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VIRTUAL COUNTER-TERRORISM WEEK 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*

FINAL PROGRAMME

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, United Nations (6-8 min)

Distinguished Speakers

- **H.E. Mr. Josep Borrell**, High Representative of the European Union (EU) for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU Commission Vice President (8 min)
- **Mr. Richard Haass**, President, 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, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and Director-General, United Nations Office at Vienna (8 min)
- **Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild Drummond**, Head of Digital Cooperation and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Commemoration of the United Nations’ 75th Anniversary (8 min)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Åsa Regnér, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Women (8 min) • Mr. John Frank, Vice President, United Nations Affairs, Microsoft (8 min) <p>Questions and comments from participants</p>
12:30-14:00	<p>Interactive Discussion I</p> <p>Emerging Threats: Responding to the Threat of Bio and Cyber Terrorism</p> <p><i>Key issues to be addressed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How to address terrorism using weapons of mass destruction in the COVID-19 times?</i> • <i>Does the experience of the pandemic increase the likelihood of the use of disease as a weapon?</i> • <i>Health and Security Interface: where do public health and security systems meet?</i> • <i>How to respond to the threat of misuse of the internet for terrorist purposes: challenges and strategies?</i> • <i>How to protect individuals and infrastructures from threats of bioterrorism and use of the internet for terrorist purposes?</i> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations (6 min) <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Lana Nusseibeh, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations (7 min) • Mr. Kevin Sheehan, Assistant Director, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Explosives and Vulnerable Targets Sub-Directorate (CBRNE & VT SD), INTERPOL (7 min) • Mr. Daniel Feakes, Chief, Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (7 min) • Dr. Maurizio Barbeschi, Senior Adviser to the Executive Director, Health Emergencies, World Health Organization (7 min) • Mr. Frederic Poudevigne, Emergency Management Specialist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (7 min) • Ms. Kiersten Todd, Managing Director, Cyber Readiness Institute (7 min)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jonathan Brewer, Coordinator, Group of Experts supporting the 1540 Committee, United Nations (7 min) <p>Commentary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Cindy Termorshuizen, Director General, International Security Policy, Global Affairs Canada (5 min) • Mr. Florentino Manalastas, Acting Chair, Program Management Center of the Anti-Terrorism Council, Republic of the Philippines (5 min) <p>Questions and comments from participants</p>
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DAY II: TUESDAY, 7 JULY

09:00:11:00	<p>Webinar II</p> <p>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 (Closed Session)</p> <p><i>Key issues to be addressed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Assessing the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the terrorism threat landscape and adjusting the response framework</i> • <i>Responding to the rising threat of racially or ethnically motivated terrorism and hate speech conducive to terrorism in a pandemic environment</i> • <i>Risks and opportunities to social cohesion and community resilience in the COVID-19 recovery phase</i> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Dian Triansyah Djani, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations, Chair of the Security Council’s 1267 Sanctions Committee (7 min) <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Michèle Coninx, Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, United Nations (7 min) • Mr. Adama Dieng, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide (7 min)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Vladimir Tarabrin, Director, Department on New Challenges and Threats, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (7 min) • Mr. Edmund Fitton-Brown, Coordinator of the ISIL (Da’esh)/Al-Qaida Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, United Nations (7 min) • Ambassador Andreas Künne, Director for the United Nations and Counterterrorism, German Foreign Office (7 min) • Mr. Christopher Harnisch, Deputy Coordinator for Countering Violent Extremism, Bureau of Counterterrorism, U.S. Department of State (7 min) <p>Commentary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Sima Bahous, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations (5 min) • Ms. Julia Ebner, Resident Research Fellow at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD) (5 min) <p>Questions and comments from participants</p>
11:30-12:15	<p>UNCCT Virtual Expo</p> <p><i>Launch agenda:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Short video about the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)</i> • <i>Statements by the distinguished speakers</i> • <i>Introduction to the UNCCT Virtual Expo</i> • <i>Interview with distinguished speakers and Dr. Jehangir Khan, Director, UNCCT, about the history and future of UNCCT</i> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Amani Alkhiami, Associate Expert – Strategic Communications, UNCCT (5 min) <p>Distinguished Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Abdallah Y. Al-Mouallimi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations and Chair of the UNCCT Advisory Board (7 minutes) • Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, UNOCT, and Executive Director of UNCCT (7 minutes) <p>Interview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The distinguished speakers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jehangir Khan, Director of UNCCT, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (7 min)
DAY III: WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY	
09:00-11:00	<p>Webinar III</p> <p>Addressing the Plight of Victims of Terrorism in a Challenging Environment</p> <p><i><u>Key issues to be addressed:</u></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How can we preserve momentum and focus on strengthening action on the human rights of victims during a global pandemic?</i> • <i>What are the challenges and critical needs in assisting victims of terrorism in a post-pandemic environment?</i> • <i>How can we further enhance international cooperation on supporting victims of terrorism?</i> <p>Co-Moderators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Agustín Santos Maraver, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations (6 min) • H.E. Ms. Adela Raz, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations (6 min) <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Sheikha Alya bint Ahmed Al Thani, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations (7 min) • Dr. (Ms.) April Naturale, MSW, PhD, Traumatic Stress Specialist in Mass Violence and Terrorism (7 min) • Mr. Guillaume Denoix de Saint Marc, The French Association of Victims of Terrorism (7 min) • Mr. Imrana Buba, Co-founder, Youth Coalition Against Terrorism, Nigeria (7 min) • Ms. Denise Lifton, Head of Victims Unit, UNCCT/UNOCT (7 min) <p>Commentary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Lazarus Ombai Amayo, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations (5 min)

