

Discussion Panel

Reintegrating Violent Extremist Offenders: A Role for Governments and Communities

10 June, 12:40 – 13:40, UN Secretariat Building, Conference Room 3 – hosted by the Netherlands Permanent Mission to the United Nations

Aim: The purpose of this panel discussion is to examine concrete governmental and community efforts to facilitate the successful reintegration of violent extremist offenders after release. Reintegration and aftercare are vital components of the overall rehabilitation trajectory: any investments and interventions made during incarceration to prepare offenders for reinsertion in society are likely to have diminished effect when not accompanied by appropriate guidance and aftercare during the reintegration phase. This panel will present examples of reintegration and aftercare programs in South-East Asia, emphasizing the importance of ensuring security whilst also offering room for development, the need for effective cooperation among different actors, and the vital role that the community plays in reintegration.

Organizer: The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT) is an independent think tank and knowledge hub for critical analysis and practical, policy-oriented initiatives pertaining to the preventative and international legal aspects of counter-terrorism. The Centre works on themes at the intersection of countering violent extremism and human rights and rule of law related aspects of counter-terrorism, including such domains as de- and counter-radicalisation, the role of civil society actors and victims in countering violent extremism, and effective rule of law based approaches in investigating and prosecuting terrorists. Since early 2011, ICCT has been very active in the domain of the rehabilitation and reintegration of violent extremist offenders. Following several expert meetings, it contributed to the creation of the GCTF's Rome Memorandum on Good Practices for Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Violent Extremist Offenders and several other guidance documents. Currently, the Centre is developing and implementing multiple country-specific, inter-agency training courses in this domain in South-East Asia, West-Africa and the Middle-East.

Program

- 12:40-12:45 Introduction by Moderator [Ms. Lia van Broekhoven](#), Director, Human Security Collective
- 12:45-12:52 [Mr. Eelco Kessels](#), Programme Manager, ICCT – The Hague
Good practices and cooperation in reintegrating violent extremist offenders
- 12:52-13:00 [Mr. Tim Andrews](#), Senior Adviser for Countering Violent Extremism, Bureau of Counterterrorism, US Department of State
Implementing reintegration assistance programmes in South-East Asia
- 13:00-13:08 [Dr. Shanthikumar Hettiarachchi](#), Consultant, South Asian Network on Conflict Research, Sri Lanka
Preparing the community for re-entry and providing aftercare
- 13:08-13:16 [Mr. Max Boon](#), victim of the 2009 Jakarta Marriot Hotel bombing and Founder of Aliansi Indonesia Damai (Alliance for a Peaceful Indonesia, AIDA)
The role of victims and formers in reintegration and prevention
- 13:16-13:40 Interactive discussion

Biographies Panelists

Eelco Kessels

Programme Manager, ICCT – The Hague

In this capacity as Programme Manager, Eelco coordinates the various research projects and activities of ICCT – The Hague, and plays a central role in the centre's development and acquisition of new initiatives and training modules. Specifically, he currently leads the development and implementation of several training modules on the management of terrorism offenders and their rehabilitation and reintegration for prison officials in South-East Asia, Africa and the Middle East. From 2008-2010, he was a Research Fellow at the Centre for Terrorism & Counterterrorism at Leiden University. Previously, he has worked for the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Political Violence in London.

Eelco received his MA (with Distinction) in International Peace and Security from King's College London, following a BA (cum Laude) in International Law and Conflict Studies at University College Utrecht. His areas of interest include international peace and security issues, radicalisation, counter-terrorism, and the detention and rehabilitation of violent extremist offenders. Key publications include: with T. Veldhuis, *Thinking before Leaping: The Need for More and Structural Data Analysis in Detention and Rehabilitation of Extremist Offenders*, ICCT Research Paper (The Hague: ICCT, 2013); with E. Bakker, 'The OSCE's efforts to counter violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism: A comprehensive approach addressing root causes?', in *Security & Human Rights*, No 2 (2012); and (Editor), *Countering Violent Extremist Narratives* (The Hague: NCTb, 2010).

