



# UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

8-9 OCTOBER, 2024 • VITORIA-GASTEIZ, SPAIN



## PROGRAMME

### UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

EDUCATION AS A TOOL FOR PREVENTION, PEACEBUILDING  
AND EMPOWERMENT OF VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

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<b>Tuesday, 8 October 2024</b> <b>Auditorium María de Maeztu</b>	
<b>9:00-10:00</b>	<b>Welcome of Participants &amp; Registration</b> (Registration desk will also be open at Palacio Europa on Monday, 7 October, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM)
<b>Auditorium: María de Maeztu</b>	<b>Opening session</b>
<b>10:05-10:08</b>	<b>Introduction by Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Susheel Gupta</b>
<b>10:09-10:15</b>	<b>Welcome remarks by the Mayor of Vitoria-Gasteiz, Ms. Maider Etxebarria García</b>
<b>Auditorium: María de Maeztu</b>	<b>PANEL 1   Voices of resilience: victims of terrorism as peace advocates and educators</b>
<b>10:15-11:30</b>	<i>This panel will delve into the pivotal role that victims of terrorism can play as agents of change and peace educators, and how their voices can help raise awareness of the human consequences of terrorism and violent extremism.</i>
	<b>Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Ana Izar</b>, Head of the Global Victims of Terrorism Support Programme at the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism</li> </ul>
	<b>Panelists</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Merlie “Milet” B. Mendoza</b>, Humanitarian, Peace &amp; Development Worker and Volunteer, Victim of Terrorism, Philippines</li> <li><b>Mr. Juan Francisco Benito Valenciano</b>, President, Fundación Victims of Terrorism, Spain</li> <li><b>Mr. Clifford Chanin</b>, Executive Vice-President &amp; Director, 9/11 Memorial Museum, United States of America</li> <li><b>Ms. Ana Evans</b>, Advocate for Peace Education, Protection and Support of Child Victims of Terrorism, Argentina</li> <li><b>Ms. Roula Helou</b>, President, Lebanese Association of Victims of Terrorism (AVT-L), Lebanon</li> </ul>
	<b>Questions and Observations from the Floor</b> <i>Three-minute pre-registered interventions</i>

11:30-12:00	Coffee Break
Auditorium: María de Maeztu	PANEL 2   Institutional action to ensure victims and survivors are granted their rights and supported in their needs
12:15-13:30	<i>This panel will focus on the crucial role of institutional action in guaranteeing that victims and survivors of terrorism receive the necessary support and have their rights upheld by government institutions.</i>
	<b>Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Montserrat Torija Nogueras</b>, Director General, Victims of Terrorism Unit, Ministry of Interior, Spain</li> </ul>
	<b>Panelists</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Susilaningtias</b>, Deputy Chair/Commissioner, Witness and Victim Protection Agency (LPSK), Indonesia</li> <li><b>Mr. Ulrich Garms</b>, Programme Manager, Terrorism Prevention Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime</li> <li><b>Mr. Hasan Alaraji</b>, Victim of Terrorism, President of Iraqi Human Rights Defenders Association, Iraq (via video link)</li> <li><b>Ms. Zenaida Machado</b>, Senior Researcher, Human Rights Watch</li> <li><b>Ms. Maya Shah</b>, Director of Operations, Global Survivors Fund</li> </ul>
	<b>Questions and Observations from the Floor</b> <i>Three-minute pre-registered interventions</i>
13:30-14:30	Lunch Break
Auditorium: María de Maeztu	High-Level Segment
14:35-16:30	<b>Introductory Remarks</b>  <b>Mr. Mauro Miedico</b> , Director, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism
	<b>Opening Statement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>H.E. Mr. Qassim al-Araji</b>, National Security Advisor, Republic of Iraq and Co-Chair of the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism (TBD)</li> </ul>
	<b>Ministerial Statements</b>

- **H.E. Ms. Victoria Eugenia Villaruel**, Vice-President of Argentina
- **H.E. Mr. Javier Martínez-Acha Vásquez**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Panama
- **H.E. Ms. Josefina Vidal Ferreiro**, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba
- **H.E. Sevim Sayım Madak**, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Services of the Republic of Türkiye
- **H.E. Mr. Péter Sztáray**, State Secretary for Security Policy of Hungary

#### Heads of UN Entities

- **Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos**, High Representative, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations
- **Mr. Volker Türk**, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (via video message)
- **Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly**, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (via live link)

