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## March 2020 Newsletter



### Message from the Executive Secretary

**IIJ collaborating:** two words at the forefront of this newsletter and a guiding principle for the IIJ's approach to CT capacity-building. Promoting effective CT collaboration is a core element of both the IIJ mission and vision and a theme we will continue to emphasise with our participants, donors and partners as we close out a busy and productive first quarter of 2020. It will also be top of mind as we begin preparations for the upcoming Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) Coordinating Committee Meeting in March and the April meeting of the IIJ Governing Board of Administrators.

The past several years have marked an intense period for the international community with a myriad of partners working to prevent and counter a shifting terrorism threat landscape. As we continue to build our collective capacity to address this evolving threat, it is imperative that the international community redoubles its efforts to collaborate, cooperate and dovetail respective workstreams to ensure the sustainable impact of our efforts.

To this end, the IIJ continues to prioritise the wide circulation of our forward calendar, cognizant that effective collaboration means sharing information with governmental and institutional partners at the earliest possible stage. We are also working to build and strengthen institutional ties with current and new partners, proactively seeking to identify synergies in workstreams and proposed deliverables.

At the practitioner-level, IIJ programmes continue to build and strengthen a peer network of practitioners and policy-makers across the IIJ geographic focus regions, harnessing the spirit of multilateralism to promote and support CT collaboration at the national, regional and international levels.

And, as an incubator of ideas, the IIJ is excited to be launching in 2020 a new platform for more in-depth CT practitioner education. Longer-form academic programmes will further empower prosecutors, judges, law enforcement and other criminal justice practitioners with the knowledge and tools they need in their daily work to effectively prevent and counter terrorism.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the State of Kuwait to the IIJ Governing Board of Administrators. We are delighted to have you on board and very much look forward to your support and engagement as we continue to deliver on the IIJ CT capacity-building mission.

On behalf of the IIJ team, I wish everyone continued success and encourage all to see collaboration and cooperation as an opportunity to further strengthen the work we do and the impact we are having in this challenging and important field.

Thomas Wuchte  
IIJ Executive Secretary



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### **IIJ Addressing Homegrown Terrorism Initiative: Scoping Workshop on Addressing Racially- and Ethnically-Motivated Terrorism (REMT)**

05 – 07 November 2019, Valletta, Malta

The IIJ welcomed 36 policymakers, academics, and practitioners to a Scoping Workshop on Racially and Ethnically-Motivated Terrorism (REMT). Workshop sessions examined the latest trends in REMT and how organisations are operating, ways to assess and prioritise risk, ways to share information, systems and processes established for detecting, disrupting and pursuing REMT actors, and lessons learned in developing integrated and effective responses... [Read more](#)

For more information on this workshop, please email IIJ Programme Manager [Miriam Shafik](#)

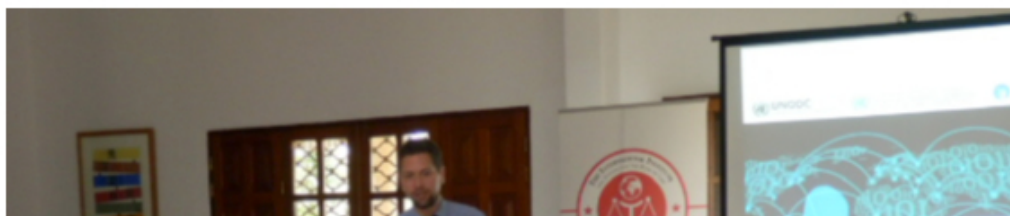


### **IIJ Investigations Initiative: Phase 2 – Multi-Agency 'Intelligence-led, Evidence-driven' Counterterrorism Investigation Capacity-Building**

18 – 29 November 2019, Yaoundé, Cameroon

During November the IIJ delivered two further skills-based training modules under Phase 2 of its bespoke Cameroon Multi-agency 'Intelligence-led, Evidence-driven' Counterterrorism Investigation capacity-building programme to senior representatives of intelligence, law enforcement, prosecutors and judges from Cameroon. Throughout the training, participants developed a number of practical recommendations to incorporate international good practices, including those of the GCTF, UNODC and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)... [Read more](#)

For more information on the IIJ Investigations Initiative, please email IIJ Senior Investigations Advisor [Joe Connell](#)





