

Barcelona Conference

TOWARDS A NEW PARADIGM, PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Participatory definition of a Plan of Action addressed to reinforce the actions of the Euro-Mediterranean civil society to prevent ALL forms of violent extremism.

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// THE PROBLEM

Violent extremist movements are an affront to the principles of Civil Society committed with the collective efforts towards maintaining positive peace and human security, fostering sustainable development, protecting human rights, promoting the rule of law and taking humanitarian action in the Euro-Mediterranean region. The actions and messages of these violent movements fuel violence and war, and contribute to a cycle of diffidence, anxiety and insecurity. The spread of violent extremism has further aggravated an already unprecedented economic, political and humanitarian crisis, which surpasses the boundaries of any region. No country is immune to its impacts.

Violent extremism is a global, centuries-old problem, without a clear definition. It is neither new nor exclusive to any region, nationality or system of belief. It is currently raising in Europe, where fanatic movements spreading racist, islamophobic, ultra-nationalistic and extreme-right ideologies are gaining

momentum and institutional representation. It is evolving in North Africa and the Middle East where extremist movements are cynically distorting and exploiting religious beliefs, ethnic differences and political ideologies to legitimize their actions, establish their claim on territories and radicalize their followers. Violent extremism is undermining our humanity in all the Euro-Mediterranean region. It is destabilizing our tolerant societies by dividing local communities and provoking an overreaction.

Nothing can justify violent extremism but we must also acknowledge that it does not arise from nowhere. Narratives of grievance, actual or perceived injustice, promised empowerment and sweeping change become attractive the moment human rights are violated, good governance ignored and aspirations frustrated.

// THE RESPONSE

Over the past decades, our Euro-Mediterranean governments have sought to address violent extremism within the context of security-based counter-terrorism measures. They have been determined to respond to violence with more violence. In the name of the battle against violent extremism, we have observed an extensive use of military power that has not only been highly ineffective but also responsible for dramatic human rights violations and increasing global human suffering. The anxiety to respond to such a menace has also fueled overreactions in terms of Homeland Security, where our fundamental freedoms and civil and political rights have been restricted, subjected to mass surveillance and the democratic and plural values have been limited by a general state of emergency. Counter-terrorism measures have limited the perimeter of our fundamental rights and freedoms. Facing the new emergence of violent extremist groups, security-based only measures will not be effective. Those strategies cannot dry up the emotional and social wellsprings of radicalization, but they can make matters worse.

There is a need to take a more comprehensive approach which encompasses not only ongoing measures, but also systematic preventive measures which directly address the drivers of violent extremism. Those emergencies have given rise to the emergence of these new and more virulent groups. We must be principled and

strategic and must calibrate our response carefully. We must refocus our priorities, strengthen our application of justice, and rebuild the social contract between the governing and the governed. We need to focus on the reason individuals are attracted to violent extremist groups.

We will not be successful unless we can harness the idealism, creativity and energy of civil society groups all around the Euro-Mediterranean Region. Social movements must be empowered to make a constructive contribution to the political and economic development of their societies and nations. We represent an untapped resource. We can offer a positive vision of our future together that can generate an effective alternative facing violent radicalisation.

We are convinced that the creation of open, equitable, inclusive and plural societies, based on the full respect of human rights and with economic opportunities for all, represent the most tangible and meaningful alternative to violent extremism and the most promising strategy to render this menace unattractive.

// GOALS OF THE CONFERENCE

To be effective in preventing violent extremism, the actions of the Euro-Mediterranean civil society must be as agile and far-reaching as the phenomenon itself. We should improve our set of tools dynamically and keep reviewing our responses. The Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism presented by the United Nations Secretary General on January 2016, constitutes the inaugural basis for a comprehensive approach to this fast evolving and multidimensional challenge.

At a time of growing polarization on several national, regional and global issues, the new paradigm presented by the UN Plan of Action offers a real opportunity for all the actors of the Euro-Mediterranean community to unite, harmonize their actions and pursue inclusive approaches in the face of division, intolerance and hatred.

