



Upcoming Activities*

4 - 7 RFTF Strategic
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ITALY Workshop

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Hedayah E-Newsletter

Updates

- **Hedayah launches new website**
We are pleased to share with you Hedayah's new and improved website, your go-to hub to know all about Hedayah, keep up-to-date on our activities, get to know the team, gain access to Hedayah channels, including our libraries, social media platforms and many more. Click on the following link and browse through its new features, www.hedayahcenter.org.
- **Somalian President officially launches its Comprehensive National Strategy on P/CVE**
Hedayah's work with the Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia on its Comprehensive National Strategy on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism has progressed well. On 12 September 2016, the President, H.E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, officially launched the strategy, showcasing the latest development in Hedayah's work, which consisted of a number of workshops and a detailed drafting process that involved consultation across many different sectors in Somalia.
- **Kosovo's Minister of Foreign Affairs holds discussions at Hedayah**
On 7 September 2016, H.E. Enver Hoxhaj, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kosovo, visited Hedayah to discuss national CVE strategies, rehabilitation and reintegration of returning FTFs as well as to explore potential areas of collaboration to advance CVE efforts in Kosovo. [Read more.](#)
- **Hedayah welcomes publication of Kenya's National Strategy for CVE**
Hedayah is pleased to welcome the publication of the Government of Kenya's National Strategy for Countering Violent Extremism, which was announced by H.E. President Kenyatta on 7 September 2016. Hedayah was able to support this process by facilitating a four-day workshop for senior officials from different Government agencies in December 2015. This allowed for a refocusing of the draft strategy and resulted in Senior Kenyan Officials publishing 'the Belfast Communique' on CVE.
- **STRIVE Global Call for Proposals**
On 30 August 2016, Hedayah STRIVE Global published a call for proposals for [Research on Drivers of Radicalization and Extreme Violence in Georgia](#) and [Service Contracts \(IT and CVE\) for the Global CVE Web Portal](#) development.





- **Hedayah/IIJ Returning Foreign Fighters Global Capacity Building Program**
The Hedayah/IIJ Returning Foreign Fighters Global Capacity Building Program continues. Some constructive and detailed engagements has already taken place with the Government of Kosovo with a number of workshops and facilitated meetings with Senior Officials across different agencies. A scoping visit to Tunis in June 2016 will be followed next month by a workshop for Senior Officials from the Government of the Republic of Tunisia, with additional countries due to join this expanded program.

Activities



Hedayah welcomes increased UK support and launches PCVE National Action Plans Task Force

On 21 September 2016, Hedayah welcomed the announcement of expanded support from the U.K. Foreign Secretary, Boris Johnson, in the margins of the UN General Assembly. The Foreign Secretary met with HH Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan in New York, U.S.A. and praised the U.A.E. government for its strategic and financial support to Hedayah.

Johnson announced plans to make 1.4m USD annual funding available to the center for a number of international CVE programs. It will also fund the launch of a PCVE National Action Plans Tasks Force, which will be run from a new Hedayah satellite office in Washington D.C. The satellite office will further expand Hedayah's reach and credibility and work with governments across the world to develop National Action Plans to reduce the threat of violent extremism. The PCVE National Action Plans Task Force responds directly to the recommendations of the UN Secretary General that all governments should develop strategic responses to counter violent extremism.

[Read more.](#)





Hedayah launches ‘Undermining Violent Extremist Narratives in South East Asia: A How-To Guide’

On 30 August 2016, the Honorable Michael Keenan MP, Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Counter Terrorism, announced the launch of the [“Undermining Violent Extremist Narratives in South East Asia: A How-To Guide”](#), a project conducted by Hedayah and sponsored by the Attorney-General’s Department of Australia as part of their commitment to preventing and countering violent extremism and terrorism.

The guide will be available in Bahasa, Malay and Tagalog in addition to English. The examples of counter-narratives contained in the compendium have also been uploaded into Hedayah’s Counter-Narrative Library, an online portal and database of existing, open-source counter-narratives. For more information or access to the Counter-Narrative Library, please contact cnlibrary.admin@hedayah.ae.

Engagements

Hedayah presents at the Launch of the GCTF Life Cycle Toolkit

On 22 September 2016, Hedayah presented at the “Launch of the [Life Cycle Toolkit](#)” side event organized by the Global Counter Terrorism Forum (GCTF) in the margins of the UN General Assembly in New York, U.S.A.

The practitioner-oriented web-based Toolkit is an important aspect of the GCTF’s Initiatives to Address the Life Cycle of Radicalization to Violence, which will incorporate new and existing GCTF tools addressing the life cycle of radicalization to violence. The Toolkit aims to draw guidance in developing CVE responses within local, regional and nationwide context. During his intervention, Mr. Ivo Veenkamp, Deputy Executive Director of Hedayah, highlighted the relevance and importance of preventative work, good practices documents and program recommendations which Hedayah contributed to the Life Cycle Toolkit.

Hedayah presents at the GCTF 7th Ministerial Plenary Meeting and the 10th Coordinating Committee Meeting

On 19 and 21 September 2016, Hedayah took part in the Tenth Coordinating Committee Meeting and the Seventh Ministerial Plenary Meeting convened by the GCTF in the margins of the UN General Assembly in New York, U.S.A.

