



THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW

ADDRESSING HOMEGROWN TERRORISM INITIATIVE

The Addressing Homegrown Terrorism Initiative is one of eight core initiatives that the IIJ is implementing:

Addressing Homegrown Terrorism Global Central Authorities Returning FTFs
Judicial Capacity-Building Juvenile Justice Parliamentarians
Prison Management Investigations

The IIJ is a non-profit intergovernmental organization dedicated to combatting terrorism through capacity-building training in justice and the rule of law. More than 4000 criminal justice practitioners have participated in IIJ workshops in Malta and abroad.

The global community continues to confront the threat of homegrown terrorism, with many countries having already experienced such attacks. ISIL/Da'esh, al-Qa'ida, al-Nusrah Front and their cells, affiliates, splinter groups or derivatives, as well as other transnational terrorist groups, use their experience to direct, enable, inspire, and/or incite individuals to commit deadly terrorist attacks. In lieu of luring FTFs, these groups encourage individuals to perpetrate attacks in their own countries to instil fear and promote polarization within society. Under the auspices of the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF), and the direction of Initiative Co-Leads Morocco and the United States, the IIJ served as implementing partner for the GCTF's *Initiative to Address Homegrown Terrorism*, developing new good practices focusing on the practical steps governments can take – across the prevention, detection, intervention, and response phases – to effectively tackle the challenges posed by homegrown terrorism in a coordinated manner.

Next Steps

In 2018-2019, the IIJ will continue its focus on addressing this phenomenon through the IIJ Addressing Homegrown Terrorism Initiative. Working with criminal justice practitioners and civil society, the IIJ will convene a series of regional workshops to promote multi-stakeholder capacity-building in this area and support the implementation and operationalization of the GCTF good practices to address homegrown terrorism.

Key Foci:

- ▶ **Developing**, implementing and operationalizing new good practices for a comprehensive, multi-stakeholder approach
- ▶ **Identifying** strategies and mechanisms across the prevention, detection, intervention, and response phases of the phenomenon
- ▶ **Reinforcing** the importance of a multi-stakeholder approach – including civil society – in the creation, implementation and evaluation of programs and policies



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The good practices will be presented to GCTF Members for endorsement in September 2018, and will complement the GCTF's *The Hague-Marrakech Memorandum on Good Practices for a More Effective Response to the FTF Phenomenon* and the Addendum focusing on returning FTFs, providing a comprehensive response to the current terrorism landscape. Implementation of the good practices will also support actions called for in UNSC Resolutions, including UNSCR 2396 (2017).

Initiative Launch Event

Seventy representatives from 25 countries and 13 organizations convened in Malta in November 2017 for the launch of the GCTF's *Initiative to Address Homegrown Terrorism*. Participants discussed themes for the good practices, shared case studies, and explored factors that may drive individuals to plan such attacks, the radicalization process, types of interventions, and ways in which stakeholders can coordinate and collaborate more effectively to prevent, detect, intervene and respond. The themes identified helped shape the agenda for the two practitioner workshops.



Criminal Justice Approaches Workshop

The second practitioner workshop, held in Malta in April 2018, focused on criminal justice responses in preventing, detecting and responding to homegrown terrorism. More than 60 practitioners, policy-makers, academics, law enforcement, investigators, judges, prosecutors and prison officials from 23 countries and 18 organizations shared models, tools and case studies on effective risk assessment tools, multi-disciplinary approaches to identifying, assessing and responding to individuals of varying risk levels, information sharing, and responses.



Prevention and Intervention Workshop

The first practitioner workshop, held in Malta in January 2018, focused on prevention and intervention efforts. Policy-makers, civil society practitioners, academics and law enforcement from 26 countries and 20 organizations shared effective models, tools and case studies on a range of topics, including: bridging the work of practitioners and researchers in this field; supporting at-risk individuals and their families; multi-stakeholder approaches to prevention, risk identification and intervention; developing effective public messaging and responses; and building community resilience.



Good Practices Review Meeting

The final event under the GCTF's *Initiative to Address Homegrown Terrorism* was a Good Practices Review Meeting hosted by Morocco at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rabat. GCTF Members reviewed and discussed the draft good practices ahead of submission for endorsement at the GCTF Ministerial Plenary Meeting in September 2018.

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