



The International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law is happy to send you this e-Newsletter. Below you will find details of our most recent events and links to our website and Twitter pages for more information.



As this will be my final IIJ newsletter, let me acknowledge how greatly I appreciate all of the support given to the IIJ over the last three years. The team here in Malta is first rate, and I have every confidence that the IIJ will continue to flourish under Tom's leadership.

As this newsletter indicates, it has been a busy stretch for the IIJ. We are increasingly holding programs outside of Malta -- in Dakar, Jakarta, Addis Ababa, Siracusa, and Marrakesh in just the last few weeks -- as we are also building our core initiatives at the IIJ. Our financial support continues to diversify with new funds from Canada, Germany, the UK, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the EU. Our internal capacity likewise grows with the addition of a prison expert (Monique Kamies) from the Netherlands and EULEX. With Malta's EU Presidency in full swing, the number of visitors to Valletta and to the IIJ continues to grow, and we plan for my final program next month at the IIJ to be a major conference that will look at "Beyond FTFs" -- examining the growing trend of terrorism cases that are directed or inspired by terrorist organizations as they seek to employ or encourage external terrorist operations outside conflict zones as their physical space within conflict zones is starting to diminish.

I am delighted to report that, at the March meeting of the IIJ's Governing Board of Administrators, the Board selected Thomas Wuchte, currently head of the OSCE's Action Against Terrorism (ATU) in Vienna, to be my successor as Executive Secretary. The OSCE has already partnered with the IIJ on programs and Tom will bring a wealth of experience in holding criminal justice programs for practitioners as well as a deep understanding of the IIJ, the GCTF, and IIJ partner institutions. He will be arriving here in Malta in late June and his CV is described in greater detail below.

Message from the Executive Secretary

Robert Strang
IIJ Executive Secretary



The IIJ Welcomes New Executive Secretary: Thomas Wuchte

Mr. Thomas A. Wuchte joins the IIJ from his position as the Head on Anti-Terrorism Issues in the Organization for



Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and received a post-graduate degree in International Relations from the University of Illinois. He has extensive experience in government to government, non-governmental, academic, and multilateral co-operation throughout the IJ region, as well as with many regional organizations such as the African Union. As the focal point for all OSCE counter-terrorism activities, he supported the political process within the OSCE's 57 participating States to maintain and strengthen the role of the organization as an effective framework for addressing the terrorist threat, in close co-ordination with the United Nations and the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF). Before assuming his duties at the OSCE, Mr. Wuchte was the United States Special Coordinator for United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1540 and received the U.S. Department of State's Award for Excellence in International Security Affairs for his efforts to work collaboratively with international partners.



Capacity-Building Program for Prosecutors in MENA and Sahel

May 20-22, 2017, Marrakesh, Morocco

The workshop focused on the development of strategies that provide for an effective relationship between the investigation and the prosecution and lead to lawful and human rights compliant cases before the court; the nature and quality of evidence in investigation and prosecution so that the evidence is available for use in court proceedings; and court processes and proceedings. [Read more...](#)

For more information on this event, please email IJ Program Manager [Maryam El Hajbi](#)



State and Justice Global CT Implementers Meeting

May 15-17, 2017, Valletta, Malta

Over the course of three days, the participants discussed the overall priorities and strategic vision for the coming years as well as presentations on specific strategies for collaborating and implementing effective CT programs, such as case based mentoring, task force building, using existing training institutes, and measuring progress. [Read more...](#)

For more information on this event, please email [IJJ](#)



Good Practices for the Judiciary in Adjudicating Terrorism Offenses in West Africa

May 8-12, 2017, Dakar, Senegal

With the support of the Government of Canada, the IJJ held a regional workshop for judges from West Africa who handle terrorism cases. The event brought together 31 judges. Experts from Nigeria, the United States, the UNODC, and UNAFEI also brought their expertise to the table. The workshop focused on the good practices identified in the GCTF's *The Hague Memorandum*. [Read more...](#)

For more information on this event, please email IJ Program Manager [Maryam El Hajbi](#)

Global Central Authorities Initiative: Southeast Asia Regional Workshop

May 8-9, 2017, Jakarta, Indonesia

The Southeast Asia Regional Workshop, held in Jakarta and co-hosted by the Indonesian Ministry of Law and Human



Rights, gathered Central Authority practitioners from seven of the ten ASEAN countries along with representatives from Australia, Japan, the US, UNAFEI, and the UNODC. Practitioners discussed the ten draft good practices and exchanged views on the steps needed to create durable Central Authorities capable of facilitating effective and efficient cooperation and mutual legal assistance among international partners. [Read more...](#)