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### **IIJ Judicial Capacity-Building Initiative: East Africa Workshop on Evidence – Abuja Recommendations**

*11 – 13 December 2019, Istanbul, Turkey*

The East Africa Workshop focused on implementing the GCTF Abuja Recommendations on the Collection, Use and Sharing of Evidence for Purposes of Criminal Prosecution of Terrorism Suspects (hereafter Abuja Recommendations). This important collection of internationally-recognised recommendations, endorsed by GCTF Members at the 2018 GCTF Ministerial Plenary Meeting, offers practical guidance to investigators and prosecutors of terrorism cases on how to build... [Read more](#)

*For more information on this Initiative, please email IJ Junior Officer [Gabriel Monterrosa](#)*



### **IIJ Global Central Authorities Initiative: West Africa Regional Workshop on Enhancing Judicial Cooperation in Line with the IJ Good Practices for Central Authorities**

*15 – 16 January 2020, Dakar, Senegal*

The West Africa Regional Workshop on Enhancing Judicial Cooperation provided an important opportunity for capacity-building and practical skills development and application based on the IJ Good Practices for Central Authorities. Practitioners from Senegal and Nigeria presented lessons learned from investigating and prosecuting high-profile terrorism cases in their jurisdictions that required intense regional and international cooperation, putting into practical context the IJ Good... [Read more](#)

*For more information on this workshop, please email IJ Programme Manager [Adrián Carbajo](#)*



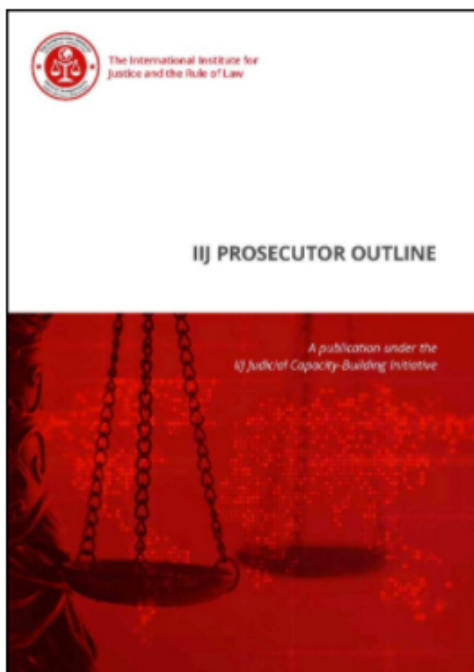


### **IIJ Juvenile Justice Initiative: Sectoral Workshop for Defence Counsels**

21 – 23 January 2020, Attard, Malta

Throughout the workshop, practitioners worked through hypothetical scenarios based on common challenges when handling cases involving juveniles in a counterterrorism context, providing an opportunity for the practitioners to discuss how their respective countries will use the IIJ Defence Counsels' Note to implement and operationalise the Neuchâtel Memorandum good practices. The IIJ is proud to continue to serve as a leader on juvenile justice in a counterterrorism context... [Read more](#)

For more information on this workshop, please email IIJ Programme Manager [Emerson Cachon](#)



### **IIJ Prosecutor Outline**

The **IIJ Prosecutor Outline** is a practical tool designed to help build the capacity of criminal justice officials to effectively prosecute and investigate terrorism cases in southern Mediterranean countries and their immediate neighbourhood (Sahel and Horn of Africa) in line with international human rights standards, good practices and the rule of law.

Available for download [here](#)

### **IIJ Investigations Initiative: Phase 3 – Multi-Agency 'Intelligence-led, Evidence-driven' Counterterrorism Investigation Capacity-Building, Cameroon**

21 – 24 January 2020, Yaoundé, Cameroon

This programme built capacity across a number of key skills areas, including: joint-agency cooperation and collaboration methodology; information sharing mechanisms; intelligence development; intelligence and evidential analysis; the management of threat, risk and vulnerabilities; and the production of physical, digital and witness evidence. A fourth phase of this programme, to be held in March 2020, will further... [Read more](#)

For more information on this workshop, please email IIJ Senior Investigations Advisor [Joe Connell](#)



**IIJ RFTF Initiative: Rehabilitating and Reintegrating Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters - Final Capacity-Building Workshop for Mali and Chad**  
04 – 06 February 2020, Valletta, Malta

This workshop formed part of a Dutch-funded project on 'Rehabilitating and Reintegration Terrorist Offenders' in Mali and Chad held under the auspices of the IIJ RFTFs Initiative. In both countries, the IIJ convened in parallel three capacity-building workshops with a focus on developing recommendations for amending the respective national CVE policies to include the rehabilitation and reintegration of terrorist fighters. This final joint Mali-Chad workshop provided the opportunity for both countries to present their recommendations and action plans to the donor and several IGOs and UN entities working in this field.

