



**Implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia
1st Expert Meeting on Pillars I and IV
Co-organized by the CTITF and the EU
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Agenda

The first Expert Meeting of the project on “Implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia” will cover Pillars I and IV of the Strategy

- **Pillar I: Measures to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism**
Member states committed, in the Action Plan of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (September 2006), to undertake measures aimed at addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, including prolonged unresolved conflicts, dehumanization of victims of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, lack of the rule of law and violations of human rights, ethnic, national and religious discrimination, political exclusion, socio-economic marginalization and lack of good governance, while recognizing that none of these conditions can excuse or justify acts of terrorism.
- **Pillar IV: Measures to ensure respect for human rights for all and the rule of law as the fundamental basis of the fight against terrorism:** Member States committed to adopting measures to ensure respect for human rights for all and the rule of law as the fundamental basis of the fight against terrorism. They further resolved to take measures aimed at addressing violations of human rights, and to ensure that any measures taken to counter terrorism comply with their human rights obligations. They recognized that effective counter-terrorism measures and the protection of human rights are not conflicting, but complementary and reinforcing goals.

Day 1: Wednesday, December 15th

8:30 - 9:00 **Registration of participants**

9:00-9:30 **Opening Session (Host and Organizers)**

- Mr. Milan Ježovica, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic
- Mr. Jean-Paul Laborde, Chair, UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF)
- Mr. Miroslav Jenča, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Head of Office, UNRCCA
- Ms. Milana Lickova, European External Action Service, EU

9:30-10:20 Continuation of Opening Session (Governments of Central Asia)

- Mr. Yerlan Aubakirov, Deputy Head, Administrative Department of Anti-Terrorist Center, Committee for National Security of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Mr. Kanat Tiukeev, Anti Terrorism Officer, State Service for National Security of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Mr. Abdukodir Muhamadiev, First Deputy of the General Prosecutor of the Republic of Tajikistan
- Mr. Ahmetdjan Achylov, Expert, Ministry of National Security of Turkmenistan

10:20 -10:40 *Coffee break*

10:40 – 11:40 Continuation of Opening Session (Regional Organizations)

- Mr. Jenisbek Jumanbekov, Director, Executive Committee, RATS/SCO
- Mr. Kanat Tumysh, Deputy Executive Director, CICA
- Mr. Raphael Perl, Head of Action Against Terrorism Unit, OSCE
- Mr. Daniyar Baidildin, Advisor, SCO
- Mr. Alexander Sulimov, Advisor, CSTO
- Mr. Ahmed Saïd Ould Bah, Head, Cabinet of the Director-General, ISESCO
- Mr. Tugay Tuncer, Head of Liaison Office for Central Asia, NATO

Start of Working Group Sessions

Modality of Working Group sessions:

- *The goal of the sessions will be to identify relevant best practices and gaps in order to make concrete recommendations on Pillars I and IV of the Strategy for the Joint Central Asia Action Plan.*
- *For each session, a moderator will make a 5 minute presentation covering the context of themes and questions to be discussed. The floor will then be open for interventions, limited to 5 minutes so as to allow a flow of discussion. The moderator will make a summary of the session.*
- *Rapporteurs will be asked to take notes. Draft conclusions and recommendations based on discussions will be presented in the final session before the closing.*
- *Representatives of specialized agencies are invited to share their knowledge, resources and experiences during the working sessions discussions.*

11:40 – 12:30 Session 1: Conflict prevention and mitigation of trans-national security threats in Central Asia to address conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism

Moderator: Mr. Pavel Baev, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

Themes to be discussed:

- Prevention and mediation of conflicts within Central Asia
- Trans-border security threats: drug trafficking, organized crime and extremism
- Wider regional instability and threats of terrorism (Afghanistan and Pakistan)

12:30-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 15:00 Continuation of Session 1

15:00 – 15:20 *Coffee break*

15:20 – 17:00 Session 2: Measures to address conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism through social inclusion, education and sustainable development

Moderator: Mr. Alexei Tikhomirov, UNDESA

Themes to be discussed:

- Measures to tackle conditions conducive to terrorism through social inclusion, poverty reduction, education, and the realization of Millennium Development Goals
- Reinforcement of development and social inclusion agendas, especially youth unemployment, in ways that reduce socio-economic marginalization and the sense of victimization that propels extremism and the recruitment of terrorists.

19:00 – 21:00 *Reception*

Day 2: Thursday, December 16th

9:00 – 10:40 Session 3: Promoting tolerance, inter-cultural, inter-religious and inter-ethnic dialogue to address conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism

Moderator: Mr. Ahmed Saïd Ould Bah, ISESCO

Themes to be discussed:

- Promoting dialogue, tolerance and understanding among peoples and religions
- Measures to promote mutual respect and understanding for religious values, beliefs, and cultures
- Measures to counter religious and ethnic discrimination and lack of tolerance, and ensure respect for the right to freedom of religion or belief
- Inter-faith and intra-faith dialogue in the region
- Role of education and public awareness programmes in fostering tolerance and respect for diversity
- Role of the media in fostering tolerance and breaking stereotypes

10:40 – 11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00 - 12:30 **Session 4: Ensuring respect for human rights and the rule of law, including good governance, to address conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism**

Moderator: Ms. Cecilia Ruthstrom-Ruin, UNODC

Themes to be discussed:

- Ratification and implementation of international human rights law, refugee law and international humanitarian law instruments, including through the adoption of national legislation and policies.
- Strengthening criminal justice systems and ensuring access to justice, including respect for due process guarantees, in compliance with international human rights standards.
- Access to information on detentions and the use of force, and the role of the media in this regard.

12:30 - 14:00 ***Lunch***

14:00 – 15:40 **Session 5: Measures to ensure respect for human rights for all and the rule of law as the fundamental basis of the fight against terrorism**

Moderator: Mr. Edward Flynn, CTED (with support from OHCHR)

Themes to be discussed:

- Protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism: ensuring that all measures adopted for counter-terrorism comply with States' international human rights obligations. These could include detention and related judicial guarantees, right to privacy; fair trial issues.
- The role of and cooperation with UN human rights mechanisms on issues related to human rights in the context of countering terrorism, including the Human Rights Council and its special procedure mandates, as well as UN treaty bodies.
- The role of national human rights institutions in the context of countering terrorism.
- Addressing the needs of victims through national and regional systems of assistance

15:40-16:00 ***Coffee break***

16:00-16:15 **Presentation of the Integrated Assistance for Countering Terrorism Information System (I-ACT/CTITF)**

- Ms. Kelly Arnesen, I-ACT Entities Focal Point, CTITF, Austria

16:15-17:15 **Summing up of Conclusions and Recommendations**

- Ms. Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh, UNRCCA Consultant, and comments from all participants

17:15-17:30 **Closing Session**

Final remarks by the representatives of CTITF, EU, UNRCCA and the Slovak host government.