We are convinced that we need to plan our constructive contribution to prevent violent extremism in view of the lessons learned over the past decades and the challenges that lie ahead. The Barcelona Conference: “Towards a new paradigm: Prevention of Violent Extremism” will offer to civil society groups from across the Euro-Mediterranean region an opportunity to

Plan, in a participatory way, an Action Plan addressed to reinforce the actions of the Euro-Mediterranean civil society to prevent ANY form of violent extremism.

During this conference we will ground the UN Plan of Action from a Euro-Mediterranean Civil Society perspective. Our Plan will be coherent with civil society engagements. In doing so, the conference will offer a think-to-do agora to:

- + Reinforce the role and commitment of the organised civil society to actively contribute to the prevention of violent extremisms.
 - + Challenge the current hegemonic definition of violent extremism, in order to include ALL forms of violent extremism.
 - + Reinforce our understanding on Counter Terrorism policies and their impact on fundamental freedoms and Human Rights.
 - + Establishing a strategic CSO platform to support dialogue with authorities and the CSO role on preventing violent extremism.
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// THE UN PLAN OF ACTION

On the 15th of January 2016, the UN Secretary-General presented his Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism to the General Assembly. On the 12th of February 2016, the General Assembly adopted a resolution that “welcomed the initiative by the Secretary-General, and took note of his Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism”.

In the Plan, the Secretary-General calls for a comprehensive approach encompassing not only essential security-based counter-terrorism measures but also systematic preventive steps to address the underlying conditions that drive individuals to radicalise and join violent extremist groups. The Plan is a practical response from the international community coordinated along with civil society groups from all over the world. It appeals for concerted action by the international community.

It provides more than 70 recommendations to Member States and the United Nations System to prevent the further spread of violent extremism. The Plan is accompanied by a Letter of the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assem-

bly, in which the Secretary-General puts forward an “All-of-UN” approach both at Headquarters and in the field to support national, regional and global efforts to prevent violent extremism and assist Member States in developing National Plans of Action.

The Plan was developed through an extensive United Nations inter-agency process and is based on the outcomes of high-level meetings of the General Assembly and Security Council, interactive briefings to Member States, and outcomes of international and regional meetings.

You can read it on the link below

http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/70/674

// METHODOLOGY

The Conference will be divided into four main parts:

+ The first day (28th January) will consist of plenary conferences on different subjects concerning violent extremism: definition, causes, mitigation

measures, ways forward. Through the use of a deliberative methodology, we will be able to consolidate the conclusions and, at the same time, foster the Plan of Action addressed to reinforce the Euro-Mediterranean civil society actions to prevent ALL forms of violent extremism. Simultaneous translations will be available in Spanish, English, French and Arabic.

+ A second half day (29th January morning) with parallel workshops on different Violent Extremism related subjects.

+ Another half day (29th January afternoon) where the Plan of Action addressed to reinforce the Euro-Mediterranean civil society actions to prevent ALL forms of violent extremism will be discussed and validated. Simultaneous translations will be available in Spanish, English, French and Arabic.

+ A final half-day (30th January, morning) to present the above-mentioned Plan of Action to local authorities and to launch the Euro-Mediterranean Observatory to Prevent Violent Extremism. Simultaneous translations will be available in Catalan, English and French.

// AGENDA

SATURDAY, 28TH OF JANUARY

FRANCESA BONNEMAISON SPACE – LA SALA (CARRER SANT PERE MÉS BAIX, 7). FROM 09:00 TO 17:30

09 :00h. Participants registration

09 :30h. Welcome speech of the organizers

By Khadija Ryadi (CMODH), Ismaeel Dawood (ICSSI) and Simonetta Costanzo (NOVACT).

09 :45h. Presentation of the goals of the conference, the agenda and the methodology for decision making. By Albert Caramés (NOVACT).

10 :00h. Opening Conference: “Extremisms and Des-democratization: geopolitics of the disaster”. By Santiago Alba Rico, Philosopher.

10 :45h. Feeling the pulse to the real: radicalization, violent extremism and terrorism. Analysis of the juridical and the theoretical framework of violent extremism. By Samer Muhareb (ARDD) and Luca Gervasoni (NOVACT). Moderator: Mohamed Hadjsidi (AMDH Mauritania). Facilitator: Albert Caramés (NOVACT).

