



2023 Counter-Terrorism Week SIDE EVENTS

19-23 JUNE 2023

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Online is Offline - The interrelation between online extremism and offline terrorism

20 June 2023, 17.15-18.30 EST (5:15-6:30PM)

UN Secretariat Conference Room 12 & online (hybrid)

Concept Note

BACKGROUND:

The **Third United Nations High-Level Conference of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States** will be held from 19 to 20 June 2023 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The main events will start with the Biennial Review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, followed by the UN High-level Conference of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States.

The overarching theme of the Counter-Terrorism Week is “Addressing Terrorism through Reinvigorated Multilateralism and Institutional Cooperation”.

The Third High-level Conference will focus on the following themes:

- Multi-stakeholder Engagement in Countering Terrorism while Ensuring Compliance with Human Rights and Rule of Law
- Building Effective and Resilient Member States’ Institutions in the Evolving Global Terrorism Landscape
- Global Threat Landscape: Assessment of Current and Emerging Trends
- Strengthening Capacity Building Programmes – Making Them Fit for Purpose to Meet Resilience Gaps

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The World Jewish Congress signed in 2019 a memorandum of understanding with the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), the main organizer of the third counter-terrorism week and has been contributing to UNOCT events since.

The Permanent Mission of Israel to the UN has been an active and constructive partner to UNOCT and strives to contribute the vast Israeli experience in counterterrorism in all platforms available.

Side Event:

In these capacities, the WJC and the Permanent Mission of Israel will co-organize a side-event « Online is Offline – The interrelation between online extremism and offline terrorism » that will take place in person at the UN Headquarters and virtually on June 20th at 5:15-6 :30PM.

The WJC will live-stream the event on the WJC website and social media channels and provide a recording on the website. The event will also be available on UN WebTV.

TOPIC:

The event will focus on the interrelation and interconnection between online extremism and offline terrorism, in light of current world events and prominent trends, including terrorist acts committed by extreme Islamist terrorist groups, terrorism based on antisemitic narratives and violent extremism.

The event will aim to map out trends in social media and technological platforms. Experts from various sectors will discuss the challenges they face today from several angles – including government perspectives, academic analysis, private sector practices and social media platforms – using real-life examples and a unique peak into the undercover, dark side of online activity. Solutions for dealing with the trends, such as current multilateral and multistakeholder initiatives, will be presented. The event will endeavor to align with the key themes of CT Week and create a space for fruitful exchange of ideas and information.

PROGRAMME:

Opening remarks

- **Ambassador Jonathan Miller**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations
- **Mr. Maram Stern**, Executive Vice President, World Jewish Congress

Panel discussion

- **Mr. David Tessler**, Director, Public Policy, Meta
- **Dr. Liram Koblentz-Stenzler**, Senior Researcher and Head of the Global Far-Right Extremism Desk, The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), Reichman University & Visiting Fellow, Yale University.
- **Dr. Erin Saltman**, Interim Executive Director and Director of Programming at GIFCT (The Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism)
- **Adv. Sarah Green**, Prosecutor, Cybercrime Department - Israeli State Attorney's Office Israeli Ministry of Justice

Moderators:

- **Adv. Yfat Barak-Cheney**, Director of International Affairs, Director of Technology and Human Rights, World Jewish Congress
- **Adv. Noam Cappon**, Legal Advisor, Permanent Mission of Israel to the UN