#### Eminent Speakers

- **H.E. Joan Antoni León Peso**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice and Interior, Andorra
- **H.E. Mr. Sos Avetisyan**, Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to Spain
- **H.E. Ms. Rosemary Morris-Castico**, Ambassador of Australia to Spain
- **H.E. Mr. Mohammad Sarwar Mahmood**, Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to Spain
- **H.E. Mr. Yao Jing**, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Spain
- **H.E. Mr. Dinesh Patnaik**, Ambassador of India to Spain
- **H.E. Mr. Zahoor Ahmed**, Ambassador of Pakistan to Spain
- **H. E. Mr. Robert Krmelj**, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to Spain
- **H.E. Mr. Hasan Alagla**, Chief, Department of Human Rights, Presidency of State Security, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- **Ms. Alexandra Louis**, Interministerial Delegate for Victim Support, France
- **Hon. Rita Superman**, Rapporteur on Counter-Terrorism, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM)

	Statement by <b>Mr. Ben Saul</b> , Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>Interlude</b>
<b>17:15-18:00</b>	<p><b>Basque Traditional Welcome Dance “Aurresku”</b></p> <p><b>Call to Action by Victims and Survivors of Terrorism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Nidhi Chaphekar</b> (India)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Parfait Kari Wadjoré</b> (Cameroon)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Julie Wallace</b> (Australia)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Ashraf Al-Khaled</b> (Jordan)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Nancy Valle</b> (Chile)</li> </ul> <p><b>High-Level Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Vladimir Voronkov</b>, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (via video message)</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Fernando Grande-Marlaska Gómez</b>, Minister of the Interior, Kingdom of Spain</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. José Manuel Albares Bueno</b>, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Kingdom of Spain</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Imanol Pradales</b>, President of the Basque Government</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote Speech</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>His Majesty, King Felipe VI of Spain</b></li> </ul>
<b>18:00</b>	<b>End of Programme</b>
<b>18:15</b>	<b>Welcome Reception</b>

## Wednesday 9 October 2024

### Auditorium María de Maeztu

<b>9:30-10:00</b>	<b>Welcome by Master of Ceremonies Susheel Gupta</b>
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10:00-11:00	Side Event Programming (for detailed programme please consult the Conference App for timing and location)
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
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13:30-14:30	Lunch Break
Auditorium: María de Maeztu	PANEL 3   Nurturing resilience and social cohesion in the aftermath of terrorism: the role of civil society and grassroots initiatives
14:35-15:50	<i>This panel will explore the vital role of civil society organizations, including victims' associations, in fostering peace and resilience in societies affected by terrorism.</i>
	<b>Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Basile Ema Ebédé</b>, Country Manager, Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund</li> </ul>
	<b>Panelists</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Fatima Ali Haider</b>, Victim of Terrorism, Co-Founder of The Grief Directory, Pakistan</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Hassan Ndugwa</b>, Victim of Terrorism, Executive Director, Uganda Muslim Youth Development Forum, Uganda</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Allyn "Aliya" Danzeisen</b>, National Coordinator, Islamic Women Council Team (IWCNZ), New Zealand</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Georges Salines</b>, Victim of Terrorism, Peace Activist and Author, Board Member, Association Française des Victimes du Terrorisme, France</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Iye Mangset</b>, Principal Staff Officer, Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism, National Counter Terrorism Center, Nigeria</li> </ul>
	<b>Questions and Observations from the Floor</b> <i>Three-minute pre-registered interventions</i>

Auditorium: María de Maeztu	PANEL 4   Empowering youth as peace advocates in the fight against terrorism
15:55-17:10	<p><i>This panel will explore the pivotal role of youth and youth victims as advocates for peace and agents of change in communities affected by terrorism. It will explore how empowering young people through education, access to social media, and other technologies and forms of creative expression can enable them to become leaders and powerful voices for peace, resilience, and social justice.</i></p>
	<p><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Drissa Traoré</b>, Senior Consultant on the Sahel and Projects Coordinator, International Federation for Human Rights, Mali</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Yasmine Bouzidi</b>, Victim of Terrorism, Morocco</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Gro Lindstad</b>, Secretary-General, July 22 Support Group, Norway</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Travis Frain</b>, Victim of Terrorism, United Kingdom</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Sarmed HekmatAl-Salihi</b>, Secretary, Counter-Terrorism Committee, National Security Advisory, Iraq</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Khalifah Mwarangi</b>, Victim of Terrorism and Advocate, Kenya</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Questions and Observations from the Floor</b></p> <p><i>Three-minute pre-registered interventions</i></p>
Auditorium: María de Maeztu	Closing Ceremony
17:10-17:25	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Mauro Miedico</b>, Director, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism</p>
17:30	<b>End of Programme</b>
18:00-20:30	<b>Open doors: Complementary Activities Open to the Public [OPTIONAL]</b>