



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM



*Deepening Regional Cooperation in Countering
Violent Extremism
through Shared Experiences and Inclusive
Approaches*



VENUE: KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER (KICC), NAIROBI KENYA

DATE: THURSDAY 25TH TO SUNDAY, 28TH JUNE 2015

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**BRIEFING ON THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON COUNTERING
VIOLENT EXTREMISM AT HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL, FRIDAY 29TH
MAY 2015**

TIME : ACTIVITY

7.00 - 7.30 am : Arrival

7.30- 8.00 am : Breakfast

8.00-9.00 am : Briefing session

- i. Eng.Dr Karanja Kibicho,CBS, Principal Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International
Trade
- ii. Presentation by Amb.Dr. Monica Juma, MBS
Principal Secretary Interior.
- iii. Launch of Conference Website by Isaac
Ochieng, Director NCTC.
- iv. Plenary session.
- v. Way forward: Amb. Dr. Monica Juma, MBS
Principal Secretary Interior.

9.00 – 9.30 am : Media Briefing



**MESSAGE FROM HON.MAJ.GEN(Rtd) JOSEPH NKAISSERRY, MGH, CBS
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Regional Conference on Countering Violent Extremism
Nairobi, Kenya, 25th – 28th June, 2015

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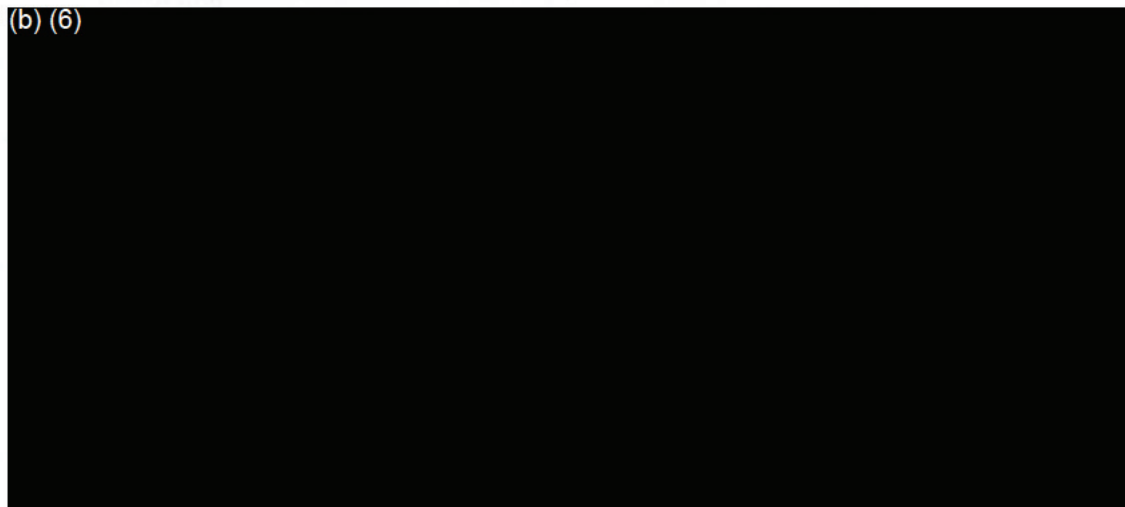
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07.00-08.00	Registration of participants	
	Opening Session	
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	Brief opening remarks	• Representative of the United Nations • Representative of the United States of America • Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior
	Keynote address & official opening	• His Excellency President and Commander in Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya
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15.45-16.00	Break	
	Session 9 (PLENARY): Effective Partnering in Combating Violent Extremism	
16.05-17.30	Panel and plenary discussion	

	End of Day Two
DAY THREE - Saturday 27th June 2015	
08.30-09.30	Responses to Sessions Summation by Secretariat
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	Departure
DAY FOUR - Sunday 28th June 2015	
	Training Programme
9.00- 15:00	1. Introduction to CVE Programming 2. Social Media Training

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28th May, 2015

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Secretary of Homeland Security

United States of America

Dear

Hon Secretary,

**INVITATION TO THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON COUNTERING
VIOLENT EXTREMISM, IN NAIROBI, 27th JUNE 2015**

I have the honour, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Kenya, to invite you to the Regional Conference on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) to be held at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre, Nairobi on 27th June 2015.

This Ministerial level meeting will be preceded by two days deliberations by senior officials and experts, and followed by a day long engagement that outlines modalities for rolling out of the outcomes and decisions. It is therefore my hope that your experts will be able to arrive in time for the preparatory meetings.

