



**UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA)
UN Counter Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF)**

**Towards the Implementation of the Joint Plan of Action for the
United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia
Engaging the Media in Countering Terrorism in Central Asia
July 9-11th, 2014
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
AGENDA**

DAY ONE: July 9th 2014

Part I) EXPERIENCE SHARING		
<i>Methodology: This session will consist of formal presentations by country representatives with the goal of sharing experiences</i>		
09:00- 09:20	Welcoming statements by hosts and organizers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Rahat Sulaimanov, Assistant to the Chairman of the State National Security Service on Information Policy, Kyrgyzstan • Mr. Armands Pupols, Political Affairs Officer, UNRCCA • Statement from CTITF
09:20-09:30	Introduction to the JPOA, its background and what it aims to achieve. Presentation of Agenda, methodology and background to the Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh, CTITF/UNRCCA Consultant
In their brief presentations, representatives from CA countries could present updates on implementing the JPoA, how they see the roles and responsibilities for engaging the media in the fight against terrorism and existing mechanisms for cooperation that exists between law enforcement bodies and media and civil society: Challenges, opportunities and good practices.		
09:30-09:45	Kazakhstan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Representative • Media Representative
09:45– 10:00	Kyrgyzstan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media Representative
10:00-10:15	Tajikistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Representative • Media Representative
10:15-11:00	Brief experiences from Afghanistan, UN and regional organizations	
11:00 -11:20 Coffee Break		

Part II) DIALOGUE on ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES and COOPERATION TO COUNTER EXTREMISM

Methodology: This part will consist of a number of Thematic Discussions Sessions:

- For each session, discussions will be led by a Moderator and are open to all participants for their brief interventions.
- The goal of the sessions is to identify relevant best practices and gaps on the basis of examples provided by participants
- Participants will be asked to limit their interventions to 5 minutes each time. Participants are all expected to contribute to discussions.

11:20-11:30	Introduction: Radicalization, violent extremism and terrorism acts and the role of the media in recognizing conditions conducive to terrorism.	• Mr. Lilian Darii, Independent Expert, Moldova
11:30 -13:00	Theme 1: Media Strategies used by terrorists: This session will evaluate why and how terrorists and terrorist organizations use the media, including the internet, with focus on concrete cases in Central Asia	• Moderator for discussions: Mr. Vlastimil Samek, Representative of UN DPI in Kazakhstan
13:00-14:00 pm Lunch		
14:00-15:30	Theme 2: Choices and Responsibilities of the Media: The session will discuss motivations and methods of covering terrorism and terrorist acts by media representatives.	• Moderator for discussions: Mr. Najibullah Sharifi, Head of the Afghanistan Journalists' Safety Committee
15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break		
15:45- 17:00	Theme 3: Political and Legal Responses: This session will examine how government officials engage with media representatives in the fight against terrorism, what tools they use, including policy and legal measures and their challenges	• Moderator for discussions: Mr. Bakhram Auanasov, Senior Expert, RCTS/SCO
19:00	Dinner Reception for participants and representatives of the diplomatic community in Bishkek	

DAY TWO: July 10, 2014

Continuation of Part II: DIALOGUE on ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES and COOPERATION TO COUNTER EXTREMISM			
09:00-10:30	Theme 4: Options for cooperation: This session will consider options considered to improve government/media interaction when responding to or covering terrorist incidents		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Moderator for discussions:</i> Mr. Michael Unland, Senior Advisor, Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media, OSCE
10:30-11:30	Conclusions and discussions on next steps		Ms. Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh CTITF/UNRCCA Consultant
11.30- 11:50 am Coffee Break			
Part III) CAPACITY BUILDING ON THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN COUNTERING TERRORISM			
<p><i>Methodology: This part will consist of presentations, group discussions, case studies and exercises with the objectives to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Raise awareness about the potential of the media in the fight against terrorism</i> ○ <i>Provide concrete tools</i> ○ <i>Identify potential programmes that could be implemented in the region.</i> ○ <i>The main trainer is Mr. Simon Haselock, Albany Associates, UK</i> 			
<i>Time</i>	<i>Session Title</i>	<i>Issues to be addressed</i>	<i>Objectives</i>
11:50-13:00	Introduction: Recognizing conditions conducive to terrorism and radical narratives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of issues - Main challenges and issues for the media in the context of counter-terrorism efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an understanding of strategic publics, relationship management in practice, working with pressure groups and local communities; • Reflect on social structures and controls; • Reflect on communications theories in relation to achieving counter-terrorism aims.
12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break			
14:00-15:30	Session 1: Developing counter narratives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - News and current affairs vs. other types of programming - Different programme formats - Addressing different themes: exclusion; radicalization; counter-terrorism initiatives, policies and actions; victims; engaging the community against terrorism; support for public counter-terrorism actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine communication and organizational strategic responses to terrorist scenarios; • Analyze and understand narratives; • Develop strategic communication programmes reflecting creativity, styles and models of communication, direct and mediated channels, message strategies, communication.
15:30 – 15:50 Coffee Break			

15:50-16:30	Session 2: Reporting on victims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect for victims (privacy, grief, interviews, right to truth) - Contacts with terrorists and their representatives, including statements and interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing an understanding of terrorism in the media, the popular imagination, and how the two are linked; • Understanding the function of responsible media in the terrorism and counter-terrorism context.
16:30-17:00	Session 3: Preparing and dealing with the stress and trauma of reporting on terrorism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The special pressures associated with reporting on terrorism - Ways of addressing the stress this creates - Stockholm syndrome - Safety measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing sound risk assessment and safety mitigation protocols; • Understanding psychological impact of shock and proximity to violence; • Monitoring psychological indicators; • Developing coping strategies.

DAY 3: JULY 11, 2014

<i>Time</i>	<i>Session Title</i>	<i>Issues to be addressed</i>	<i>Objectives</i>
09:00-10:30	Session 4: International legal instruments, conventions and standards in the fight against terrorism for media representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human rights law (freedom of expression, criminal rights including due process, non-discrimination, emergencies, privacy and reputation, religion) - Overview of anti-terrorism treaties under international law and their subject matters - Specific standards: hate speech; contempt; media codes of conduct; respect for privacy and reputation; respect for religion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing an understanding of the relevant international legal instruments and their applicability to CT; • Respecting the law in the CT context for both the government and media.
10.30- 10:50 am Coffee Break			
10:50 – 11:45	Session 5: Elements for a Code of Conduct for the media and government press representatives on covering acts of terrorism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brainstorming on key elements - Discussion around suggested elements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a framework for a generic code of conduct; • Obtain consensus agreement on framework principles.
11:45 – 12:30	Wrap up of training	Trainer and participants	
12:30 – 13:00	Closing Session	Final remarks by the representatives of CTITF Office, UNRCCA and the host government of Kyrgyzstan	
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch			