



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



Message from the Executive Secretary



As you may have seen on the [IIJ website](#) and on Twitter [@iijmalta](#), June marked the fifth anniversary of the establishment of the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law. With the support of the IIJ's Governing Board of Administrators, our expanding donor base and partner network, many of you who receive this newsletter, and the dedicated IIJ team, much has been accomplished in this short period. The IIJ has provided capacity-building

training for well over 4,000 criminal justice practitioners from 123 countries and continues to serve as a unique platform for implementing and operationalising international good practices, especially GCTF memoranda, and promoting sustainable approaches to countering an evolving terrorist threat that often includes broader transnational security issues. On behalf of the entire IIJ team, I would like to thank all of our newsletter subscribers for your support of the IIJ's mission and mandate and we look forward to continuing this partnership over the next five years!

As the IIJ enters its next five years, our focus is firmly on sustainable growth, impact and innovation. To this end, on 18-20 June 2019, the IIJ delivered – in partnership with the University of Malta's [Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies](#) – the **IIJ-MEDAC Mediterranean Security & Rule of Law Course**. We were delighted to welcome both the [President of Malta](#), H.E. Dr. George Vella, and Malta's [Minister of Foreign Affairs & Trade Promotion](#), The Hon. Carmelo Abela, as keynote speakers. This innovative pilot course provided participants with an in-depth understanding of the various security challenges currently affecting the Mediterranean region, with a particular focus on the pressing challenges of terrorism, migration and human security. In addition to academic lectures, the course included a simulation exercise and discussions with other high-level policy-makers from UNHCR, EASO, IOM, and others, in the unique setting of historic Valletta. This fee-based course is a new initiative under the IIJ Sustainability Strategy, which aims to further diversify our financial base. A more detailed summary of this course is provided below.

You will see from our upcoming activities that the IIJ calendar remains full through the end of 2019. I am pleased to report that our first workshop under the new **IIJ Core Curriculum**: Using Information Derived from Intelligence to Generate Evidence for Terrorism Investigations and Prosecutions will take place in Malta on 23-26 July 2019. This is an important step as we broaden our training approach to provide even more sustainable and long-term linkages between IIJ thematic and regional foci and relevant GCTF rule of law implementation efforts. This broader approach includes a greater focus

on incorporating international and regional policies from partners such as the United Nations, African Union, League of Arab States, European Union, and others.

In July, we bid farewell to our valued colleague Judge Tamer Soysal, who has served as an IIJ Senior Judicial Advisor since 2018. Judge Soysal was seconded from Turkey's Ministry of Justice, the second such secondment from the Government of Turkey as part of its generous support to the IIJ as a founding Board Member. As we thank Judge Soysal for his notable service to the IIJ, we also acknowledge the continuing contributions of two other valued secondees: Ms. Kathleen O'Connor, IIJ Director of Programs, seconded from the U.S. Department of Justice, and Mr. Joe Connell, Senior Investigations Advisor, seconded from the United Kingdom's Foreign & Commonwealth Office. In line with our overall vision, the IIJ welcomes and encourages other such national secondments.

Among our many upcoming programs, we are also looking forward to building on our IIJ RFTFs Initiative with a United States-sponsored high-level event in December focused on the effective sharing and use of battlefield evidence to support successful counterterrorism prosecutions, and drawing on the new [Non-Binding Guiding Principles on Use of Battlefield Evidence in Civilian Criminal Proceedings](#). This event will be a capstone to a year of international cooperation to advance this important initiative, bringing together senior representatives from the United Nations, the European Union, NATO, INTERPOL, and 30 countries.



*Thomas Wuchte
IIJ Executive Secretary*



Click here to follow The IIJ on Twitter.

IIJ-MEDAC Mediterranean Security & Rule of Law Course

June 18 - 20, 2019, Valletta, Malta

This three-day fee-based course provided participants with an in-depth understanding of the various security challenges currently affecting the Mediterranean region, with a particular focus on the issue areas of terrorism, migration and human security. It featured academic lectures, interactive discussions with high-level policy makers, and a dynamic migration simulation training exercise that put practitioners in the seats of heads of government. The course was led by migration and counterterrorism experts and featured high-level speakers, such as: H.E. Dr. George Vella, President of Malta; the Hon. Carmelo Abela, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion... [Read more](#)

For more information on this event, please email IIJ_Events@theijj.org.





Video Highlight: IIJ - MEDAC training programme on Mediterranean Security and Rule of Law



IIJ Juvenile Justice Initiative: Practitioners' Notes – Focus Group Meeting

March 25 - 27, 2019, Valletta, Malta

During the three-day meeting, participants reviewed and provided input on the new IIJ Juvenile Justice Practitioners' Notes – a set of sector-specific notes tailored for judges, prosecutors, investigators, defense attorneys and corrections officers – which have been developed to support the operationalization of the Global Counterterrorism Forum... [Read more](#)

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





IIJ Investigations Initiative: Malta Police Counter Terrorism Unit Training

March 26 - 28, 2019, St George's Bay, Malta

This bespoke training programme focused on multi-agency, intelligence-led and evidence-driven counter terrorism investigations, and included a three-day investigation exercise, supported by expert presentations on joint operations between police, intelligence, prisons, immigration, and prosecutors... [Read More](#)

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



DONATE TO THE IIJ

If you wish to support the IIJ's [mission](#) and [vision](#) financially and/or help fund a specific program, please click on the image below or contact the IIJ Secretariat at info@theijj.org



IIJ Core Curriculum: Successful Prosecutions of Terrorism Cases – Curriculum Development Expert Meeting

March 28 - 29, 2019, Valletta, Malta

During this two-day meeting, practitioners shared their experiences and challenges in investigating, prosecuting, defending, and adjudicating terrorism cases. Presenting on real-world cases in which they themselves had played a role, the practitioners discussed how their respective legal systems address key challenges... [Read more](#)

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



IIJ RFTFs Initiative: Rehabilitation and Reintegrating Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters – Capacity Building Workshop

April 08 - 11, 2019, N'Djamena, Chad

During in-depth discussions and interactive group exercises, participants started developing elements for an addendum – specifically addressing the rehabilitation and reintegration of terrorist offenders – to Chad's National Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Strategy... [Read more](#)

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



IIJ Battlefield Evidence Initiative: Judges Workshop

April 24 - 25, 2019, St George's Bay, Malta

During the two-day training, expert practitioners exchanged their experiences in collecting battlefield evidence, sharing it domestically and across borders, and introducing such evidence in real-world cases involving terrorism offenses. Participants worked through a hypothetical case study in groups... [Read more](#)

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





IIJ launches its Recommendations for Judges in the Sahel and West Africa

Now available in [English](#) and [French](#).

Implementing the GCTF's The Hague Memorandum on Good Practices for the Judiciary in Adjudicating Terrorism Cases

IIJ Investigations Initiative: Tunisian National Workshop on Investigating and Prosecuting Terrorism Cases

June 11 - 13, 2019, Tunis, Tunisia

In collaboration with the Australian High Commission, Malta (with Non-Resident Accreditation to Tunisia), and Tunisia's Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Interior, and Justice, the IIJ delivered an interactive and interagency-focused workshop on challenges and good practices in investigating and prosecuting terrorism cases in the context of international good practices and Tunisia's Counter Terrorism Law of 2015... [Read more](#)

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



IIJ Judicial-Capacity Building Initiative: Evidence Workshop for West Africa

June 25 - 27, 2019, Dakar, Senegal

Participating in the workshop were prosecutors, investigators and judicial police officers dealing with forensic science, and military officers with experience working on terrorism cases. This was the first IIJ workshop which included military officers in its core audience, an important step for IIJ training in regions in which the military is assigned a quasi-law enforcement function and is often first on the scene in disrupting terrorist plots or responding to attacks... [Read more](#)

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



IIJ RFTFs Initiative: Rehabilitating and Reintegrating Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters – Capacity-Building Workshop

June 25 - 27, 2019, N'Djamena, Chad

During in-depth discussions and interactive group exercises, participants continued developing elements for an addendum to Chad's National Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Strategy aimed at addressing specifically the rehabilitation and reintegration of terrorist offenders. A working group was formed that will fine-tune the outcomes of the workshop and will draft the final version of the addendum... [Read more](#)

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



IIJ Global Central Authorities Initiative: Regional MENA Workshop

June 27, 2019, Cairo, Egypt

The event was the first in a series of interactive regional workshops for criminal justice

The event was the first in a series of interactive regional workshops for criminal justice sector stakeholders that the IIJ is convening under the IIJ Global Central Authorities Initiative (GCAI). One of eight IIJ Core Initiatives, the IIJ GCAI is supporting countries to meet calls from the international community to strengthen international judicial cooperation and the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions [2322](#) (2016) and [2396](#) (2017)... [Read more](#)

For more information on this event, please email IIJ Program Manager [Adrián Carbajo](#)



Looking ahead



- July, Malta: **IIJ Investigations Initiative: Phase 1 - Scoping Multi-Agency 'Intelligence Led, Evidence-Driven' Counterterrorism Investigation Capacity-Building**
- July, Malta: **IIJ AHT Initiative: Intervention-Focused Workshop**
- July, Malta: **IIJ Juvenile Justice Initiative: Sectoral Workshop for Prosecutors**
- July, Malta: **IIJ Core Curriculum: Using Information Derived from Intelligence to Generate Evidence**
- July, Morocco: **IIJ Prison Management Initiative: Workshop on Effective Prison Management of Violent Extremist and Terrorist Offenders, Including Vulnerable Populations**
- September, Mali: **IIJ RFTFs Initiative: Rehabilitating and Reintegrating Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters – Capacity-Building Workshop**
- September, Uganda: **IIJ Global Central Authorities Initiative: Strengthening Central Authorities - Regional East Africa Workshop**
- September, Malta: **IIJ Core Curriculum: Successful Prosecutions**
- September, Cameroon: **IIJ Investigations Initiative: Phase 2 - Training Multi-Agency 'Intelligence-Led, Evidence-Driven' Counterterrorism Investigation Capacity-Building**
- October, Malta: **IIJ Core Curriculum: Using Information Derived from Intelligence to Generate Evidence**
- October, Ivory Coast: **IIJ RFTFs Initiative: Rehabilitating and Reintegrating**

Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters – Final Capacity-Building Workshop for Mali and Chad

- October, Ivory Coast: **IJJ Judicial Capacity-Building Initiative: Workshop for Judges**
- October, Malta: **IJJ Juvenile Justice Initiative: Sectoral Workshop for Judges**
- December, Malta: **High-Level Event on Battlefield Evidence**

Please contact info@theijj.org for further details.



Copyright © 2019 IJJ, All rights reserved.

For any further information you may visit our website www.theijj.org, email us at info@theijj.org or phone us on (00 356) 2122 6158

On May 25, 2018 the new General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") came into effect. The IJJ is committed to protecting your data and we hope you find our content useful. Should you wish to be removed from the newsletter mail list you can use the links below.

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)



@ijjmalta



www theijj.org