



The International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law is pleased to send you this e-Newsletter. Below you will find details of our most recent and upcoming events as well as links to our Website and Twitter for more information.

April 2021 Newsletter



Message from the Executive Secretary

I hope this Spring IIJ E-Newsletter finds all of you remaining safe and well during this ongoing and challenging time. Let me take this opportunity – as we enter April – to wish all of our Muslim colleagues and friends Ramadan Mubarak.

Since our last newsletter, the IIJ has been busy continuing our online capacity-building activities in line with our robust 2021 calendar, as well as commencing planning for hybrid events. The IIJ has become known for its agility and adaptability, and we have demonstrated this again during the pandemic period, delivering dynamic and interactive programmes for our beneficiaries to keep pace with their needs. We envisage that hybrid events – combining online learning with in-person engagement where and when possible – will allow us to continue to serve our practitioners as we look forward to an easing of pandemic restrictions.

As part of our reflections on the path forward for the IIJ during this pandemic, the IIJ Governing Board of Administrators has undertaken a Strategic Review of the Institute's operations with the assistance of external consultants. We are particularly thankful to those of you who were involved in supporting this effort and providing valuable feedback to strengthen our impact. The Strategic Review will ensure that the IIJ is well positioned to address the post-COVID-19 capacity-building environment and the evolving needs of our practitioner community.

The Strategic Review process highlighted the IIJ's contributions to the counter-terrorism ecosystem through its grounding of discussions about the prevention of and responses to terrorism in the language and principles of rule of law, transparency, accountability, and human rights. By leading with rule of law in efforts to counter terrorism, the IIJ is seeking to support this professional ecosystem so it can be more cognizant of smart thinking in each other's work, forge a common agenda and approach, and be more aware of the capacities, perspectives and debates

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As part of this community engagement, the IIJ contributed to a series of conversations with partner institutions to exchange good practices and innovations during these often-reflective times. In looking ahead into the rest of 2021, the IIJ will continue its efforts of mutual support to our shared community and we welcome your ideas on how we can collaborate towards greater impact.

Please find below a more detailed update on IIJ activities since our last E-Newsletter. All of us at the IIJ wish you good health and continued momentum for a successful 2021.

Thomas Wuchte
IIJ Executive Secretary

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In just six years, the IIJ has
established itself as a key regional
hub for sustainable criminal justice
practitioner capacity-building

6

YEARS

6300+

PRACTITIONER
ALUMNI

178

CAPACITY-BUILDING
WORKSHOPS
AND COURSES

20

ONLINE
PROGRAMMES
DELIVERED
DURING COVID-19



94

PROGRAMMES
HELD IN
BENEFICIARY
REGIONS

123

PARTICIPATING
COUNTRIES

13

DONORS

50

INTERNATIONAL
GRANTS

LAUNCHED A NEW ACADEMIC UNIT AND RESEARCH AGENDA IN 2020

Spotlight on IIJ Secondees

The IIJ is proud to include among its staff seasoned practitioners seconded by the Governments of Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States. The IIJ encourages its government and institutional partners to consider secondments to the IIJ. The benefits for the seconding organisation, the implementation of shared counter-terrorism priorities, the enrichment of IIJ capacity-building curricula, and the benefit for criminal justice practitioners in our geographic focus regions are profound.

"Serving as a Senior Adviser at the IIJ provides a unique opportunity for self-development. Individuals and their host agencies will benefit from greater exposure to the multi-sector activities that occur globally to counter international terrorism. Additionally, it provides the opportunity to influence, and to bolster, good practices and complement related national and international initiatives." Joe Connell, UK secondee

In 2020, the IIJ welcomed **Steve Sinnott**, seconded from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistant and Training (OPDAT), as Director of Programmes. Steve brings 30 years of prosecutorial experience to the IIJ, and served as Resident Legal Advisor to Tanzania and later Kenya, focusing on training and case-based mentoring in terrorism cases.

In 2020, the IIJ farewelled Senior Investigations Adviser **Joe Connell**, a law enforcement practitioner with 32 years of experience in London's Metropolitan Police, including Scotland Yard's Special Branch (Intelligence) and Counter Terrorism Command. Seconded by the United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Joe implemented more than 15 dynamic capacity-building programmes under the IIJ Investigations Initiative during his four-year secondment. He describes the IIJ's programme of capacity-building activities as *"producing significant benefits for participants and their institutions. Bringing best-in-class expertise to work with practitioners in applying global good practices to develop specific local solutions in African, Middle Eastern and Caribbean contexts has been a pleasure."* Joe's successor, **Philip Tucker**, has served as Head of the UK Liaison Bureau at Europol, Director of Intelligence, and the UK's Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer in Southeast Asia during his 31-year career. Philip has already delivered a highly successful first programme in Somaliland, building practitioner skills and capacity to lead multi-agency 'intelligence-led, evidence-driven' counter-terrorism investigations.

