UNDP Global Meeting on Preventing Violent Extremism and Promoting Inclusive Development, Governance and Diversity.

Region: Global
Organisation responsible: UNDP
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Activity: The Meeting was hosted by the Oslo Governance Centre, brought together close to 140 participants from diverse backgrounds working in 47 countries. This included representatives from governments; development agencies; civil society, including youth organizations and women’s networks; academia; media; law enforcement and security communities to share and discuss experiences, lessons learned and approaches related to the prevention of violent extremism.

Objectives

Discussing experiences, lessons learned and approaches related to the prevention of violent extremism.

Description

UNDP has developed a global framework which highlights that prevention of violent extremism needs to look beyond strict security concerns to development-related causes of, and solutions to, the phenomenon.

In this vein, the following key messages emerged from the discussions:
- A strong multi-stakeholder preventative approach anchored in a human rights approach is needed, as well as focusing on addressing the root causes of violent extremism.
- Understanding and acknowledgement of the role of geopolitics and national politics in fuelling or preventing VE.
- Solutions include mechanisms to build both vertical social cohesion - between the state and the diversity of its population - and horizontal cohesion - between groups and individuals in communities to ensure peaceful and respectful coexistence.

Stakeholders

Governments, IGOs, NGOs, civil society.

GOAL 3: Strengthen the responsibility to protect the victims

70. Promote an integrated framework to address violent extremism by all peaceful and nonviolent means. Preventing all forms of violent extremism requires conflict prevention and resolution, inclusive development, respect for human rights standards, and democracy reform.

GOAL 9: Promote the adoption of local, regional and National Plans of Actions

(128) Advocate for the adoption of local, regional and national plans of action to prevent violent extremism and ensure that the process of definition and adoption will include multi-stakeholder spaces of debate, and the participation of civil society.