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Side Event
on
Strengthening Efforts in Counter Terrorism and Addressing Illicit Firearms Trafficking through Civil Society Engagement

Wednesday, 17 October 2018, 2:10 PM – 3:00 PM
M Building, M6

Moderator
Ms. Mirella Dummar Frahi, UNODC Civil Society Team

Welcoming remarks
Mr Jonas Norling, Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations in Vienna

Speakers
Ms. Elena Rigacci Hay, UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch
Mr. Ibrahim Abdelkarim I. ALI, Libyan Transparency
Ms. Simonetta Grassi, UNODC Organized Crime Branch
Ms. Christiane Isabelle Akossoua Johnson vve. Agboton, Centre of Higher Defense and Security Studies, Senegal

This side event organized jointly by the UNODC Civil Society Team, the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch, and the UNODC Global Firearms Program, in partnership with the Kingdom of Sweden will discuss efforts from governments, the United Nations, and civil society organizations in countering violent extremism conducive to terrorism and addressing illicit firearms trafficking. The event will particularly highlight the role of civil society in these areas.

As violent extremism and organized crime, including the illicit trafficking and manufacturing of firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, continue to be leading barriers to development and political stability globally, speakers will present various policy mechanisms, strategies and practical examples that are in place in the UN system, and on government and societal levels, to tackle this threat. To maximize the implementation of such strategies and actions in regional contexts, the establishment of a climate of trust and partnerships between national authorities, law enforcement, and civil society is key. The objective of this side event is to demonstrate a multi-sectoral approach to countering organized crime, and in particular the illicit trafficking in firearms, as well as violent extremism through building trust and partnerships between governments, law enforcement, and civil society in the view of establishing regional networks on preventing violent extremism (PVE) and illicit trafficking in firearms.