	<p>Questions and comments from participants</p>
<p>11:30-13:00</p>	<p>Interactive Discussion III</p> <p>Global programmes on Countering Terrorist Travel, Returning Foreign Terrorists Fighters (FTFs), including their Prosecution, Rehabilitation and Reintegration</p> <p><i>Key issues to be addressed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme</i> • <i>The Prosecution, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration (PRR) under the Global Framework on UN Support to the Member States on Individuals Returned from Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic</i> • <i>Children affected by terrorism, particularly in the context of the Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTF) phenomenon</i> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, UNOCT (7 min) <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jürgen Stock, Secretary-General of INTERPOL (5 min) • Ms. Anna Kuznetsova, Children’s Rights Commissioner for the President of the Russian Federation (7 min) • H.E. Mr. Kairat Umarov, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations (7 min) • Mr. Nikhil Seth, Executive Director, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (7 min) • Mr. Jelle Postma, Chief of the CT Travel Programme and Aviation Security Section, UNOCT (7 min) • Ms. Larissa Adameck, Programme Management Officer, UNCCT/UNOCT (4 min) • Ms. Brigid Kennedy Pfister, Senior Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF (4 min) <p>Commentary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Katalin Annamaria Bogyay, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations (5 min)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Huib Mijnarends, International Envoy for Counter-Terrorism of the Netherlands (5 min) <p>Questions and comments from participants</p>
DAY IV: THURSDAY, 9 JULY	
09:00-11:00	<p>Webinar IV</p> <p>Protecting and promoting Human Rights as a cornerstone of building resilience against terrorism</p> <p><i>Key issues to be addressed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ensuring counter-terrorism measures are consistent with international human rights law</i> • <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> • <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> • <i>What are the challenges civil society faces in the protection and promotion of human rights in the counter-terrorism context?</i> • <i>How to address countering the financing of terrorism (CFT) risks while safeguarding humanitarian assistance?</i> • <i>What are the new capacity-building needs and challenges under Security Council resolution 2462 (2019)?</i> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights and Head of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (7 min) <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Pascale Baeriswyl, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations (7 min) • Professor Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, United Nations Special Rapporteur for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights while Countering Terrorism (7 min)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sanam Naraghi Anderlini, Founder and Executive Director, International Civil Society Action Network (7 min) • Mr. Zeeshan Amin, Head of Unit on Countering the Financing of Terrorism, UNCCT/UNOCT (7 min) <p>Commentary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Nicolas de Rivière, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations (5 min) • H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations (5 min) <p>Questions and comments from participants</p>
11:30-13:00	<p>Interactive Discussion IV</p> <p>Prevention of Violent Extremism and Strengthening Social Cohesion: Investing in Youth-led and Youth-driven Initiatives to build Resilient Societies</p> <p><i>Key issues to be addressed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the challenges to social cohesion and community resilience in the COVID-19 recovery phase?</i> • <i>How can we mobilise the positive experiences of youth and leverage their impact as real partners in prevention and as peacemakers?</i> • <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> • <i>How can we best support and reinforce youth-led PCVE initiatives?</i> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, United Nations Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth (7 minutes) <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Ali Rashid Al Nuaimi, Chairman, Hedayah (7 min) • Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (7 min)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (7 min) • Ms. Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (7 min) • Ms. Hilde Hardeman, Head of Service of the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, European Commission (7 min) <p>Young Voices from the field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Fatima Ezzahra Benoughazi, President, Youth Leaders Council (of Tangier), Morocco (7 min) • Ms. Weyyn Muganda, Founder, Beyond the Lines, Kenya (5 min) <p>Questions and comments from participants</p>
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DAY V: FRIDAY, 10 JULY