The meetings provided an opportunity for the Forum and its inspired institutions, which include Hedayah, to showcase its progress in the past year. During the Tenth Coordinating Committee Meeting, Mr. Maqsoud Kruse, Executive Director at Hedayah, also moderated a scenario-based discussion, which aimed to stimulate the Life Cycle of Radicalization Toolkit through the three phases: Prevention, Intervention and Rehabilitation &





Integration. Mr. Kruse outlined a set of challenges and questions posed by one of the three fictitious short film scenarios presented. Additionally, Mr. Ivo Veenkamp, Deputy Executive Director at Hedayah, provided updates on Hedayah's activities and progress, including the launch of its new website, www.hedayahcenter.org.

During the Seventh Ministerial Plenary Meeting, Hedayah representatives, H.E. Dr. Ali Rashid Al Noaimi, Hedayah Chairman and Mr. Maqsood Kruse shared updates and remarks on Hedayah's past, ongoing and future programs and activities. The meetings also provided the opportunity for Hedayah to launch the updated [Guidelines and Good Practices: Developing National P/CVE Strategies and Action Plans](#) (Sep 2016 Edition) and a prototype of the online Catalogue of FTF Related CVE and Returnee Programs.

Hedayah highlights the role education and youth play in CVE at the 'Prevention of Violent Extremism through Education: Taking Action' Conference

From 19-20 September 2016, Hedayah participated in the UNESCO International Conference on the Prevention of Violent Extremism through Education organized by UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) in New Delhi, India. The conference brought together ministers, senior education officials, policymakers and highly-competent youth.

The conference aimed to provide a platform for youth to engage in a free-flowing dialogue on preventing violent extremism through education in line with the UNESCO 197 EX/Decision 46 and the [UNSG Plan of Action to PVE](#). Ms. Sara Zeiger, Senior Research Analyst, highlighted key findings from the [Abu Dhabi Memorandum](#) related to the roles families and communities can play, as well as case studies from Hedayah's recent workshop on the role of families in CVE and the recently published book "[A Man's World? Exploring the Roles of Women in Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism](#)".

Hedayah shares key findings on FTF prevention at the 'FTF & Irregular Migration Routes: Prevention and Resilience Conference

From 13-15 September 2016, Hedayah delivered a keynote speech at the "FTF and Irregular Migration Routes: Prevention & Resilience" conference organized by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Presence in Albania and the government of Albania in Durres, Albania.

The conference addressed policy issues related to the ongoing migration crisis and the Albanian counterterrorism and security-related efforts. It aimed to develop a comprehensive set of policy recommendations to address security challenges identified and develop capacities. Mr. Maqsood Kruse, Executive Director at Hedayah, delivered a keynote speech during the conference and shared its key findings and ongoing programs to address the FTF phenomena. These programs include the Global Capacity Building Program on Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters, the development of the FTF Catalogue and the amplification of female defectors' voices through online





social media campaigns. Mr. Kruse also highlighted the EU funded global STRIVE program with special emphasis on the relevance of the program to Albania in particular and the Balkans in general.

Hedayah stresses the need for solutions to address violent extremism globally at the 5th Annual Seoul Defence Dialogue

From 7-9 September 2016, Hedayah took part in the Fifth Annual Seoul Defence Dialogue under the theme “Complex Security Crisis: Challenges and Solutions” forum convened by the Korean Defense Ministry in Seoul, Korea. The vice-ministerial forum brought together high-ranking defence officials and experts from 33 countries to discuss ways to address global security and international co-operation.

The South Korean Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn and Defence Minister Han Min-koo delivered the opening remarks during the forum. Mr. Maq-soud Kruse, Executive Director at Hedayah, provided observations on the need to find not only security and defence-related solutions but also preventative measures and recommendations to address global challenges, particularly related to violent extremism and the growing number of foreign terrorist fighters. During the forum, Mr. Kruse shared with the delegates the newly published compendium [“Undermining Violent Extremist Narratives in South East Asia: A How-To Guide”](#). To watch his intervention, please [click here](#).

Hedayah STRIVE Global learns challenges and demands of media reporting at OSCE expert workshop in Bosnia and Herzegovina

From 7-8 September 2016, Hedayah took part in the “Freedom of Expression on the Internet and CVE and Radicalization that Lead to Terrorism” expert workshop organized by the OSCE in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. It brought together representatives from over 25 countries, international organizations, NGOs, OSCE institutions and OSCE field missions.

The workshop is a follow up to the previous “Media Freedom and Responsibilities in the Context of Counter-Terrorism Policies” organized in Bucharest, Romania in October 2015. Participants expanded upon the discussion on how to best counter violent extremism and radicalization leading to terrorism (VERLT) on the Internet. Ms. Naida Chamilova, Hedayah EU STRIVE Program Manager, engaged with other representatives to learn about the challenges and demands of media reporting, the local environment, the capacity and effectiveness of government and non-government communications on violent extremism. Hedayah, under its STRIVE global program aims to engage with governments and media to address challenges of media coverage of terrorism, raising awareness and building the capacity of state and media actors.