11 :45h. Coffee-break

12 :15h. Building the enemy: violent radicalisation process

Socio-economic motivations. Civil-political motivations. Building the enemy in the Media. By Mundar Kassis (Muwati), Maati Monjib (Freedom Now) and Pedro Rojo (Al Fanar). Moderator: Alba Cuevas (SOS Racisme). Facilitator: Laia Vila (NOVACT).

13 :15h. Lunch-break

14 :30h. In the name of security: current responses to violent extremism. The anti-terrorist policies

Analysis of the current security and military approach (CVE). Anti-terrorist policies and Human Rights. By Olfa Lamoum (International Alert), Houchine Rhili (ARES) and Manal AlTamimi (PSCC). Moderator: Cristina Foerch, Fighters for Peace. Facilitator: Mar Benseny (NOVACT)

15 :30h. Coffee-break

16 :00h. Towards a new Paradigm: Preventing Violent Extremism

Presentation of the PVE UN Plan of Action and PVE Best practices and lessons learned. By Michael Wiener (OHCHR), Jan Jaap van Oosterzee (PAX), Cheffa Kheddar (Djazairouna) and Ismaeel Dawood (ICSSI). Moderator: Said Salhi (CMODH). Facilitator: Laia Vila (NOVACT).

17 :30h. End of the first day

SUNDAY, 29TH OF JANUARY

FRANCESA BONNEMAISON SPACE – LA SALA (CARRER SANT PERE MÉS BAIX, 7). FROM 09:00 TO 17:30

8 :30h. Participants registration.

09 :00h. Introducing the simultaneous workshops and today's agenda.

Luca Gervasoni (NOVACT)

09:05h. Participatory definition of a Plan of Action addressed to reinforce the action of the Euro-Mediterranean civil society to prevent ALL forms of violent extremism

Closed door session for the participants of the Euro-Mediterranean civil society

10:30h. Workshops/Trainings :

1) Islamophobia: building the internal enemy. By Santiago Alba Rico, philosopher, and David Fernández, journalist. In Spanish

2) The Agenda for Women, Peace and Security in the Prevention of Violent Extremism. By Emna Jebbloui (IIDH). In Arabic

3) Understanding the Anti-Terrorist legislation and Human Rights violations: building and agenda for change. By David Bondia (IDHC) and Hamdi Shaqura, PCHR (with simultaneous translation)

4) Practical Strategies, Lessons Learned and Evidence-Based Approaches for Peace-building and Violence Prevention for Civil Society. By Kai Frithjof Jacobsen, PATRIR. In English

5) The role of youth and education in the prevention of Violent Extremism. By Oumayma Jabmouni (LTDH) and Abdulaziz Ramadan (UKSSD). In Arabic

12 :00h. Coffee Break

12 :30h. Workshops/Trainings

13 :30h. Lunch

14 :30h. Participatory definition of a Plan of Action addressed to reinforce the action of the Euro-Mediterranean civil society to prevent ALL forms of violent extremism

Closed door session for the participants of the Euro-Mediterranean civil society

17 :00h. Participatory definition of a Plan of Action addressed to reinforce the action of the Euro-Mediterranean civil society to prevent ALL forms of violent extremism

Closed door session for the participants of the Euro-Mediterranean civil society

17:30 End of the second day

MONDAY, 30TH OF JANUARY

**SALÓ DE CENT- PLAÇA SANT JAUME, 1.
FROM 09:00 TO 14:00**

09 : 00 Registration of the participants.

09:25 Welcome speech of the organizers. By Mar Benseny and Laia Vila (NOVACT).

09 : 30 Welcome speech of the main supporters of the Conference.

By Jaume Asens, Deputy Mayor of Barcelona; Irene Mingasson, DG Near Unit Director – European Commission; Raul Romeva, Catalan Minister of Foreign Affairs, Institutional Relations and Transparency and Jaume Ciurana, Presidence Deputy Delegate of the Barcelona province.

