

REINTEGRATING VIOLENT EXTREMIST OFFENDERS: A ROLE FOR GOVERNMENTS AND COMMUNITIES

Date and venue: 10 June, 12:40 – 13:40, UN Secretariat Building, Conference Room 3

Purpose: The purpose of this panel discussion is to examine concrete governmental and community efforts to facilitate the successful reintegration of violent extremist offenders after release. Reintegration and aftercare are vital components of the overall rehabilitation trajectory: any investments and interventions made during incarceration to prepare offenders for reinsertion in society are likely to have diminished effect when not accompanied by appropriate guidance and aftercare during the reintegration phase. This panel will present examples of reintegration and aftercare programs in a number of countries around the world, emphasizing the importance of ensuring security whilst also offering room for development, the need for effective cooperation among different actors, and the vital role that the community plays in reintegration.

Host: Dutch PM to the UN

Organizer: The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT) is an independent think tank and knowledge hub for critical analysis and practical, policy-oriented initiatives pertaining to the preventative and international legal aspects of counter-terrorism. The Centre works on themes at the intersection of countering violent extremism and human rights and rule of law related aspects of counter-terrorism, including such domains as de- and counter-radicalisation, the role of civil society actors and victims in countering violent extremism, and effective rule of law based approaches in investigating and prosecuting terrorists. Since early 2011, ICCT has been very active in the domain of rehabilitation and reintegration of violent extremist offenders. Following several expert meetings, it contributed to the creation of the GCTF's Rome Memorandum on Good Practices for Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Violent Extremist Offenders. Currently, the Centre is developing and implementing several country-specific, inter-agency training courses in this domain in South-East Asia, West-Africa and the Middle-East.

Structure: The meeting will be composed of several brief presentations on current reintegration and aftercare initiatives, which will highlight successes as well as some of the challenges and lessons learned by both governmental and non-governmental actors. Panelists include experts responsible for reintegration and aftercare programs in the USA and South-East Asia, as well as one of the founders of an Indonesia foundation that works with victims and former extremists. Following brief presentations by each of these panelists, the moderator will open the floor for interactive debate amongst the panel and with the audience.

Program

- 12:40-12:45 Word of Welcome by delegate of the Dutch PM
- 12:45-12:53 Mr. Eelco Kessels, Programme Manager, ICCT – The Hague
Good practices and cooperation in reintegration
- 12:53- 13:01 Dr Shanthikumar Hettiarachchi, Consultant, South Asian Network on Conflict
Research, Sri Lanka
Preparing the community for re-entry and providing aftercare
- 13:01- 13:09 Mr. Max Boon, victim of the 2009 Jakarta Marriot Hotel bombing and Founder of
Aliansi Indonesia Damai (Alliance for a Peaceful Indonesia, AIDA)
The role of victims and formers in reintegration and prevention
- 13:09- 13:17 Mr. Howie Wachtel, CT Expert of US Permanent Mission to UN
- 13:17- 13:40 Interactive discussion
moderator: Ms. Lia van Broekhoven, Human Security Collective