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# VIRTUAL **COUNTER-TERRORISM** WEEK

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6-10 JULY 2020

## **Strategic and Practical Challenges of Countering Terrorism in a Global Pandemic Environment**

*A Series of Webinars and Interactive Discussions on Strategic and Practical Challenges of  
Countering Terrorism in a Global Pandemic Environment*

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**  
*[As of 02 July 2020]*

**Tentative dates: 6 -10 July 2020**  
**United Nations Headquarters, New York**

**DAY I: MONDAY, 6 JULY 2020**

10:00-12:00

**Launch of CT Week: Webinar I**

**Post COVID-19 World: Contours, Pivot Points and Benefits of Multilateral Collaboration**

***Key issues to be addressed***

- *What is the short- to medium-term impact of COVID-19 on societies, businesses, governments and international and regional organisations?*
- *How will societies evolve and respond to social and technological changes in the post-COVID 19 environment?*
- *How to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic: how do we harness a “whole-of-society” approach and greater international collaboration, including how to leverage existing multilateral platforms?*
- *What is the impact of COVID-19 on international efforts to prevent and counter terrorism and the underlying spread of violent extremism, including from a gender perspective?*

**Co-Moderators**

- **Mr. Vladimir Voronkov**, Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) (5 min)
- **Ms. Sarah Franck**, Junior Professional Officer/Associate Expert, UNOCT (5 min)

**Keynote Address**

- **H.E. Mr. António Guterres**, Secretary-General of the United Nations (6-8 min)

**Distinguished Speakers**

- **H.E. Mr. Josep Borrell**, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU Commission Vice President (8 min)
- **Mr. Richard Haass**, President of the Council on Foreign Relations (8 min)
- **H.E. Mr. Kais Kabtani**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations, Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (8 min)
- **Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly**, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (8 min)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild Drummond</b>, Head of Digital Cooperation and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Commemoration of the United Nations’ 75th Anniversary (8 min)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Āsa Regnér</b>, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women (8 min)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. John Frank</b>, Vice President, UN Affairs, Microsoft (8 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and comments from participants</b></p>
12:30-14:00	<p><b>Interactive Discussion I</b></p> <p><b>Emerging Threats: Responding to the Threat of Bio and Cyber Terrorism</b></p> <p><i><b>Key issues to be addressed</b></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How to address terrorism using weapons of mass destruction in the COVID-19 times?</i></li> <li>• <i>Does the experience of the pandemic increase the likelihood of the use of disease as a weapon?</i></li> <li>• <i>Health and Security Interface: where does public health and security systems meet?</i></li> <li>• <i>How to respond to the threat of misuse of the internet for terrorist purposes: challenges and strategies?</i></li> <li>• <i>How to protect individuals and infrastructures from threats of bioterrorism and use of the internet for terrorist purposes?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu</b>, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations (<b>6 min</b>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Ms. Lana Nusseibeh</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>[TBC] Dr (Ms.) Zsuzsanna Jakab</b>, Deputy Director-General, World Health Organisation (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Kevin Sheehan</b>, Counter-Terrorism CBRNE Sub-Directorate, INTERPOL (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Daniel Feakes</b>, Chief, Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (7 min)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Frederic Poudevigne</b>, Emergency Management Specialist, Food and Agriculture Organization (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Kiersten Todd</b>, Managing Director, Cyber Readiness Institute (7 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Commentary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>[TBC] Ms. Cindy Termorshuizen</b>, Director General, International Security Policy, Global Affairs Canada (5 min)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Florentino Manalastas</b>, Acting Chair of the Program Management Center of the Anti-Terrorism Council, Philippines (5 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and comments from participants</b></p>
<p><b>DAY II: TUESDAY, 7 JULY</b></p>	
<p>09:00:11:00</p>	<p><b>Webinar II</b></p> <p><b>The Global Scourge of Terrorism: Assessment of High-Risk Threats and Trends, including the rise of Violent Extremism and Hate Speech in a Pandemic Environment</b></p> <p><i>Key issues to be addressed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Assessing the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the terrorism threat landscape and adjusting the response framework</i></li> <li>• <i>Responding to the rising threat of racially or ethnically motivated terrorism and hate speech conducive to terrorism in a pandemic environment</i></li> <li>• <i>Risks and opportunities to social cohesion and community resilience in the COVID -19 recovery phase</i></li> </ul> <p><b>By Invitation only</b></p>
<p>11:30-12:15</p>	<p><b>UNCCT Virtual Expo [Live Launch]</b></p> <p><i>Launch agenda:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Short video about UNCCT</i></li> <li>• <i>Statements by the distinguished speakers</i></li> <li>• <i>Brief walk-through of UNCCT Virtual Expo</i></li> <li>• <i>Interview with distinguished speakers and Dr. Jehangir Khan, Director, UNCCT, about the history and future of UNCCT</i></li> </ul>

