

EVALUATING FOR RESULTS IN COUNTERING AND PREVENTING TERRORISM AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM: SUCCESSFUL SIDE EVENT AT THE COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CCPCJ)

25 May 2023 – The Independent Evaluation Section (IES) held a hybrid/on-line side event on: “Evaluating for results in countering and preventing terrorism and violent extremism” at the 32nd session of CCPCJ in Vienna. The side event was organized with the support of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB).



SPEAKERS

Ms. Katharina Kayser, Chief, Independent Evaluation Section, UNODC.

Mr. Masood Karimipour, Chief, Terrorism Prevention Branch, UNODC and Co-Chair of the RMME WG.

Ms. Oguljeren Niyazberdiyeva, Chief, UNOCT Office of the Under-Secretary-General and Chair of the RMME WG.

Mr. Leif Villadsen, Deputy Director, UNICRI.

Ms. Josephine Mwenda, Programme Management Officer for Monitoring and Evaluation, UNOCT Office of the Under-Secretary-General.

Mr. Odhran McCarthy, Programme Management Officer, UNICRI.

The side event, moderated by Ms. Katharina Kayser, Chief, IES, focused on the work implemented under the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Working Group on Resource Mobilization, Monitoring and Evaluation (RMME WG) and its Sub-Group on Evaluation. Ms. Kayser highlighted that collaboration is key in advancing evaluation practices of countering and preventing terrorism (CT) and violent extremism (PCVE), with IES working closely together with UNOCT and UNICRI, actively engaging in the RMME WG.

The first speaker, Mr. Masood Karimipour, Chief, TPB, UNODC and Co-Chair of the RMME WG, provided an overview on how evaluation results have informed the work of TPB. Ms. Oguljeren Niyazberdiyeva, Chief, UNOCT Office of the Under-Secretary-General and Chair of the RMME WG, elaborated on advancements relating to evaluation of CT and PCVE under RMME, as well as needs in the future. Mr. Leif Villadsen, Deputy Director, UNICRI, reflected on how evaluation can inform research to better respond to the threat posed by terrorism and violent terrorism.

The work of the Sub-Group on Evaluation was presented by Ms. Josephine Mwenda, Programme Management Officer for Monitoring and Evaluation, UNOCT Office of the Under-Secretary-General. Mr. Odhran McCarthy, Programme Management Officer, UNICRI, highlighted the need to further strengthen evaluation across entities before the audience engaged in an open dialogue with the speakers.



Finally, Ms. Kayser thanked all speakers for the interesting insights, further concluding the event by highlighting that working together in the larger framework of the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact has helped to move forward the sharing of good practices, learning from a variety of experience, enhancing responses to CT/PCVE and putting an emphasis on evidence-based work, but that evaluation needs to be further strengthened as an integral part of every initiative, project, programme and strategy on CT/PCVE.

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