



# 2023 Counter-Terrorism Week SIDE EVENTS

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## **“Towards a Terrorism-Free Society”** *Peaceful Co-Existence for the Promotion of Tolerance and Mutual Respect in Combating Terrorism*

**Wednesday, 21 June 2023**

**11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**UNHQ, Conference Room 11 & Zoom (Hybrid)**

### **Introduction**

This side event is organized by the Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations, in collaboration with the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and the United Nations Alliance of Civilization (UNAOC), which aims at examining ways and means on how to achieve a terrorism free society. The discussion will focus on the experience of the Sultanate of Oman, challenges, and opportunities for promoting a culture of tolerance, peaceful coexistence, and mutual respect to combat extremism and counter-terrorism.

The side event will share Omani good practices towards the implementation of the four pillars of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, including creating conditions conducive to stopping the spread of terrorism, preventing it at early stages, and combating extremism.

In this regard, the Sultanate of Oman with the support of the United Nations system, including UNOCT, regional and national entities have developed knowledge and raised awareness on the challenges and

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opportunities related to promoting tolerance and harmony to prevent, combat, and respond to terrorism and extremism.

The side event will therefore contribute to Member States' awareness of effective methods for preventing and countering terrorism through the promotion of tolerance with a whole-of-society approach.

The first part of the side-event will shed light on the Omani experience in countering terrorism through a whole-of-society approach, by building an eco-culture that is conducive to tolerance and harmony, where all relevant stakeholders, including the government, private sector, civil society, NGOs, religious authorities and leaders, and the media, are integrated in the national strategy to achieve a terrorism-free society.

The second part of the side-event will touch on the Sultanate of Oman's successes and unique experience in implementing measures towards the achievement of a terrorism-free society, while developing valuable alternatives to the use of force. It will discuss the results achieved through the promotion of tolerance with a whole-of-society approach and its effective role in spreading peace regionally and globally.

The third part of the side event will provide an opportunity for questions and answers. It will also facilitate an interactive discussion on how the methods developed by the Sultanate of Oman for achieving a society free from terrorism can be tailored to other national contexts with support available from the UN system.

## **Background**

The Sultanate of Oman attaches great importance to its core values of peace, harmony, and mutual respect, including achieving terrorism-free society. The fight against terrorism begins with the prevention of terrorism and the treatment of its causes and motives in the most responsible manner. The prevention of terrorism and extremism, a pillar of the Omani National Counter-Terrorism strategy, covers a set of elements aiming to consolidate the principles and values of the Sultanate of Oman in the domains encompassing, inter alia, religion, politics, international cooperation, the areas of legislation, security, culture, media, education, and economy. By unifying national efforts to confront terrorism, the Sultanate of Oman consolidated its firm position on combating terrorism, its causes, and its financing, and achieved remarkable results in maintaining peace nationally.

In light of the rise in global insecurity, the Omani experience promoting peace, tolerance, and mutual respect provides valuable alternatives to the use of force and prevents the proliferation of instability in the region.

## Programme

11:00 - 11:15 AM	Speaker:	H.E. Mr. Vladimir Voronkov Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism
11:15 - 11:30 AM	Speaker: "Towards a Terrorism-Free Society" <i>Peaceful Co-Existence for the Promotion of Tolerance and Mutual Respect in Combating Terrorism</i>	H.E. Dr. Mohammed Bin Said Bin Khalfan Al Mamari Minister of Awqaf and Religious Affairs (MARA) of the Sultanate of Oman
11:30- 11:45 AM	Speaker: <i>"The Omani Experience in Combating Extremism and Terrorism"</i>	H.E. Dr. Mohamed Al Hassan Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations
11:45- AM- 12:00 PM	Speaker:	H.E. Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilization (virtual)
12:00 – 12:30 PM	Q&A and interactive discussion	Moderated by Ms. Celia Saada Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman to the UN

**PLEASE RSVP:** via [the link](#) by 19 June 2023: <https://forms.gle/zJpsJLzDyNvgHkaY7>

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