



# Hedayah E-Newsletter

## Updates

- **Hedayah to fully launch Counter-Narrative Library in September 2016**  
The Counter-Narrative Library is a website dedicated to collecting and collating existing open-source counter-narratives to violent extremism. The objectives of the Library are to establish a comprehensive portal where governments, front-line workers and civil society can access information used to counter the ideas, ideology, claims and statements of all forms of violent extremism. The Library will also provide practitioners with practical resources, tools and guidelines to better establish effective counter-narrative campaigns. If you are interested in being on the distribution list for the Counter-Narrative Library launch, please send an email to [cnlibrary.admin@hedayah.ae](mailto:cnlibrary.admin@hedayah.ae).
- **STRIVE Global Proposals Evaluation**  
STRIVE Global is currently evaluating proposals received in response to the Call for Proposals in Central Asia published in May 2016.

## Activities

### Blueprint Somalia: Developing A PCVE National Strategy

From 1-4 August 2016, Hedayah, in collaboration with the Global Center for Cooperative Security, entered the latest phase of the joint Blueprint Somalia Program in Nairobi, Kenya.

Mr. Patrick Lynch, Hedayah Director of Capacity Building Programs, helped facilitate a thorough consultation exercise on the latest draft of the Somalia PCVE National Strategy. Senior government officials, civil society actors and religious leaders were able to offer unique insights into the challenges of, and potential responses to, violent extremism in Somalia. The exercise encouraged further amendments to an already extensive strategy document and further constructive engagement moving towards the programs' publication and implementation.

## Engagements

### Hedayah shares CVE good practices on religious education at the Role of Religious Education in Fostering Peace and Countering Violence Meeting

From 20-21 July 2016, Hedayah participated in the GCTF CVE Working Group Experts' Meeting on the Role of Religious Education in Fostering Peace and Countering Violence in Rabat, Morocco. The meeting was





convened by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO).

The workshop was intended to generate an outcome paper to be presented at the September GCTF Coordinating Committee and Ministerial Meetings, and to prepare for a larger conference on the subject scheduled for Fall 2016. Ms. Sara Zeiger, Senior Research Analyst, presented Hedayah's work on the Abu Dhabi Memorandum for Good Practices on Education and Countering Violent Extremism, and highlighted some of the key good practices relevant to religious education.