Tim Andrews

Senior Adviser for Countering Violent Extremism, Bureau of Counterterrorism, US Department of State

Tim joined the Bureau of Counterterrorism at the State Department in June of 2010. Prior to that, Mr. he had been Director of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI). From 2007 to 2008, Tim worked at the National Counterterrorism Center, where he established the Global Engagement Group to support U.S. Government CVE planning efforts. Prior to that, he was Political Advisor (POLAD) to the Commander, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan.

During a career in the State Department spanning 27 years, Tim has also been POLAD to the Commander, Combined Forces Command – Afghanistan (CFC-A), Director of the Office of Overseas Employment at the State Department, Deputy Chief of Mission in Nigeria, Deputy Director of the Office of Bosnia Peace Implementation, Officer-in-Charge in Abuja, Nigeria and Country Officer for Nigeria. He also worked in the State Department's Operations Center and the White House Situation Room, as well as in U.S. Embassies in Yaounde, Cameroon and Accra, Ghana, and in the U.S. Consulate General in Stuttgart, Germany. Tim is a graduate of Washington University and of the National Defense University.

Shanthikumar Hettiarachchi

Consultant, South Asian Network on Conflict Research (SANCOR)

Dr. Shanthikumar Hettiarachchi is a Lecturer and Consultant in Religion, Conflict and Social Engagement. He is currently a visiting lecturer at the University of Colombo, and a Consultant for the South Asian Network on Conflict Research (SANCOR). He has worked extensively with community groups and social movements in Sri Lanka for over two decades and studied them at depth both at community and post graduate levels. His writings dwell on radicalisation of religious faith; land, history and notions of chosen-ness as political tools to define identity.

His most recent involvement has been in the rehabilitation, de-radicalisation and the community reintegration processes of ex-combatants. Shanthikumar is a senior trainer both for public and private sectors bodies on social adjustments, cross cultural competency, policy development and reconciliation in Sri Lanka's post conflict period. His most recent book, *Faithing the Native Soil*, portrays his experience and knowledge in the field. He has authored over 25 peer reviewed articles in international journals and as chapter articles and addressed many international gatherings in his subject area. He is a columnist on subjects related to sovereignty and democracy. Shanthikumar received his PhD in majority-minority ethnic and religious conflict from the Melbourne College of Divinity, University of Melbourne.

Max Boon

Associate Fellow, ICCT – The Hague and Founder, AIDA

Max Boon is an Associate Fellow of ICCT – The Hague and one of the founders of the *Aliansi Indonesia Damai* (Alliance for a Peaceful Indonesia, AIDA). He obtained his Master's Degree in Southeast Asian Affairs & Management at Leiden University (2002), specialising in Indonesian Political and Economic affairs. In 2004 Max set up and managed the office and operations of PA Asia (part of PA International) in Jakarta, Indonesia, focusing on public affairs advice to a wide range of clients, among which many multinationals but also national and local authorities (2004-2006). Subsequently he was involved as Editorial Manager in a political and business review of Indonesia by Oxford Business Group in Jakarta (2006-2007), and as project adviser for public affairs and communication by post-tsunami rebuilding efforts for Royal Dutch Haskoning group in Aceh (2007-2008). In 2008 Max joined Political and Economic Consultancy CastleAsia in Jakarta, advising CEOs of over 130 of Indonesia's largest corporations (2008-2010).

Since Max became a victim of the 2009 Marriott Jakarta terrorist bomb attack where he lost both his legs, he has been working with ICCT – The Hague on countering violence extremism efforts, focusing on the role victims could and should play in this area. Together with a number of Indonesian community leaders, he has set up the AIDA Foundation in 2013. This Foundation empowers victims of terrorism to get involved in different levels and forms of outreach against violent extremism in Indonesia, for instance through outreach programmes during which victims and former violent extremists engage with high-school students to increase the understanding of the impact of political violence.