10:00 Introduction speech: Towards a new paradigm: Preventing Violent Extremism. By PM Zlatko Lagumdžija, World Leadership Alliance-Club de Madrid Member, Former Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina and founder of the Shared Societies and Values Sarajevo Foundation.

10:30 Presentation of the UN Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism.

By Ferran Lloveras, UN Human Rights High-Commissioner Office and Giordano Segneri, United Nations Development Programme.

10:50 Coffee-Break.

11:20 Institutional initiatives promoting PVE actions:

By Irene Mingasson, DG Near Unit Director – European Commission; PM Zlatko Lagumdžija, World Leadership Alliance-Club de Madrid Member, Former Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina and founder of the Shared Societies and Values Sarajevo Foundation; Oriol Amorós, Migrations, Equity and Citizenship Secretary of the Catalan Government and Aida Guillén, Citizenship Rights and Diversity Director of the Barcelona City Council .

12:30 Presentation of the Observatory to Prevent Violent Extremism and Plan of Action addressed to reinforce the action of the Euro-Mediterranean civil society to prevent ALL forms of violent extremism.

By Ahmed Galai, member of the CMODH and LTDH, award winner of the Peace Nobel Prize; Khadija Ryadi, CMODH Coordinator and United Nations Human Rights Defender Prize, Samer Muhareb, Director of ARDD and Luca Gervasoni, Codirector of NOVACT International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

13:45h. Closing Speech.

By Gerardo Pisarello, Deputy Mayor of Barcelona.

14:00h. End of the conference.

// PARTICIPANTS

A - C

Africaye, Spain
ARDD - Legal Aid, Jordan
Assemblea de Cooperació per la Pau, Spain
Association des Femmes Chefs de Famille, Mauritania
Association des Magistrats Tunisiens, Tunisia
Association des Marocains en France, France
Association des Travailleurs Maghrébins de France, France
Association des victimes du terrorisme DJAZAIROUNA, Algeria
Association Marocaine des Droits Humains, Morocco
Association Marocaine des Femmes Progressistes, Morocco
Association Mauritanienne des Droits de l'Homme, Mauritania
Association pour la Defense des Droits de l'Homme au Maroc, France
Association Tharwa N Fadma N soumeu, Algeria
Association Tunisienne des Femmes Démocrates, Tunisia
Beyond Reform and Development, Lebanon
Bisan, Palestine
Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Egypt
Centre Delàs, Spain
Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations at Coventry University, Palestine
CIDOB, Spain
CIEMEN, Spain
Centre for Media and Freedom of Expression, Syria
Clligendal Institute for International Relations, Netherlands
Club de Madrid, Spain
Collectif Marocain des Instances des Droits Humains, Morocco
Comité pour le respect des Libertés et des Droits de l'homme en Tunisie, France
Confédération Générale des Travailleurs, Mauritania
Confédération Libre des Travailleurs, Mauritania
Confédération Nationale des Travailleurs, Mauritania
Conseil des Lycées d'Algérie, Argelia
Coordination Maghrébine des Droits Humains, Maghreb

D - E

European Peacebuilding Liaison Office, Europe
Fédération des Tunisiens pour une Citoyenneté des deux Rives, France
Fighters for peace, Lebanon

F - I

Forum des Alternatives, Morocco
 Forum des Organisations Nationales des Droits Humains, Mauritania
 Forum Marocain pour la Vérité et la Justice, Morocco
 Free Sight, Tunisia
 Freedom Now, Morocco
 Fundació Euro-Àrab, Spain
 Fundació Per la Pau, Spain
 Fundación Al Fanar, Spain
 GVC, Civil Volunteer Group, Italia
 Hamisch, Turkey/Syria
 Helsinki Citizens, Turkey
 I love Thiqar, Irak
 Independent Human Rights Commission in Kurdistan Region, Irak
 Instance Marocaine des Droits Humains, Morocco
 Institut Català Internacional per la Pau, Spain
 Institut dels Drets Humans de Catalunya, Spain
 Institut Europeu de la Mediterrania, Spain
 Institut International du Développement Humain, Tunisia
 International Alert Tunis, Tunisia
 International Organization for Cooperation and Emergency Aid, Lybia
 Iraqi Social Forum, Irak