For more information on this workshop, please email IIJ Programme Manager [Monique Kamies](#)



**GCTF Criminal Justice and Rule of Law Working Group - Plenary and Expert Meeting**  
11 – 13 February 2020, St Julian's, Malta

The IIJ hosted the GCTF Criminal Justice and Rule of Law Working Group for their Plenary Meeting and subsequent Second Expert Meeting on Criminal Justice Responses to the Linkages between Terrorism, the Financing of Terrorism, Illicit Trafficking in Goods and Maritime Crimes. During the Plenary Meeting, Co-Chairs Nigeria and Switzerland discussed the Working Group's work plan for 2019 - 2021 and invited the GCTF-inspired institutions and key GCTF partners to present their most recent initiatives as well as future programming supporting implementation of GCTF memoranda. The Second Expert Meeting, held under the GCTF's new [Initiative on Criminal Justice Responses to the Linkages between Terrorism, Transnational Organized Crimes and International Crimes](#), addressed the various connections between organised crime and terrorism, especially with regards to illicit goods and maritime crimes.

For more information on these meetings, please email IIJ Junior Officer [Gabriel Monterrosa](#)



### **IIJ Battlefield Evidence: West Africa Regional Workshop**

18 – 19 February 2020, Abidjan, Nigeria

During this two-day capacity-building workshop, expert practitioners discussed the unique circumstances of battlefield evidence collection and good practices for exploitation and analysis. Practitioners also examined specific examples of successes and challenges with using battlefield evidence in criminal justice proceedings in the past and reviewed different platforms for the sharing of battlefield evidence and other uses for it beyond prosecution, including to enhance border security, further investigations, and inform intelligence-led community policing.

For more information on this workshop, please email IIJ Programme Manager [Hop Wells](#)



### **IIJ Referral Mechanisms for P/CVE: First Expert Workshop**

26 – 27 February 2020, Copenhagen, Denmark

On 26-27 February 2020, the IIJ and the Danish Centre for Prevention of Extremism convened an expert workshop in Copenhagen, Denmark, bringing together 40 practitioners from 16 countries with experience in designing and implementing multi-actor

programmes for preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE), with a particular focus on referral mechanisms. The workshop aimed to identify essential capacity-building components necessary to develop such referral platforms, inputs that will inform a first-of-its-kind training curriculum to support the development of P/CVE programmes across the world. A second expert meeting will be held in early May in cooperation with relevant EU institutions and experts to discuss the first draft of the curriculum.

*For more information on this workshop, please email IIJ Programme Manager*

[Adrián Carbajo](#)



## Looking ahead



- March, Trinidad & Tobago: **IIJ Investigations Initiative: CT Capacity-Building for Prosecutors and Judges**
- March, Malta: **IIJ Addressing Homegrown Terrorism Initiative: 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**
- March, Cameroon: **IIJ Investigations Initiative: Final Phase**
- March, Denmark: **GCTF Seventeenth Coordinating Committee Meeting**
- March, Malta: **IIJ Core Course: Successful Prosecutions of CT Cases**
- April, Malta: **IIJ Mid-Year Meeting of Governing Board of Administrators**
- May, Belgium: **IIJ Referral Mechanisms for P/CVE: Second Expert Workshop**
- June, Kazakhstan: **IIJ Prison Management Initiative: Effective Prison Management and Intelligence Workshop**
- June, Malta: **IIJ Juvenile Justice Initiative: Sectoral Workshop for Investigators**

- June, Maldives: **IIJ Global Central Authorities Initiative: Regional South and South East Asia Workshop on Enhancing Judicial Cooperation in line with the IIJ Good Practices for Central Authorities**
- June, Malta: **IIJ Judicial Capacity Building Initiative: West Africa Workshop on the GCTF Glion Recommendations on Administrative Measures**
- June - July, USA: **Second United Nations Counter-Terrorism Week**

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