



Hedayah E-Newsletter

Updates

Upcoming Activities*

26-28 Int'l Conference
APR APR on P/CVE and
UAE Radicalization

25-28 The Security Jam
APR APR 2016
ONLINE

**Dates subject to change or cancellation.
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- **STRIVE Global Program Call For Proposals**

In May 2015, Hedayah started the implementation of a four year STRIVE Global Program funded by EU with the overall objective of building the capacity of state and non-state actors to effectively challenge radicalization and recruitment to violent extremism, while continuing to respect human rights and international law. The program is calling for proposals for Research on Drivers of extreme violence in Central Asia and Technical Assistance on CVE to develop a Global CVE Web Portal, in partnership with Institute of Strategic Dialogue. [Read more.](#)

- **International Conference on Preventing and Countering Radicalization and violent extremism - as related to the Foreign Terrorist Fighter (FTF) threat**

Hedayah and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) will co-organize a working conference with senior officials and officers from GCC and neighbouring countries to explore the process of developing and implementing an effective preventative criminal justice strategy against radicalization and violent extremism with a focus on the specific threat posed by FTFs. The conference will allow participants and experts invited to share their significant experience and develop a concrete action plan. The conference will be held from 26-28 April 2016.

- **Women and CVE**

The full publication, "A Man's World? Exploring the Role of Women in Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism", is now online! [Click here to view.](#)

- **2016 Security Jam**

Hedayah will hold the only live-chat on CVE during the 2016 Security Jam, a massive global online brainstorm. The Security Jam will be held entirely online by Friends of Europe from 25-28 April 2016 and will include several thousand participants from various sectors including government officials, international organizations, NGOs, academia and many more to discuss pressing security challenges-including violent extremism-and build up recommendations for a safer world. Have a say in the debate, join the Jam! [Register online here.](#)





Activities

Hedayah and JCLEC organize “Expert Workshop on South East Asia Collection of Counter-Narratives for CVE”

From 21-23 March 2016, Hedayah and the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JCLEC) organized an expert workshop on “South East Asia Collection of Counter-Narratives for Countering Violent Extremism” in Semarang, Indonesia. The workshop invited twenty practitioners, academics and government experts from the South East Asia region, to include Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Participants at the meeting shared examples of counter-narratives from their countries, some of which included various online narratives, films and social media campaigns. The workshop aimed to collect these counter-narratives and discuss its effectiveness in local contexts. Participants also identified good practices, lessons learned and key gaps for the region in terms of counter-narratives.

The workshop, as a recommended outcome of the Sydney CVE Summit in June 2015, was part of a broader project to develop a Compendium of counter-narratives for the South East Asia region. The project is supported by the Australian Government’s Attorney General’s Department. Once completed, the Compendium will be available on Hedayah’s website, and the annex of counter-narratives collected at the workshop will be accessible through Hedayah’s Counter-Narrative Collection, which will be launched in the coming months.

Hedayah STRIVE Global Program Needs Assessment Mission

From 12-17 March 2016, Hedayah STRIVE Global Program conducted a needs assessment mission to Jordan. Hedayah representatives engaged with senior government officials, met with Embassies of donor communities, international and local NGOs.

The aim of the mission was to gain insight on existing needs in light of potential programming activities in the country. These include advancing research in CVE, conducting CVE interventions within communities, cooperation with media sectors and raising CVE awareness among government officials.

Hedayah contributes to the Belfast Communique Implementation Meeting

On 4 March 2016, Hedayah met with senior representatives from the Kenyan government in a meeting convened by the British High Commission in Nairobi, Kenya. The aim of the meeting was to assess the ongoing implementation of the Belfast Communique in steering the process for a CVE National Strategy.





The National Counter-Terrorism Council (NCTC) will be releasing the first draft of the proposal for a national CVE strategy by the first quarter of 2016. Its content will capture a majority of the Belfast communique, including the drivers of grievances, rehabilitation of returnees, policing and involvement of civil society as major pillars of the proposal.

Hedayah and USIP organize “Government Actors Engaging Communities” workshop

From 2-3 March 2016, Hedayah and USIP organized the capacity building workshop “Government Actors Engaging Communities: Understanding the Drivers of Violent Extremism and Building Resilience” in Nairobi, Kenya. The participants of the workshop were high-level actors from the government of Kenya.

The workshop enhanced existing skills on community resilience in countering violent extremism. As a testament, many of the participants have already received government funds for their new programs. Given that a number of participants will be managing the presidential offices’ consultation events with marginalized communities, Hedayah and USIP designed the workshop to have a particular focus on inequality grievances as drivers of Violent Extremism (VE).

Hedayah attends RESOLVE Network Steering Committee Meeting

From 25-26 February 2016, Hedayah participated in the RESOLVE Network Steering Committee meeting co-hosted by its Secretariat and the Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP) in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting brought together leading think tanks in CVE, including the United States Institute for Peace (USIP), the Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP), the Royal United Service Institute (RUSI), and Africa Policy Institute (API).

During the meeting, Steering Committee Members agreed upon some of the structural mechanisms and criterion for the members of the RESOLVE Network, and discussed potential Network products and next-steps. Read about the RESOLVE Network [here](#).

Outreach

Hedayah presents at a high-level event on “Advancing Gender-Sensitive Understanding in CVE Policy and Programming”

On 17 March 2016, Hedayah presented at a high-level event on “Advancing Gender-Sensitive Understanding in CVE Policy and Programming, especially on Women’s Roles in Violent Extremism” organized by the European Union and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in partnership with the United Nations and the United States in New York, U.S.A. It was held on the margins of the 60th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).





The aim of the discussion is to advance gender-sensitive research in violent extremism, which poses a critical threat on women's security, rights, development and opportunities. Mr. Ivo Veenkamp, Hedayah Deputy Executive Director, presented on the role of women in CVE. He also highlighted the current programs in place at Hedayah, and announced the research publication on the role of women in counter-terrorism and CVE ([click here to view](#)).

During his visit, Mr. Ivo Veenkamp also had meetings with senior officials from various government entities to update them on Hedayah's progress and programs and to discuss collaboration.

Hedayah delivers speech at the Celebrating the Arab Day for Human Rights

On 16 March 2016, Hedayah Executive Director, Mr. Maqsood Kruse delivered a keynote speech at the Center for Study and Survey Hall in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. Mr. Kruse highlighted human rights and dignity in the context of countering violent extremism.

Hedayah presents at CEMC 2016

On 13 March 2016, Hedayah presented at the Crisis and Emergency Management Conference (CEMC) organized by the UAE Supreme Council for National Security in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

The conference drew insights from international experts and thought leaders to raise awareness and to manage potential crisis scenarios effectively. Mr. Maqsood Kruse, Hedayah Executive Director, discussed the protection of communities from violent extremist ideologies.

Hedayah presents at the American University in the Emirates

On 11 March 2016, Hedayah presented a lecture at the American University of the Emirates in Dubai, U.A.E. Mr. Maqsood Kruse, Executive Director at Hedayah, discussed the topic of security strategies in countering international violence and extremism.