J - M

JJohud, Jordan
 Jordanian National Commission for Women, Jordan
 Leaders for Tomorrow, Jordan
 Ligue Algerienne de Défense des Droits de l'Homme, Algeria
 Ligue Algérienne des Droits de l'Homme, Algeria
 Ligue Marocaine de Défense des Droits de l'homme, Morocco
 Ligue Mauritanienne des Droits de l'Homme, Mauritania
 Ligue Tunisienne de Défense des Droits de l'Homme, Tunisia
 Maaber, Syria
 Maaber, Syria
 Masarat, Irak
 Médias et Culture, Morocco
 Mouvement pour la Paix, France
 Muwatin Institute For Democracy And Human Rights, Palestine

O - P

Observatoire Algérien des Procès, Algeria
 Observatoire Marocain des Prisons, Morocco
 Oservatoire Mauritanien pour les Droits de l'Homme, Mauritania
 Organisation pour la Liberté d'Information et d'Expression, Morocco
 Palestinian Centre for Human Rights, Palestine
 PATRIR, Rumania
 PAX for Peace, Netherlands
 Permanent Peace Movement, Lebanon
 Popular Struggle Coordination Committee, Palestine

R - Z

Rassemblement Action Jeunesse, Algeria
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 Shoman, Jordan
 SOS - ESCLAVES, Mauritania
 SOS Racisme, Spain
 Soutuna, Irak
 Sports Against Violence, Irak
 Stop Maremortum, Spain
 SUDS, Spain
 Syndicat National des Avocats, Morocco
 Un Ponte Per, Italia
 Union des Diplômés Chômeurs, Tunisia
 Union Générale Tunisienne du Travail, Tunisia
 Union of Kurdish Students in Syria and Germany, Syria
 WE Centre, Jordan
 We Love Tripoli, Lebanon
 Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Council, Palestine
 Zaheia Farag, Lybia

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- + Organizations from Europe, should contact: albert@novact.org

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About NOVACT

International Institute for Nonviolent Action promotes international peace building actions in conflict situations. Through a global network of experts and activists in the Middle East, Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia, the Institute supports nonviolent movements, working for change and social transformation, and develops nonviolent interventions to protect vulnerable communities in conflict situations. As a committed and politically independent actor, the Institute promotes actions, innovative ideas, research, and training to influence the policies of defense, security and foreign policy in Europe and other international contexts.

Established in 1999, during the last 15 years we have developed more than 300 international projects upon request from conflict parties both state and non-state actors and international organizations and agencies. NOVACT' credibility is founded on its field-based relations. Its task is not only to understand local realities, but to offer support to local civil society and social movements through capacity building, technical assistance, academic programs or legal defense for human rights defenders.

About the CMODH

The idea of the creation of the CMODH was in Barcelona in June 2005 with the celebration of the first Mediterranean Social Forum and under the preparation of the 1st Maghreb Social Forum. CMODH action aims to support

the human rights respect, both in protection and promotion areas, in the Maghrebi countries and for all its citizens. Particularly aims to:

- + Reinforce the solidarity and cooperation among its members on the fight for the human rights promotion and protection in their universal and global debate.
- + Prioritize the solidarity and cooperation on the protection of human right defenders in conformity to the international declaration for the protection of human right defenders.
- + Reinforce the solid relations among different Maghrebi associations active in the civil society.
- + Participate on the promotion of the democratic, tolerance, equity and human rights culture values, as well as to reinforce the proximity and solidarity among the people in the region.
- + Contribute to the migrants' rights defense in the Maghrebi countries and their countries of migration.
- + Contribute to the promotion of gender justice.

About the KHOTWA Project

The KHOTWA: Promoting regional integration in the Maghreb project aims to promote the civil society participation in Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia in the regional integration of the Maghreb (North Africa). This objective is achieved strengthening the NGO participation in the policy dialogue to promote social and human development and democratic transformation in the region.

From the Maghreb Region

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