and discussants' short CV beforehand to be able to introduce them to the audience.

Keynote Speakers

Each working session will have two keynote speakers. Speakers will limit their presentations to concrete examples, good practices and lessons learned. They will make every effort to include suggestions for potential policy recommendations, and/or follow-up activities for/with the OSCE, offer thoughts for further consideration, and suggest possible national and/or regional and international action to meet the challenges. Each keynote presentation should be of maximum 6-8 minutes. Keynote speakers should then be ready to engage in a debate following their presentations. Keynote presentations and remarks should be sent to the OSCE TNTD/ATU two weeks in advance. Keynote speakers are expected to agree to having their remarks circulated to all participants. The institutional background of each speaker will be introduced by the moderator allowing the speaker to devote his presentation fully to the topic itself.

Discussants

The discussant's primary role will be to help the audience understand the complexity of the topic and, in particular, the significance of the keynote presentations by offering constructive critique. The discussant will, in a maximum of 6-8 minutes, pose challenging questions, and identify key themes across the presentations. The discussant will raise critical issues for both the key note speakers and the audience to consider, and encourage participants to contribute their views and experience. The discussant will propose new ideas, and offer alternative views. By reflecting on points highlighted by keynote speakers and during the discussions, the discussant will provide concise closing remarks, focusing on recommendations and suggestions for concrete follow-up action.

Statements / Contributions from the Floor

Participants are invited to contribute to the discussions with short statements / contributions. They will not be longer than 2-3 minutes. Institutional background/promotion of the activities of other organizations should be avoided. Interventions will focus on concrete examples and lessons learned directly related to the subject of the session. They may include suggestions for potential policy recommendations and/or follow-up action in the form of deliverables. Delegations, NGOs and international organizations are requested to pre-register their intention to contribute short statements.

Closing remarks

The initial conclusions of the conference will be circulated by the Chairmanship at the closing session.