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Hedayah E-Newsletter

Updates

- **Hedayah launches its Counter Narrative Library**

On 3 October 2016, Hedayah launched its new project the “Counter-Narrative Library”, a database and accompanying portal of over 270 open-source counter narrative materials. The Library is intended to be a comprehensive tool where governments, practitioners and civil society can access content, toolkits and good practices to counter the narratives of all forms of violent extremism. The password-protected Library includes videos, movies, TV shows, cartoons, books, websites, magazines, blogs, social media campaigns, articles and many others that can be found online or uploaded as files. For more information about the library, please click [here](#) or contact cnlibrary.admin@hedayah.ae.

- **Hedayah welcomes new Director of Capacity Building Programs**

Hedayah welcomes Mr. Thomson Hunter, its new Director of Capacity Building Programs seconded by the UK Foreign Commonwealth Office. He will be joining Hedayah in lieu of Mr. Patrick Lynch’s new assignment as the Director of the Washington D.C. Office, where he will be implementing the PCVE National Action Plans Task Force. Mr. Hunter’s CVE-relevant experience includes: working for the UK Home Office (Ministry of the Interior) on police community cohesion activities following intercommunal riots in the UK; helping share good practice amongst UK police forces as part of a joint civilian/police unit; and studying CVE academically.

Activities

Hedayah and IJJ workshop on the Rehabilitation and Reintegration of RFTF

From 4-7 October 2016, Hedayah, in partnership with the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IJJ) officially launched the first phase of the Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters (RFTF) initiative and organized an interactive workshop on the topic for Tunisia in Rome, Italy.

The initiative, supported by the governments of Canada, the U.K. and the U.S. is based on a set of 22 principles representing global good practices in reintegration, developed by a variety of subject matter experts from across the globe. During the workshop, participants produced four comprehensive draft action plans to be further tailored in the following phase of the RFTF program. Hedayah will continue to work with the government and civil societies in Tunisia to further advance this initiative at the local level.





Engagements

Hedayah shares good practices in de-radicalizing and rehabilitating radicalized youth at the Int'l Conference on the "Role of Youth in PCVE"

From 20-21 October 2016, Hedayah presented in the international conference on "The Role of Youth in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism: Holistic Approaches from Education to De-radicalization" organized by the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (Turkic Council) and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in Istanbul, Turkey.

The aim of the conference was to foster dialogue between youth, international policymakers and practitioners, while enabling cross-sectoral collaboration encouraging youth engagement in line with the Guiding Principles on Young People's Participation in Peacebuilding. Mr Maqsoud Kruse, Executive Director of Hedayah, chaired the session on "Working on Innovative Methods for De-radicalization and Rehabilitation of Youngsters Involved in the Violent Extremist Acts". Mr. Kruse, also shared good practices and addressed existing challenges in the process of rehabilitation and de-radicalization of youth by making reference to the "Malta 22 Principles on rehabilitation and reintegration of Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters (RFTF)" developed by Hedayah and the International Institute of Justice (IIJ) with the support of Canada, U.K. and the U.S.

Hedayah addresses the role of women in CVE at the IIFMENA 2016

From 19-20 October 2016, Hedayah participated in "Investing in the Future: Building the Resilience of Women and Girls in the Arab Region" conference organized by the United Nation Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and the Big Heart Foundation under the patronage of HH Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.

The aim of the conference was to review the advancements and the importance of ensuring a sustainable approach to development and humanitarian programming, while maintaining resilience of girls and women at the core. Ms. Sara Zeiger, Senior Research Analyst at Hedayah, highlights the key role women can play in advancing CVE and Counter Terrorism efforts, the importance of distinguishing between women as perpetrators of violence and CVE actors as well as their ability to create credible and relatable narratives. To read "A Man's World? Exploring the Roles of Women in Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism", click to view the full publication [here](#).

Hedayah addresses violent extremist ideologies in the "Culture of Positive Thinking Conference"

From 18-19 October 2016, Hedayah took part in the "Culture of Positive Thinking Conference" under the patronage of HH Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak, organized by Dubai Women's Association in Dubai, U.A.E.





The conference brought together heads of various local universities, researchers and senior government officials. Mr. Maqsoud Kruse, Executive Director of Hedayah, presented a white paper on the “U.A.E Experience in Confronting Extremism: A Multi-Dimensional Strategy”, which outlines a comprehensive approach to address extremism.

Hedayah highlights Counter Narratives and other CVE efforts at the “CVE in Asia: The Role of Development Assistance

From 11-12 October 2016, Hedayah took part in the “CVE in Asia: The Role of Development Assistance” regional workshop organized by the Asia Foundation in Bangkok, Thailand.

The workshop brought together participants from across the region, which included government representatives, researchers, civil society among others. Ms. Sara Zeiger, Senior Research Analyst at Hedayah, discussed gender dimensions, good practices and effective CVE programming on a panel titled “Programming approaches for CVE”. Ms. Zeiger also shared key findings from the counter narrative compendium, [“Undermining Violent Extremist Narratives in South East Asia: A How-To Guide”](#).

Hedayah speaks on the role of communities, families and education at the RESOLVE Fall Forum 2016

On 29 September 2016, Hedayah participated in the inaugural RESOLVE Fall Forum 2016 on “Violent Extremism: Setting Priorities for Research” co-organized by the U.S. Institute of Peace and the RESOLVE Network Secretariat.

The RESOLVE forum brought together over 150 policymakers, practitioners and research working on PCVE and conflict analysis. It aimed to develop preliminary recommendations to establish a consensus-based research agenda on violent extremism and to address the global challenge it poses. Mr. Ivo Veenkamp, Deputy Director at Hedayah, presented on the importance of community engagement, education and community actors, which include families, women and youth. He also highlighted Hedayah’s tools, good practices and publications on these themes.

Hedayah presents at the “Leadership Summit: Future Warfare” forum

On 25 September 2016, Hedayah presented at the “Leadership Summit: Future Warfare” organized by the UAE Ministry of Defense that took place at the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR) in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.

The aim of the forum was to establish common understanding on the future challenges of warfare and to identify key policy implications for the U.A.E. Mr. Maqsoud Kruse, Executive Director of Hedayah, presented and moderated the panel on the “Implications of Trends for Conflict in the Homeland” and discussed homeland security challenges for the U.A.E.