09:00-11:00	<p>Webinar V</p> <p>Civil Society and Media Perspectives on Preventing and Countering Terrorism in a Pandemic</p> <p><i>Key issues to be addressed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the impact of the COVID-19 ‘infodemic’ on violent extremism conducive to terrorism: trends, narratives and platforms?</i> • <i>On the frontline of prevention, what is the role of the civil society? And what has been its contributions?</i> • <i>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?</i> • <i>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 can contribute to preventing and countering violent extremism online?</i> • <i>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?</i> • <i>How does media coverage impact terrorism?</i> • <i>What are the spaces and dynamics of terrorist radicalisation and recruitment of men, women and youth, and how to tackle it?</i>
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	<p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Raffi Gregorian, Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism and Director, UNOCT (5 min) <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Eelco Kessels, Executive Director, Global Center on Cooperative Security (7 min) • Mr. Frank Gardner, Security Correspondent, BBC (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 and Dangerous Organization Policy for Europe, the Middle East and Africa, Facebook (7 min) • Ms. Azadeh Moaveni, Gender Project Director, International Crisis Group (7 min) • Dr. Sultan Alkhuzam, Director of Global Collaboration, Global Centre for Combating Extremist Ideology, Etidal (7 min) <p>Voices from the field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Elena Chernenko, Foreign Editor, Kommersant (5 min) • Ms. Vidhya Ramalingam, Co-founder, Moonshot CVE (5 min) <p>Questions and comments from participants</p>
11:30-13:30	<p>Interactive Closing Discussion</p> <p>Member States’ Counter-Terrorism Priorities in the Post COVID-19 Environment – Synergies and Complementarities between the COVID-19 and Counter-Terrorism Agendas</p> <p><i>Key issues to be addressed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the Member States’ counter-terrorism needs and priorities in the post COVID-19 environment?</i> • <i>What are the synergies and complementarities between the response to and recovery from COVID-19 and the counter-terrorism agenda?</i> • <i>How can we strengthen political support for international counter-terrorism cooperation and capacity-building, including through the United Nations and its partners?</i>

Moderator

- **Mr. Vladimir Voronkov**, Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, UNOCT (6 min)

Speakers

- **Hon. Mr. Nathan Sales**, Ambassador-at-Large and Coordinator for Counterterrorism, U.S. Department of State (7 min)
- **H.E. Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron**, President, Inter-Parliamentary Union (7 min)
- **H.E. Thomas Greminger**, Secretary-General, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (7 min)
- **H.E. Mr. Smail Chergui**, Commissioner for Peace and Security, African Union (7 min)
- **H.E. Mr. Dang Dinh Quy**, Permanent Representative of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations (ASEAN Chair) (7 min)
- **Ms. Alison August Treppel**, Executive Secretary, Inter-American Committee against Terrorism, Organization of American States (7 min)
- **Mr. Gilles de Kerchove**, European Union Counter-Terrorism Coordinator (7 min)

Commentary

- **H.E. Mr. Mohamed Fathi Ahmed Edrees**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations, (5 min)
- **H.E. Mr. Zhang Jun**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations (5 min)

Questions and comments from participants