Likewise, the Government of Turkey has supported the IIJ through repeated secondments of Senior Judicial Advisers. In early 2021, the IIJ farewelled **Sevil Bostanci**, an experienced judge who brought notable expertise and experience to Turkey-funded programmes under the IIJ Judicial Capacity-Building Initiative and other projects. Reflecting on her time at the IIJ,

Seville notes that *"the possibility of assigning a secondees to the IIJ is a significant opportunity for governments. The secondees not only represents your country and supports shared policy priorities, but also brings back to your country the skills, knowledge and experience gained during the secondment."* The IIJ looks forward to welcoming Sevil's successor in the coming months.

For more information on secondment opportunities, contact Director for Administration and Outreach Reinhard Uhrig at uhrigr@theijj.org

IIJ Capacity-Building with Impact Series

In 2020, the IIJ embarked on an exciting new project in collaboration and partnership with UNODC, which included a successful side event in the margins of the OSCE-wide Counter Terrorism Conference on Effective Partnerships against Terrorism and Violent Extremism and Radicalisation that Lead to Terrorism. Under the auspices of the IIJ Judicial Capacity-Building Initiative, the IIJ and UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch are working together on challenges relating to remote access to justice in terrorism cases, an area that took on new urgency in the context of the COVID-19 global health pandemic.



Meeting of the Governing Board of Administrators

On 29 and 30 March, the IIJ Governing Board of Administrators (GBA) met virtually for its annual meeting. The IIJ leadership updated the GBA members on the IIJ progress since the previous GBA meeting in April 2020, including: on the successful delivery of capacity-building programmes under the IIJ Initiatives and Workstreams; the implementation of the first two iterations of the eCTAC courses; new strategic partnerships with like-minded organisations; on the implementation of the IIJ Sustainability Strategy; progress on the implementation of the IIJ Communications & Outreach Strategy and a robust, forward-leaning IIJ calendar.

The IIJ is very pleased with the outcome of this board meeting, with Administrators welcoming the findings and recommendations resulting from the Strategic Review Assessment conducted by Lexpat Global Services and the unanimous adoption of a written Board Resolution. We thank our

the unanimous adoption of a written Board Resolution. We thank our Administrators for joining this virtual meeting and for your ongoing support for the IIJ mission, mandate and team.



GCTF Spring Meetings

The IIJ was pleased to participate in the Eighteenth GCTF Coordinating Committee Meeting held online on 24 and 25 March 2021. The IIJ presented on the work of the IIJ with a focus on the sustainable impact of IIJ capacity-building through the implementation and operationalisation of GCTF framework memoranda. This included online capacity-building workshops convened online under the IIJ Core Initiatives & Workstreams and the Academic Unit's eCTAC courses. We also highlighted our continued work with our fellow GCTF-Inspired Institutions - GCERF and Hedayah - and other international and regional partners to leverage our collective efforts to counter terrorism and prevent and counter violent extremism.

To that end, prior to the Coordinating Meeting, the IIJ, GCERF and Hedayah were pleased to join the GCTF Co-Chairs, Working Group Co-Chairs and GCTF Administrative Unit for the Second GCTF Inspired Institutions Meeting. We see this as an important platform through which to identify opportunities to facilitate greater coordination and collaboration in the pursuit of our joint missions.

The IJ also welcomed the *GCTF Strategic Vision for the Next Decade*. The IJ team contributed actively to the consultation process led by the GCTC Co-Chairs, Canada and Morocco, and maintains its strong commitment to the GCTF mission through its work to implement and operationalise the Forum's important good practices, recommendations and tools through our work with criminal justice practitioners.



Support The IJ

The IJ is entering an exciting new chapter, building on its early successes and making a substantial and sustainable impact on the ability of criminal justice practitioners in IJ geographic focus areas to address terrorism and violent extremism within the rule of law.

However, in these uncertain times, the IJ needs your support to fulfil this critically important mission. You can support the IJ and its delivery of tailored, practitioner-focused capacity-building to strengthen and promote rule-of-law-based counter-terrorism efforts and/or fund a specific IJ course, programme or workstream by clicking the button below or by emailing the IJ Executive Secretariat at info@theij.org.