	<p><b>Moderators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Jehangir Khan, Director</b>, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) (5 min)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Amani Alkhiami</b>, Associate Expert – Strategic Communications, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) (5 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Distinguished Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Abdallah Y. Al-Mouallimi</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Chair of the UNCCT Advisory Board (7 minutes)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Vladimir Voronkov</b>, Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, UNOCT, and Executive Director of UNCCT (7 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><b>Interview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The distinguished speakers</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Jehangir Khan</b>, Director of UNCCT, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (7 min)</li> </ul>
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**DAY III: WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY**

09:00-11:00	<p><b>Webinar III</b></p> <p><b>Addressing the Plight of Victims of Terrorism in a Challenging Environment</b></p> <p><i>Key issues to be addressed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How can we preserve momentum and focus on strengthening action on the human rights of victims during a global pandemic?</i></li> <li>• <i>What are the challenges and critical needs in providing assistance to victims of terrorism in a post pandemic environment?</i></li> <li>• <i>How can we further enhance international cooperation on supporting victims of terrorism?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Co-Moderators</b></p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Agustín Santos Maraver</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations (6 min)</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Ms. Adela Raz</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations (6 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Sheikha Alya bint Ahmed Al Thani</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. (Ms.) April Naturale</b>, MSW, Ph. D, Traumatic Stress Specialist in Mass Violence and Terrorism (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Guillaume Denoix de Saint Marc</b>, The French Association of Victims of Terrorism (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Imrana Buba</b>, Co-founder of Youth Coalition Against Terrorism, Nigeria (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Denise Lifton</b>, Head of Victims Unit, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, UNOCT (7 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Commentary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Lazarus Ombai Amayo</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations (5 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and comments from participants</b></p>
11:30-13:00	<p><b>Interactive Discussion III</b></p> <p><b>Global programmes on Countering Terrorist Travel, Returning Foreign Terrorists Fighters (FTFs), including their Prosecution, Rehabilitation and Reintegration</b></p> <p><i><b>Key issues to be addressed</b></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>UN Countering Terrorist Travel programme</i></li> <li>• <i>Prosecution, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration (PRR) under the Global Framework on UN Support to Member States on Individuals Returned from Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic</i></li> <li>• <i>Children affected by terrorism, particularly in the context of the Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTF) phenomenon</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Vladimir Voronkov</b>, Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, UNOCT (7 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Jürgen Stock</b>, Secretary-General of INTERPOL (5 min)</li> <li>• <b>Ambassador Anna Kuznetsova</b>, Children’s Rights Commissioner for the President of the Russian Federation (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Kairat Umarov</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Nikhil Seth</b>, Executive Director, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Jelle Postma</b>, Chief of the CT Travel Programme and Aviation Security Section, UNOCT (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Larissa Adameck</b>, Programme Management Officer, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, UNOCT (4 min)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Brigid Kennedy Pfister</b>, Senior Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF (4 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Commentary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Ms. Katalin Annamaria Bogyay</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations (5 min)</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Huib Mijnarends</b>, International Envoy for Counter-Terrorism of the Netherlands (5 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and comments from participants</b></p>
<b>DAY IV: THURSDAY, 9 JULY</b>	
09:00-11:00	<p><b>Webinar IV</b></p> <p><b>Protecting and promoting Human Rights as a cornerstone of building resilience against terrorism</b></p> <p><i><u>Key issues to be addressed</u></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ensuring counter-terrorism measures are consistent with international human rights law</i></li> <li>• <i>Risks and challenges to the promotion and protection of human rights related to the use of counter-terrorism technologies, tools, resources and legislation to support the COVID-19 response</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How to better integrate the role and protection of women human rights defenders and peacebuilders into PCVE and CT in line with Security Council Resolution 2493 (2019)?</i></li> <li>• <i>What are the challenges civil society faces in the protection and promotion of human rights in the counter-terrorism context?</i></li> <li>• <i>How to address CFT risks while safeguarding humanitarian assistance?</i></li> <li>• <i>What are the new capacity-building needs and challenges under Security Council resolution 2462 (2019)?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris</b>, Assistant-Secretary-General for Human Rights and Head of OHCHR in New York (7 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Ms. Pascale Baeriswyl</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Professor Fionnuala Ní Aoláin</b>, United Nations Special Rapporteur for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights while Countering Terrorism (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Sanam Naraghi Anderlini</b>, Founder and Executive Director, International Civil Society Action Network (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Zeeshan Amin</b>, Head of Unit on Countering the Financing of Terrorism, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, UNOCT (7 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Commentary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Nicolas de Rivière</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations (5 min)</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations (5 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and comments from participants</b></p>
11:30-13:00	<p><b>Interactive Discussion IV</b></p> <p><b>Prevention of Violent Extremism and Strengthening Social Cohesion: Investing in Youth-led and Youth-driven Initiatives to build Resilient Societies</b></p> <p><i>Key issues to be addressed:</i></p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What are the challenges to social cohesion and community resilience in the COVID19 recovery phase?</i></li> <li>• <i>How can we mobilize the positive experiences of youth and leverage their impact as real partners in prevention and as peacemakers?</i></li> <li>• <i>How can we prevent violent extremism conducive to terrorism by building youth resilience, including through promoting education, cultural identities, tolerance, sports, and gamification and by supporting livelihoods and national capacities?</i></li> <li>• <i>How can we best support and reinforce youth-led PCVE initiatives?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake</b>, United Nations Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth (7 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Ali Rashid Al Nuaimi</b>, Chairman, Hedayah (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Achim Steiner</b>, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos</b>, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Stefania Giannini</b>, Assistant Director-General for Education, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Hilde Hardeman</b>, Head of Service of the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, European Commission (7 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Young Voices from the field</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Fatima Ezzahra Benoughazi</b>, President of the Tangiers' Young Leaders Council (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Wevyn Muganda</b>, Founder, Beyond the Lines, Kenya (5 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and comments from participants</b></p>
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<b>DAY V: FRIDAY, 10 JULY</b>	
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09:00-11:00	<p><b>Webinar V</b></p> <p><b>Civil Society and Media Perspectives on Preventing and Countering Terrorism in a Pandemic</b></p>
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**Key issues to be addressed:**