For more information on this event, please email IIJ Program Manager [Allison Curtis](#)



IIJ Training Launching the GCTF Neuchâtel Memorandum on Juvenile Justice in the Counter-Terrorism Context

April 19-20, 2017, Siracusa, Italy

The Swiss-supported workshop brought together forty juvenile justice and counter-terrorism practitioners from Cameroon, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Nigeria, Mali, Philippines, Senegal, Tunisia, and the United Kingdom, together with experts from the International Juvenile Justice Observatory, Penal Reform International, Terres des Hommes, the UNICRI, and the UNODC, and was held at the IIJ's partner institute, the Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights, in Siracusa, Italy. [Read more...](#)

For more information on this event, please email IIJ Program Manager [Valerio de Divitiis](#)



Good Practices for the Judiciary in Adjudicating Terrorism Offenses in the Horn of Africa Region

April 11-13, 2017, Nairobi, Kenya

The IIJ held the concluding workshop of an 18-month EU-funded project focused on supporting the judiciary in the Horn of Africa in collaboration with the Institute for Security Studies (ISS). The overall project was a direct response to a need articulated by the GCTF Working Group on the Horn of Africa and contributed to the EU Horn of Africa Regional Action Plan (2015-2020). [Read more...](#)

For more information on this event, please email IIJ Program Manager [Maryam El Hajbi](#)



IIJ Governing Board of Administrators Mid-Year Meeting

March 28, 2017, Valletta, Malta

During the meeting, the IIJ Secretariat provided an update of the IIJ's current activities to the Governing Board of Administrators (GBA). The GBA then went into an executive session and selected Thomas Wuchte to be the next Executive Secretary based on the interviews conducted by the GBA the previous day at the IIJ. [Read more...](#)

For more information on this event, please email [IIJ](#)



IIJ joins CEELI Institute for Workshop Supporting Judges and Prosecutors

March 20-22, 2017, Valletta, Malta

The IIJ worked with partner CEELI Institute in Prague on a workshop supporting judges and prosecutors from the Western Balkans in their adjudication of terrorism cases. Participants joined judges and experts in sharing national experiences and working through case studies to promote implementation of the GCTF's *The Hague Memorandum on Good Practices*

for the Judiciary in Adjudicating Terrorism Offenses. [Read more...](#)

For more information on this event, please email IIJ



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North African Regional Counterterrorism Workshop

March 14-15, 2017, Valletta, Malta

The workshop gathered investigators, prosecutors, police commissioners, border security officials, and policy makers from Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, and Tunisia, together with representatives from the EU, France, the Netherlands, the UK, and the US, to focus on cooperation with and between North African governments on issues relating to ISIS's external operations and foreign terrorist fighters. [Read more...](#)

For more information on this event, please email IIJ Program Manager [Allison Curtis](mailto:Allison.Curtis@iij.eu)



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IIJ hosts First Euromed Police IV High Level Meeting

February 21-22, 2017, Valletta, Malta

The purpose of this meeting was to gather representatives from participating countries – EU Member States and South Partner Countries – to present and ultimately endorse the Euromed Cooperation Priorities to Increase Citizen Security. [Read more...](#)

For more information on this event, please email IIJ Program Manager [Allison Curtis](mailto:Allison.Curtis@iij.eu)



Training Workshop: Investigating and Prosecuting Preparatory Acts of Terrorism, Terrorist Attacks, and Terrorism Financing

February 14-16, 2017, Valletta, Malta

Case studies from the Balkans region, the Netherlands, and the US guided active discussions on defining and identifying preparatory acts of terrorism, terrorism financing and the role of financial intelligence in terrorism investigations, and freezing and confiscating terrorist assets. [Read more...](#)

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Besides the IIJ contributed to various events organized by partner organizations including:

- [CODEXTER 32nd Plenary Meeting](#)
- [OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference](#)
- [IIJ presented its Returning FTF Initiative at GCTF FTF Working Group Plenary Meeting](#)
- [IIJ presented its Initiative for Parliamentarians in Counter Terrorism at the EU Inter-Parliamentary Conference](#)
- [Symposium on Efforts to Address Prison Radicalization in the Balkans](#)
- [GCTF's Horn of Africa Capacity Building Working Group's Sixth Plenary Meeting](#)
- [Reintegration of Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters Initiative \(Tunisia\)](#)
- [Eleventh Meeting of the Global Counterterrorism Forum's Coordinating Committee](#)



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