

ENHANCING CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERSHIP & THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN COUNTER-TERRORISM

Civil Society Workshop in Advance of the High-Level International Conference on Human Rights, Civil Society and Counter-Terrorism

9 May 2022 | 09:00 – 12:30 (CET)
Málaga, Spain

➔ Background

As Member States, the United Nations and civil society seek to advance implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in partnership, it is critical for the success of that effort that Member States and the United Nations improve and facilitate the meaningful engagement of diverse civil society at all levels of counter-terrorism policy making, implementation, and learning. The shared goal of countering terrorism stands to benefit from the expertise, local knowledge, and diverse perspectives of civil society. The High-Level Conference at Málaga is the first thematic, international conference dedicated to civil society and human rights in counter-terrorism and will take place at a critical point in lead-up to the 8th Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy Review in 2023. It is an important opportunity to explore ways to promote greater civil society participation in UN counter-terrorism. This workshop will also offer civil society representatives space to discuss the above priorities, independent of other multi-stakeholders forums provided by the High Level Conference.

➔ Civil Society Leadership

In preparation for the workshop, the co-organizers will establish a multi-regional and diverse civil society consultation group, prioritizing national level actors, and engage civil society organizations from all regions through virtual, regional dialogues and bilateral consultations in advance of the event.



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➔ Audience & Participation

The audience for the event is civil society representatives. The event will be held in Málaga, Spain from 9:00 – 12:30 (CET). The civil society representatives joining the workshop will be engaged through a process of consultation to shape the scope and outcome of the Civil Society Convening. Please note that hybrid options will be available for civil society that have participated in the preparations, but are unable to attend in person. All efforts will be made to ensure diverse, in-person representation with the High-Level Conference organizers.

➔ Outcome

The workshop and its lead-up activities will be an iterative process aimed at articulating civil society priorities within the framework of the ongoing implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and its forthcoming 8th Review in 2023. The outcome produced by the Independent Workshop will be made available by the Kingdom of Spain and the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism as an official conference document.