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## Message from the Executive Secretary



This newsletter will be the IJ's final update for 2018, as we draw to a close on a busy and productive year and look forward to an exciting programmatic calendar for 2019.

2018 was an important milestone for the IJ, with renewed emphasis on regional collaboration and partnerships as we work to ensure even more sustainable and impactful results from IJ programming. We are grateful for the ongoing support from our governmental and non-governmental partners in helping advance the IJ mission: specifically to enhance and strengthen the competencies of criminal justice practitioners and other stakeholders to address terrorism and related transnational criminal activities within a rule of law framework. While the past year has demonstrated that the fight against terrorism is far from over, we see that CT efforts globally are having an impact. At the IJ, we are redoubling our efforts to deliver on the IJ's mission to help counter the threat and meeting our obligation to deliver top-notch programs tailored to the evolving environment.

Together as a team of 20, and with continued strong support from our Governing Board of Administrators, donors and partners, the IJ is fulfilling that mission. We are ending this year implementing programs under eight IJ Core Initiatives that not only help operationalize good practices and tools developed by the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF), but are proactively showcasing, dovetailing with, and implementing the work of European Union partners, the United Nations, and our growing network of regional partners. Looking back at 2018, nearly half of the IJ's recent programmatic activities were conducted outside of Malta with practitioners in their respective regions. In fact, since January 2018, activities were held in Abuja, Addis Ababa, Amman, Bangkok, Cotonou, Istanbul, Rabat, New Delhi, and Tunis. These events not only succeeded in delivering substantive outcomes for both donors and participating practitioners, but offered great opportunities to further the IJ's collaboration within these regions in ways that are prominently shaping our 2019 calendar.

I am pleased to report further that during the GCTF Ministerial Plenary in New York on 26 September, GCTF Ministers endorsed the *Rabat – Washington Good Practices on the Prevention, Detection, Intervention and Response to Homegrown Terrorism*, for which the IJ proudly served as implementing partner under the direction of Initiative Co-Leads Morocco and the United States. In the coming year, the IJ will convene implementing

workshops under the IJJ Addressing Homegrown Terrorism Initiative. The *Rabat-Washington Good Practices* are available via the following link: [English](#). Also, in the margins of the GCTF meetings in September, we launched the new *IJJ Good Practices for Central Authorities* at a UN CTED-led meeting. The IJJ Good Practices – developed under the IJJ Global Central Authorities Initiative with support from the United States – are available via the following link: [English Arabic French](#). In 2018-2019, the IJJ will move into the second phase of the Global Central Authorities Initiative, convening tailored regional trainings, in collaboration with UNCTED and UNODC, to implement the IJJ Good Practices for Central Authorities as well as the new UNODC Guide to Obtaining Electronic Evidence. The workshops will bring together Central Authority and criminal justice practitioners and will use case studies and dynamic simulations to situate these tools in practical, real-world settings to build sustainable practitioner and institutional capacity.

In the year ahead, the IJJ team will further develop our training curriculum and evaluation mechanisms, enhance partnerships with other regional and international organizations, and launch an IJJ alumni network to further increase the sustainability and impact of IJJ programming. All exciting prospects.

On behalf of the IJJ team, we appreciate you taking the time to read our newsletter and we look forward to your continued support in 2019!



*Thomas Wuchte  
IJJ Executive Secretary*



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### **GCTF-IJJ Initiative to Address Homegrown Terrorism / Good Practices Review Meeting**

*June 25, 2018, Rabat, Morocco*

Hosted by Morocco's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Good Practices Review Meeting was well attended with representatives from nineteen GCTF members and five non-member organizations providing valuable input on the draft document. The good practices are the culmination of three events hosted in Malta by the IJJ... [Read more](#)

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### **IJJ Workshop on Strategic Trade Control and Counterproliferation: Investigation and Prosecution**

*June 25 - 27, 2018, Valletta, Malta*

The three-day interactive workshop brought together a diverse team of experts to share their insights on recent trends and challenges of national and transnational proliferation and to moderate collaborative exchanges about best counterproliferation practices and technical expertise among criminal justice practitioners.... [Read More](#)

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### **IJJ Judicial Capacity Building Initiative: Final Workshop for West African and Sahel region judges**

*July 11 - 12, 2018, Valletta, Malta*

The IJJ hosted the fourth and final judicial workshop in Malta under its Canadian funded program for Building the Capacity of West African and Sahel Judges to adjudicate terrorism cases. Three prior workshops, held in Senegal, Benin and Morocco, focused on

good practices set forth in the GCTF's *Hague Memorandum on Good Practices for the Judiciary in Adjudicating Terrorism Offenses*.... [Read more](#)

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**IJ Juvenile Justice Initiative: IJ facilitates Western Balkans Regional Workshop on Juvenile Justice in the Counterterrorism Context**

*July 17 -19, 2018, Valletta, Malta*

This three-day workshop, with the financial support of the US, and under the auspices of the GCTF Criminal Justice and Rule of Law Working Group aimed to elicit information-sharing on how the participating countries have operationalized the 13 Good Practices of GCTF's *Neuchâtel Memorandum on Good Practices for Juvenile Justice in a Counterterrorism Context*... [Read more](#)

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**Save the date: Mediterranean Security & Rule of Law Course**

Come to the heart of the Mediterranean and learn about the evolving security agenda and the importance of the rule of law...