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Academic Unit

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IIJ Academic Unit: Counter-Terrorism Academic Curriculum

02 – 26 February and 12 February – 12 March 2021, Online Workshop

These live sessions included six small-groups, interactive tutorial sessions for each cohort (12 in total) on “Effective Coordination Between Investigators and Prosecutors,” “Collection of Evidence for Successful Prosecutions,” and “Cross-Border Investigations.” During these dynamic sessions, practitioners presented their work in exercises on developing a counter-terrorism coordination plan, assessing intelligence and decision making in an investigation, and drafting a mutual legal assistance request. Practitioners were highly engaged and reported that the eCTAC course was immensely valuable to their work ... [Read more](#)

For more information on the Academic Unit Counter-Terrorism Academic Curriculum (CTAC) or the online eCTAC, please contact Academic Unit Programme Manager Mr. [Dallin Van Leuven](#) or Academic Unit Director Ms. [Marie Compère](#).



Programmatic Unit

IIJ Multi-Actor P/CVE Interventions Workstream: Online Training Workshop for Developing and Operationalising Rule of Law-Based Multi-Actor Intervention Programmes for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism in Kenya

13 – 14 and 19 – 20 January 2021, Hybrid Workshop

In January, the IIJ convened an online workshop under the innovative IIJ Multi-Actor P/CVE Interventions Workstream, focused on how to design and implement multi-actor intervention programmes for preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE) that take into account the relevant local context and needs, including through the use of referral mechanisms. With the feedback gathered, the IIJ is now refining the training curriculum and working on the organisation of a second pilot programme that will be delivered online in March 2021 ... [Read more](#)

For more information on this workshop or the IIJ Multi-Actor P/CVE Interventions Workstream, please contact IIJ Programme Manager Mr. [Adrian Carbajo](#)



IIJ Investigations Initiative: Multi-Agency 'Intelligence-led, Evidence-driven' Counter-Terrorism Investigation Capacity-Building in Somaliland – Skills Training and Practical Exercise Phase

03 – 12 February 2021, Hybrid Workshop

This ten-day module brought together 41 practitioners from different agencies, including the police, military, coastguard, prisons and immigration service. The programme was delivered using a hybrid training model with the IIJ Senior Investigations Adviser leading the workshops in person at the Police Training Academy in Hargeisa, and a series of presentations pre-recorded for delivery during the programme ... [Read more](#)

For more information on this workshop or the IIJ Investigations Initiative, please contact IIJ Senior Investigations Adviser, Mr. [Philip Tucker](#)



IJJ Addressing Homegrown Terrorism Initiative: Online Workshop on Implementing the GCTF Rabat – Washington Good Practices on the Prevention, Detection, Intervention, and Response to Homegrown Terrorism – Special Focus on Response to Terrorist Attacks in South and Southeast Asia

23 – 25 February 2021, Online Workshop

This workshop focused on the response to terrorist attacks in South and Southeast Asia. Law enforcement officials, prosecutors, media practitioners and civil society actors from seven countries in South and Southeast Asia were joined by colleagues from Africa, Europe, the United States, and international organisations and networks. Sessions emphasised the importance of developing a comprehensive communication strategy, avoiding stigmatisation, retaliation and further radicalisation, protecting victims' rights, and the important role of community leaders, such as mayors, religious leaders and tribe leaders ... [Read more](#)

For more information on this workshop or the IJJ Addressing Homegrown Terrorism Initiative, please contact IJJ Programme Manager Ms. [Miriam Shafik](#)



IJJ Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremism (REMVE) Initiative: Third Expert Meeting

09 – 10 March 2021, Online Workshop

This Third Online Expert Meeting brought together 36 practitioners and subject-matter experts and over the course of two sessions, practitioners and experts reviewed in detail a draft version of the forthcoming *IJJ Criminal Justice Practitioner's Guide for Addressing REMVE* (hereinafter the *IJJ REMVE Practitioner's Guide*), which the IJJ is developing through this initiative. Participants discussed the historical context and current outlook for REMVE, as well as the tools that practitioners and policymakers have at their disposal to

address such threats effectively and in compliance with the rule of law. They provided invaluable insights, based on their own first-hand ... [Read more](#)

For more information on the IIJ REMVE Initiative, please contact IIJ Programme Manager Mr. [Hop Wells](#)