This high-level event will bring together approximately 250 senior officials, religious leaders, leading experts, and civil society and private sector leadership that I believe will produce collaborative CVE action, and learning and networking opportunities that concretely further the struggle against violent extremism in Africa.

It is envisaged that the conference will evolve recommendations that bolster efforts to counter violent extremism in the context and realities of African countries, and enhance stronger partnerships at the local - community, national, regional and international levels in this regard. It is also anticipated that the outcome of the meeting will inform deliberations at the High-Level Summit on CVE, to be held on the sidelines of the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly in September 2015.

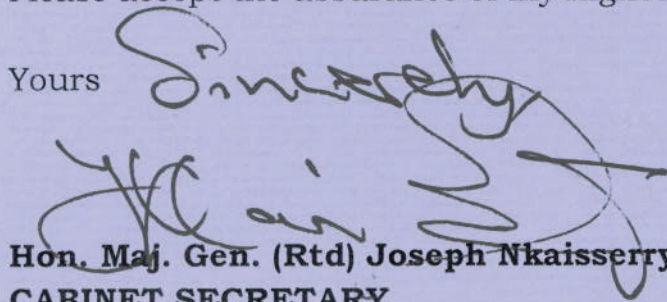
Given the short timeline, we would be thankful if you confirmed your participation in the Ministerial segment by 12th June 2015. This will enable us finalise arrangements timeously. Please use the following email address to RSVP: info@cveconference.org

For further clarification, liaise with Mr. Isaac Ochieng, Director National Counter Terrorism Centre through phone number +254722412871.

I look forward to hosting you in Kenya and to a productive engagement during this meeting.

Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sincerely' followed by a stylized signature, likely belonging to Joseph Nkaisserry.

**Hon. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Joseph Nkaisserry, MGH, CBS
CABINET SECRETARY**

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REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM, NAROBKENYA,
WEDNESDAY 25TH – SUNDAY, 28TH JUNE 2015.

Conference Announcement

The global community is witnessing a steady increase in threats posed by extremist groups pursuing social and political aims that seek to undermine constitutional and democratic rule using violence against civilians and soft targets. These groups are growing in numbers, political ambition, geographical spread, and operational sophistication. The evolving threat scenarios have led some security practitioners and scholars to observe that *the global war on terror has morphed into the war on global terrorism*. Today, the stability of the international order is imperilled, as is regional peace and development in large parts of Africa and the world, and, in some instances, state failure looms as a result of violent extremism. It is a challenge that must be confronted by adaptive and collaboration-ready local, national, and global networks able to challenge and defeat the range of activities, from radicalisation to attack, that make up violent extremism.

Objectives, outcomes and structure

As a follow-up to the February 2015 White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism, the Government of The Republic of Kenya has organised a Regional Conference on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) to be held in Nairobi on 25th- 28th June 2015. The Conference aims to build on the outcomes of the White House Summit, and to more fundamentally to contextualize violent extremism in the African context. Its outcomes will inform strengthened capability, awareness and collaboration, as well as input into the Summit-level deliberations on the sidelines of the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly in September 2015.

The theme of the Conference is *“Strengthening Cooperation to Counter Violent Extremism.”* It will be organized around 9 sub-themes:

1. The Typologies and Drivers of Violent Extremism in Africa
2. Understanding the Local Architecture and Dynamics of Radicalisation and Recruitment
3. Counter Narratives to Ideologies Promoting Violent Extremism
4. The Role of the Private Sector in CVE
5. Effective NGO and CBO Programming for CVE
6. Promoting Research and Learning for Evidence-Driven CVE Action
7. Promoting/Countering Extremism: The Role of the Internet and Media
8. Developing National Counter Violent Extremism Plans
9. Effective Partnering in Combating Violent Extremism

H.E. Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, C.G.H., President and Commander in Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya will deliver the keynote address. The conference will also feature a ministerial segment on 27th June in which an outcome document will be adopted.

The conference will feature high-level/expert panels, framing presentations, plenary sessions, as well as parallel breakout sessions to build a common understanding of violent extremism and how to most effectively counter it in the context of Africa's local, national and regional realities. Participants will also benefit from country case studies, best practices and lessons learnt in effectively addressing violent extremism.

Participation and target audience

The conference will bring together approximately 300 participants, including delegates from at least 21 African countries involved in countering violent extremism, renowned international security scholars, senior security intelligence professionals, the private sector, religious scholars, as well as regional and international Non-Governmental organisations working in CVE.



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