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 <b>Date</b> June, 17-21 2019	 <b>Duration</b> 3 days	 <b>Location</b> Valletta, Malta
		

### **IIJ Global Central Authorities Initiative (GCAI): South Asia Regional Workshop**

July 24 - 26, 2018, New Delhi, India

The IIJ convened the final of four regional workshops aimed at developing a set of good practices for Central Authorities under the IIJ's **Global Central Authorities Initiative**. The South Asia Regional Workshop, held in New Delhi and co-hosted by India's Ministry of Home Affairs, gathered practitioners from Bangladesh, India, the Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, along with Japan, the United States, UNAFEI and UNODC... [Read more](#)

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### **IIJ Investigations Initiative: Investigative Capacity Building in Trinidad and Tobago**

September 10 - 21, 2018, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

The IIJ convened Phase 2 of its bespoke investigative capacity building program in Trinidad and Tobago under the IIJ's Core Investigations Initiative. Throughout this project, the IIJ has served as a delivery/implementing partner for a security-related Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the British High Commission in the Port of Spain. This phase of the initiative addresses a number of key priorities, including national security architecture, as well as investigations and legal capacity-building... [Read more](#)

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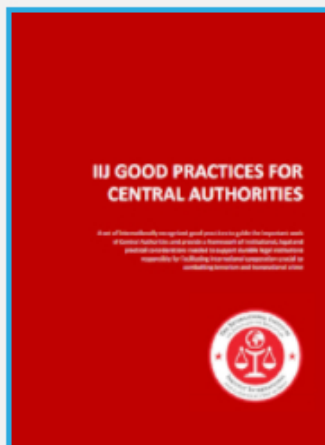


### **IIJ briefs the Global Counterterrorism Forum**

*September 28, 2018, New York, United States of America*

IIJ Executive Secretary Tom Wuchte and Director of Administration and Outreach Reinhard Uhrig were pleased to contribute to the Fourteenth GCTF Coordination Committee Meeting and the Ninth GCTF Ministerial Plenary Meeting in New York in September 2018. The IIJ presented its ongoing efforts to promote, implement and operationalize the GCTF good practices... [Read more](#)

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## **IIJ launches its Good Practices for Central Authorities**

The *IIJ Good Practices for Central Authorities* are a set of ten good practices addressing the institutional, legal and practical considerations needed to create and support durable legal institutions... [Read more](#)

### **EUROMED Training of Trainers on Judicial Cooperation In Criminal Matters Within The Euro-Mediterranean Region**

*October 16 - 18, 2018, Valletta, Malta*

EUROMED Justice in collaboration with the IIJ organized the EUROMED Training of

Trainers on Judicial Cooperation In Criminal Matters Within The Euro-Mediterranean Region. IIJ Executive Secretary Thomas Wuchte and Allison Curtis, Senior Manager for Communication, presented on the IIJ's new good practices for Central Authorities and our upcoming work to implement these good practices along with the new guide for obtaining electronic evidence... [Read more](#)

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**IIJ Judicial Capacity Building Initiative: Judicial Training on Handling Complex Terrorism, Transnational and Organized Crime Cases**

October 16 - 18, 2018, Valletta, Malta

The workshop focused on how to develop training curricula for handling terrorism and complex transnational and organized crime cases. Building on principles of adult pedagogy discussed during a previous workshop held in 2017, participants applied these principles to real-world challenges faced by judiciaries in the region handling complex terrorism or transnational crime cases.... [Read more](#)

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## Looking ahead



- Turkey, November: **IIJ Horn of Africa Regional Workshop:**

### **Good Practices for Pursuing and Adjudicating Terrorism Offenses**

- Malta, November: **GCTF Expert Meeting on the development of a Memorandum on the use of Rule of Law-Based Administrative Measures in a Counterterrorism Context**
- Thailand, November: **IJ Juvenile Justice Initiative: Joint IJ - UNODC South-East Asia Regional Workshop**
- Mali, December: **IJ RFTF Initiative: Rehabilitating and Reintegrating Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters – Capacity Building Workshop**
- Trinidad and Tobago, December: **IJ Investigations Initiative: Legal Capacity Building - Trinidad & Tobago**
- Chad, January: **IJ RFTF Initiative: Rehabilitating and Reintegrating Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters – Judicial Capacity Building Workshop**
- Lebanon, January: **IJ Capacity Building Initiative: Prosecutors in the Southern Mediterranean**
- Malta, January: **IJ Battlefield Evidence: Global Workshop**
- Malta, January: **IJ Addressing Homegrown Terrorism Initiative: Implementing GCTF Rabat – Washington Good Practices on the Prevention, Detection, Intervention and Response to Homegrown Terrorism - Global Conference**
- Malta, January: **IJ Global Central Authorities Initiative: Expert Meeting – Curriculum Development**

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