



Hedayah E-Newsletter

Updates

Upcoming Activities

17-21 National Strategy
FEB FEB Scoping Visit

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Course

**Dates subject to change or cancellation*

- **Counter Extremism Interreligious Collaboration**

The Counter Extremism Interreligious Collaboration project held its second meeting at Hedayah in cooperation with the Adyan Institute and The Centre for Research and Evaluation in Muslim Education (CREME) at the University College London. Read more about the meeting and its outcomes below.

- **Capacity Building on Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters (RFTF) with IIJ**

Hedayah and the International Institute for Justice and Rule of Law (IIJ) convened a two-day meeting from 27-28 January 2016 on the RFTF program, highlighting over 20 principles and modules. Read more about the meeting and its outcomes below.

Activities

Hedayah and USIP organize “Participatory Approaches to Facilitating Community Change: CVE through Education” workshop

From 17-21 January 2016, Hedayah and United States Institute of Peace (USIP) organized a joint capacity building workshop on “Participatory Approaches to Facilitating Community Change: CVE through Education”. This workshop brought together education specialists from Kenya, Jordan, Nigeria and Uganda.

The workshop built capacity among educators and community based organizations working with schools. Through participatory approaches, trainers provided participants with the appropriate theoretical tools to address violent extremism. As a result of this workshop, the participants designed locally appropriate strategies to combat violent extremism and empowering youth.

Rehabilitation of Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters (RFTF) Initiative Consultation meeting

From 27-28 January 2016, Hedayah and the International Institute for Justice and Rule of Law (IIJ) held a two-day consultation meeting on the “Rehabilitation of Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters (RFTF) Initiative” in Valetta, Malta. The meeting convened representatives from UNICRI and government officials from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Jordan, Kosovo, Morocco, UK and US.

The aim of the consultation meeting was to present principles and modules developed for the RFTF program. Participants discussed over 20 principles





for RFTF and provided feedback based on their experience in their local contexts. The initiative will be implemented in four phases: 1) in-country discussion; 2) policy-level discussion; 3) practitioner session; and 4) post-initiative assessment.

Counter-Extremism Interreligious Collaboration Roundtable

From 30-31 January 2016, Hedayah, the Adyan Institute and the Centre for Research and Evaluation in Muslim Education (CREME) at University College London held the second meeting on Counter Extremism Interreligious Collaboration project in Abu Dhabi, UAE. The overall aim of the project is to develop a white paper to be disseminated and endorsed by religious and social leaders encouraging increased interreligious collaboration to counter extremism.

The focus of this meeting was for the experts to respond to a first draft of the white paper, discuss and improve its different sections and plan the next steps and way forward. The key points from the meeting include: the use and abuse of religion by different extremist groups, religion as a resource to counter extremism, the role of interreligious collaboration in countering extremism and priority areas for interreligious action. It was agreed that the further development of the white paper will use evidence-based examples from different contexts, regions and religions to make it a call to action for interreligious collaboration as a resource for countering extremism.

Outreach

Hedayah takes part in the GCTF and Global Coalition to Counter ISIL joint meeting on FTF

On 11 January 2016, Hedayah participated at the “Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTF) Working Groups of the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) and the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL” joint meeting in The Hague, The Netherlands.

The meeting focused on the UN Security Council Resolution 2178 (LINK) and improving its implementation of plans to tackle FTFs. Mr. Ivo Veenkamp, Hedayah Deputy Executive Director, discussed the work Hedayah is doing to tackle the issue of FTF as one of its priority themes. Some of the work includes projects in amplifying voices of former female fighters and the rehabilitation of returning foreign terrorist fighters.

