



UN GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY AWARENESS RAISING IN AFRICA:

**BUILDING AN AFRICAN CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORK TO SUPPORT THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY**

MANDELA RHODES PLACE HOTEL, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

24-25 JUNE 2009

AGENDA

24 June 2009

09h00-0915 Welcome (Institute for Security Studies/Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation/German Consulate)

Eric Rosand, Co-Director, Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation (New York)

Anton du Plessis, Head, International Crime in Africa Programme, Institute for Security Studies (Pretoria)

Jörg-Werner Marquardt, Consul General, Federal Republic of Germany (Cape Town)

09h15-10h30 Session One: UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy – This session will explore the significance of the UN Strategy for Africa and the extent to which civil society organizations (CSOs) are aware of it and see the threat posed by terrorism as a priority. It will also look at the experience of civil society in working with the United Nations, the African Union, and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to strengthen continental, sub-regional, and national responses to terrorism.

Chair: **Eric Rosand**, Co-Director, Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation (New York)

Panelists: **Jan Neutze**, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (New York)

Ilia du Buisson/Simon Cardy, Deputy Directors: United Nations Security Council, South African Department of International Relations and Cooperation (Pretoria)

Wasantha Bandarage, Programme Officer, Coordination, Advocacy and Programme Development Unit, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (New York)

10h30-10h45 *Coffee Break*

10h45-12h45 **Session Two: Measures to Address Conditions Conducive to the Spread of Terrorism** – This session will explore how the work being undertaken by African CSOs in different fields contributes to addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism identified in the UN Strategy and seek to identify ways in which CSOs might further be able to contribute. These conditions include: “poverty, prolonged unresolved conflicts, dehumanization of victims of terrorism, lack of rule of law and violations of human rights, ethnic, national and religious discrimination, political exclusion, socio-economic marginalization and lack of good governance.”

Chair: **Anton du Plessis**, Head, International Crime in Africa Programme, Institute for Security Studies (Pretoria)

Panelists: **Sara Longwe**, Former Chair, FEMNET (Lusaka)

Hussein Khalid, Programmes Coordinator, Muslims for Human Rights (Mombasa)

Thomas Imobighe, Director, Centre for Strategic and Development Studies, Ambrose Alli University, (Ekpoma)

Abubakar Kipoma, Social Scientist/Anthropologist, Consortium for the Empowerment and Development of Marginalized Communities (Nairobi)

13h00-14h30 *Lunch*

14h30-16h00 **Session Three: Measures to Prevent and Combat Terrorism** – This session will address the role of civil society in working with governments to develop and implement measures to prevent and combat terrorism as well as the challenges these measures sometimes pose for civil society. CSOs, for example, can make important contributions to the development of counterterrorism legislation and the reform of security services, but state-implemented counterterrorism measures can also pose serious challenges for civil society groups, which have sometimes been targeted by legislation or hampered by restrictions imposed in the name of combating terrorism.

Chair: **Anneli Botha**, Senior Researcher, International Crime in Africa Programme, Institute for Security Studies (Pretoria)

Panelists: **Mhand Berkouk**, Director, Human Security Research Programme, University of Algiers (Algiers)

Medhane Tadesse, Director of Peace/Security Studies, Centre for Policy Research and Dialogue (Addis Ababa)

Arnold Tsunga, Director of Africa Regional Programme, International Commission of Jurists (Johannesburg)

16h00-16h15 *Coffee Break*

16h15-17h45 **Session Four: Building States' Capacity to Combat and Prevent Terrorism** – This session will discuss the work being done by African CSOs to help build the counterterrorism and related capacities of states in areas such as combating trafficking in drugs, firearms, and persons, countering small arms/light weapons proliferation, conflict resolution, peace-building, and good governance. It will also look at ways in which the capacities of CSOs themselves merit strengthening and how this can be achieved. Further, it will explore the challenges posed in this area of Strategy implementation.

Chair: **Anton du Plessis**, Head, International Crime in Africa Programme, Institute for Security Studies (Pretoria)

Panelists: **Samuel Atuobi**, Research Associate, Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (Accra)

Blessing Gaiya, Research Fellow, African Centre for Strategic Research and Studies, National War College, Nigeria (Abuja)

Mduduzi Khumalo, Analyst on International Crime, Africa Institute of South Africa (Pretoria)

Anneli Botha, Senior Researcher, International Crime in Africa Programme, Institute for Security Studies (Pretoria)

20h00-22h00 *Dinner – Synergy, Mandela Rhodes Place Hotel*

Keynote Address: Kenneth Roth, Executive Director, Human Rights Watch (New York)

25 June 2009

09h00-10h45 **Session Five: Ensuring Respect for Human Rights for All and the Rule of Law as the Fundamental Basis for the Fight against Terrorism** – This session will look at some of work being done by CSOs to monitor state implementation of the UN, AU, and national counterterrorism frameworks, track human rights abuses committed in the

context of countering terrorism, and raise public awareness and understanding of human rights issues as part of a an effective campaign against terrorism.

Chair: **Eric Rosand**, Co-Director, Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation (New York)

Panelists: **Elvis Fokala**, Training Officer, Human Rights Institute South Africa (Johannesburg)

Wangechi Chege, Senior Programme Officer, Kenyan Human Rights Institute (Nairobi)

Soha Abdelaty, Deputy Director, Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (Cairo)

David Johnson, Regional Representative for Southern Africa, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Pretoria)

10h45-11h00 *Coffee*

11h00-12h30 Session Six: Facilitating More Interaction between Civil Society and Intergovernmental Bodies on the Implementation of the UN Strategy and other Counterterrorism Measures. This session will explore how the United Nations, in particular its Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force Secretariat, can proactively engage with CSOs on the continent in the context of efforts to promote the implementation of the UN Strategy. It will also identify ways in which CSOs can become more involved in the counterterrorism work of the African Union and the RECs, where appropriate, drawing upon the experience of CSOs and African institutions in other security-related fields.

Chair: **Eric Rosand**, Co-Director, Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation (New York)

Panelists: **Peter Kagwanja**, President, Africa Policy Institute (Nairobi)

Thelma Ekiyor, Executive Director, West African Civil Society Institute (Accra)

Jan Neutze, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (New York)

12h30-14h00 *Lunch*

14h00-15h30 Session Seven: Stimulating the Development of Civil Society Networks to Support UN Strategy Implementation. This session will explore the different ways in which to stimulate greater cooperation and coordination at the continental or sub-regional level of CSOs interested in contributing to Strategy implementation efforts. The benefits of

establishing local civil society networks and/or focal points on Strategy implementation and possible modalities for doing so will also be examined. In addition, the discussion will address the opportunities for including a UN Strategy element into existing civil society networks in security-related fields.

Chair: **Anton du Plessis**, Head, International Crime in Africa Programme, Institute for Security Studies (Pretoria)

Panelists: **Jan Kamenju**, Director, Security Research and Information Centre (Nairobi)

Johnny Kwadjo, Representative, African Security Sector Network (Accra/Florida)

Ruth Caesar, Mano River Women Peace Network (Monrovia)

Takwa Suifon, Program Director, West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (Accra)

15h30-16h00 **Wrap Up, Recommendations, and Next Steps (Institute for Security Studies and Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation)**