- *What is the impact of the COVID-19 ‘infodemic’ on violent extremism conducive to terrorism: trends, narratives and platforms?*
- *What is the role of civil society and its contributions on the frontline of prevention?*
- *What are the good practices that should be implemented at the organizational, local, national, and international level to support civil society and media engagement in countering terrorism and preventing and countering violent extremism efforts?*
- *What more can be done, now and in the future, to ensure that ‘hard to reach’ communities and small or geographically remote civil society organisations are able to contribute to preventing and countering violent extremism online?*
- *What are the legal and technological challenges in content moderation for online efforts to tackle violent extremism conducive to terrorism while respecting freedom of expression?*
- *How does media coverage impact terrorism?*
- *What are the spaces and dynamics of terrorist radicalization and recruitment of men, women and youth, and how to tackle it?*

**Moderator**

- **Mr. Raffi Gregorian**, Director and Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General, UNOCT (5 min)

**Speakers**

- **Mr. Eelco Kessels**, Executive Director, Global Center on Cooperative Security (7 min)
- **Ms. Grace Omondi**, Head of Strategic Communication, IGAD Centre of Excellence for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (7 min)
- **Mr. Nafees Hamid**, Cognitive Scientist of Violent Extremism & Associate Fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (7 min)
- **Ms. Erin Saltman**, Head of Counterterrorism & Dangerous Organization Policy for EMEA, Facebook (7 min)
- **Ms. Azadeh Moaveni**, Gender Project Director, International Crisis Group (7 min)
- **Mr. Frank Gardner**, Security Correspondent, BBC (7 min)

**Voices from the field**

- **Ms. Elena Chernenko**, Foreign Editor, Kommersant (5 min)
- **Ms. Vidhya Ramalingam**, Co-founder, Moonshot CVE (5 min)

	<p><b>Questions and comments from participants</b></p>
<p>11:30-13:30</p>	<p><b>Interactive Closing Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Member States’ Counter-Terrorism Priorities in the Post COVID-19 Environment – Synergies and Complementarities between the COVID-19 and Counter-Terrorism Agendas</b></p> <p><i><b>Key issues to be addressed:</b></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What are Member States’ counter-terrorism needs and priorities in the post COVID 19 environment?</i></li> <li>• <i>What are the synergies and complementarities between the response to and recovery from COVID 19 and the counter-terrorism agenda?</i></li> <li>• <i>How can we strengthen political support for international counter-terrorism cooperation and capacity-building, including through the UN and its partners?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Vladimir Voronkov</b>, Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, UNOCT (6 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hon. Mr. Nathan Sales</b>, Ambassador-at-Large and Coordinator for Counterterrorism, U.S. Department of State (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron</b>, President, Inter-Parliamentary Union (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Thomas Greminger</b>, Secretary General, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Smail Chergui</b>, Commissioner for Peace and Security, African Union (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Dang Dinh Quy</b>, Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations (ASEAN Chair) (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Alison August Treppel</b>, Executive Secretary, Inter-American Committee against Terrorism, Organization of American States (7 min)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Gilles de Kerchove</b>, European Union Counter-Terrorism Coordinator (7 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Commentary</b></p>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Mohamed Fathi Ahmed Edrees</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations, (5 min)</li><li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Zhang Jun</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations (5 min)</li></ul> |
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**Questions and comments from participants**