



2023 Counter-Terrorism Week SIDE EVENTS

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Innovative Practices in the Implementation of National Counter-Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism Policies: Examples from Kenya's Devolved PCVE Model & Kyrgyzstan's National Programme on Countering Extremism and Terrorism

21 June 2023, 11:00-12:30 EDT, Conference Room 12

1. Context

In its resolution 70/291 that encapsulated the Fifth biennial Review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, the General Assembly called on “Member States and regional and sub-regional organizations to consider developing national and regional plans of action to prevent violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism, in accordance with their priorities and taking into account, as appropriate, the UN Secretary General’s Plan of Action, as well as other relevant documents”. In response to this call, several Member States in different regions of the world have developed, adopted, and implemented regional and national counter-terrorism and prevention of violent extremism strategies.

The Republic of Kenya and the Kyrgyz Republic are two examples of Member States that have developed national strategies and have acquired significant experiences in their implementation in their respective national contexts. In 2016, the Republic of Kenya adopted its National Strategy to Counter Violent Extremism with the objective of rallying all sectors of Kenyan social, religious, and economic life to emphatically and continuously reject violent extremist ideologies and goals. In Central Asia, the Kyrgyz Republic adopted its first Programme on Countering Extremism and Terrorism for the period 2017-2022 six years ago, and has since revised and issued a new Programme of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic on countering extremism and terrorism for 2023-2027, which benefits from experiences learned and was adopted on 15 March 2023. Both Kenya’s National Strategy and the Kyrgyz Programme on Countering Extremism and Terrorism emphasize the importance of a comprehensive “whole-of-society” and “whole-of-government” approach with achievable outcomes.

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Both documents emphasize innovation, dialogue, accountability, synergies across sectors and investment in grassroots participation to more effectively counter the threat of terrorism and violent extremism. Both documents seek to facilitate a variety of evidence-based counter-terrorism and preventing and countering violent extremism solutions that uphold human dignity, equity, social justice, inclusiveness, human rights, non-discrimination and protection of the marginalized.

For their part, various United Nations agencies, such as the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), together with relevant international organizations, such as the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), continue to support Member States, including the Republic of Kenya and the Kyrgyz Republic, in implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, as well as their respective national programmes and strategies, by providing technical expertise and a wide range of platforms for dialogue between state and local authorities, civil society, media and academia.

This Side Event will seek to focus on the following objectives:

2. Objectives

- Provide an overview of lessons learnt in the development and implementation of national strategies to CT and PCVE;
- Demonstrate the advantages of “whole-of-society” and “whole-of-government” approaches and interventions in CT and PCVE; and
- Provide an opportunity to discuss new initiatives to promote cooperation and explore possibilities to raise funds for further advances in CT and PCVE in Africa and Central Asia, especially in the Republic of Kenya and the Kyrgyz Republic.

3. Co-organizers

The Side Event is co-sponsored by the Governments of the Republic of Kenya and of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism – United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNOCT-UNCCT), and United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA).

4. Participants

Participants are expected to include representatives of Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations in New York, high-level representatives of UNOCT, UNDP, OSCE, UNRCCA and CTED, PCVE specialists, representatives of the UN Global Counter Terrorism Coordination Compact (including

representatives from the Global Compact Working Group on National and Regional Counter-Terrorism Strategies and other relevant partners.

5. Focal Points

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6. Agenda

AGENDA	
Opening Remarks	
11:00 – 11:20	<p>Moderator: Mr. Armands Pupols, Human Rights and Political Affairs Officer, UNRCCA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, UNOCT [TBC]</i> • <i>Mr. Aibek Shamenov, Director of Anti-terroristic center, State Committee for National Security of the Kyrgyz Republic,</i> • <i>Dr. Rosalind Nyawira, Director, National Counter Terrorism Center-Kenya</i> • <i>Representative of UNDP</i>
Good practices and lessons learnt: Kenya's devolved NSCVE	
11:20-11:40	<p>Moderator: Amb. Martin Kimani, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Rosalind Nyawira, Director, National Counter Terrorism Center-Kenya • Representative of the County Government of Mombasa (TBC) • Representative of the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) TBC

Achievements and lessons learnt on the Programme of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic on Countering Extremism and Terrorism	
11:40– 12:00	<p>Moderator: Ms. Aida Kasymalieva, Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the UN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Adylbek Kadyraliev, Deputy Director of Anti-terroristic center, • Ms. Bermet Asker, National Adviser on Counter-Terrorism, OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, • Ms. Gulmira Mamatkerimova, Director of the “Strategic decisions” Public Fund, • Mr. Armands Pupols, Human Rights and Political Affairs Officer, UNRCCA
Questions and Answers	
12:00 – 12:25	<p>Moderator: Mr. Armands Pupols, Human Rights and Political Affairs Officer, UNRCCA</p>
Closing Remarks	
12:25-12:30	<p><i>Ms. Natalia Gherman, Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate, CTED [TBC]</i></p>

7. RSVP link (optional)

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