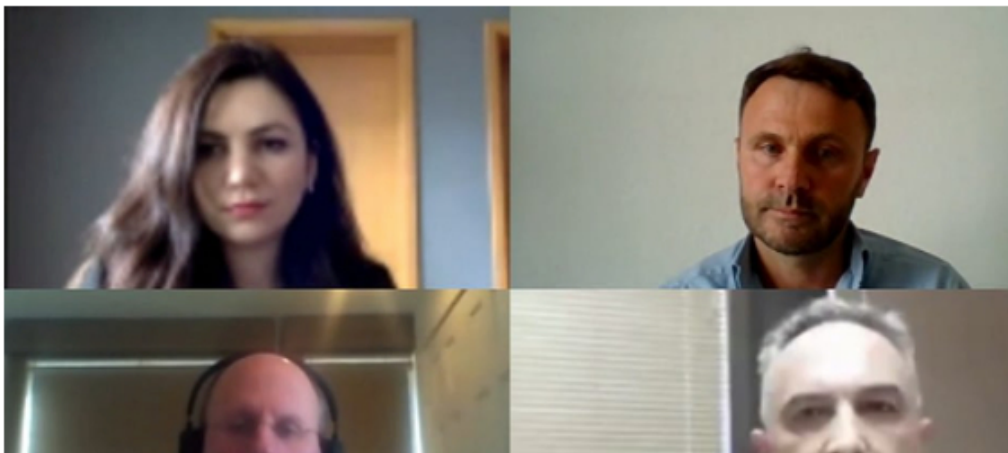


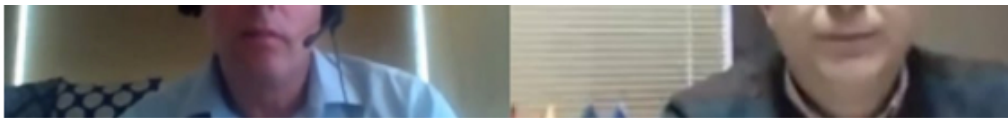
IIJ Multi-Actor P/CVE Interventions Workstream: Online Training for Developing and Operationalising Rule of Law-Based Multi-Actor Intervention Programmes for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism in North Macedonia

22 – 23 and 25 – 26 October, Online Workshop

In March, the IIJ together with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Mission to Skopje, convened an online workshop for 30 national and municipal government and civil society representatives from North Macedonia. Just like the [event organised in January this year](#), the workshop focussed on the design and operationalisation of multi-disciplinary intervention programmes for preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE) that take into account the relevant local context and needs, including through the use of referral mechanisms ... [Read more](#)

For more information on this workshop or the IIJ Multi-Actor P/CVE Interventions Workstream, please contact IIJ Programme Manager Mr. [Adrian Carbajo](#)





IIJ Judicial Capacity-Building Initiative: West & East Africa Workshop on the GCTF Glion Recommendations on the Use of Rule of Law-Based Administrative Measures

22, 25, 29 March and 1 April 2021, Online Workshop

The IIJ and the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT), convened the second online workshop on Applying Administrative Measures within a Counter-Terrorism Context and Rule of Law Framework. The workshop, generously supported by the Government of Switzerland, brought together practitioners from Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Niger, Senegal, and Togo to discuss the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) Glion Recommendations on the Use of Rule of Law-Based Administrative Measures in a Counterterrorism Context as well as key concepts related to applying administrative measures within a counter-terrorism context ... [Read more](#)

For more information on this workshop, please contact IIJ Programme Manager Mr. [Gabriel Monterrosa](#)



Recent & Upcoming Programmes & Meetings

- 6 – 7 April: IIJ Juvenile Justice Initiative: Second Ethiopia Online Workshop on Justice for Children in Terrorism Cases
- 6 – 8 April: IIJ Core Course: Using Information Derived from Intelligence to Generate Evidence for Terrorist Investigations and Prosecutions
- 7 – 8 April: IIJ Global Central Authorities Initiative in partnership with the UK Central Authority Capacity Building Project: Online Pre-Workshop Consultations for the West Africa Regional Workshop on Developing Standardised Guidelines for Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) on Criminal Matters

- 8 April: Joint IIJ Battlefield Evidence Workstream & Global Central Authorities Initiative: First Online Workshop for Tunisia on Facilitating the Sharing of Battlefield Evidence
- 14 April: IIJ Prison Management Initiative: Online Expert Meeting on Risk Assessment of Violent Extremist and Terrorist Offenders
- 20 May – 18 June: IIJ Academic Unit: Counter-Terrorism Academic Curriculum (CTAC) / Sahel Practitioners Edition

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