

The Civil Society Network for Human Security

Newsletter

Welcome to the **autumn 2013** edition of our Newsletter. Here you will find all the latest information about the network, its activities, resources, and how you can contribute.

Announcements

Participate: NPO Survey on regulations

This is a **call for participation** in a **survey** to help protect civil society from regulations made by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). This is for non-profit organisations (NPOs) that either work with international programs, receive foreign funding or work in conflict zones. We are looking to address the negative impact of FATF's program promoting anti-terrorist financing regulations for the non-profit sector. The information from this survey will be used to provide civil society input into FATF's update of its guidance on non-profits, bringing a more balanced view of the way our sector mitigates security risks, and highlighting the costs of CTMs. The survey will take 10-20 minutes to fill out and [can be taken online here](#) (deadline: **8 November**). [Preview in Word [here](#)] [>>Read more](#)

New Global Fund to Counter Violent Extremism

On 27 September 2013 at the Fourth Ministerial Meeting of the [Global Counterterrorism Forum](#), the governments of Turkey and the United States announced the launch of the Global Fund for Community Engagement and Resilience of \$200 million. The New York Times reported it will be the first time to combine financing from both government and nongovernment entities to identify credible local organizations; develop, monitor and evaluate programs; and channel funds to local projects. It is expected to be operational by mid-2014. [>>Read more](#)

Campaign: Human Security First– Sustainable Peace for Development

Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) and IKV Pax Christi are partnering in this campaign for the inclusion of a standalone “peace and security” goal in the post-2015 development agenda, which emphasizes the importance of human security. The campaign brings forward the voices of people that face the day-to-day realities of insecurity, asking them to share their stories (watch them [here](#)). Through round-tables, lobby visits, videos and more, Human Security First will make their voices heard in the post-2015 development agenda debate. [>>Read more](#)

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Seminar in Istanbul: Human Security Perspectives on Developments in the Middle East

As part of the Civil Society Network for Human Security, GPPAC, Human Security Collective and the Global Political Trends Centre (Turkey) organised a seminar in Istanbul, Turkey, from **30 September to 1 October**, titled "Human Security Perspectives on Developments in the Middle East". Participants included civil society practitioners, politicians and academics from different fields, mostly coming from the Middle East region. For a full list of participants and speakers, click [here](#), and for the meeting program [here](#). A report will be published soon... [>>Read more](#)

Workshop: Strengthening Community Resilience against Violent Extremism in South Asia: What Role for Women and Civil Society?

On 5-6 September 2013, this workshop, hosted by CGCC and the [Institute of South Asian Studies \(ISAS\)](#) provided a platform for regional experts and practitioners to explore the gender dimension of violence and extremism and the ongoing and potential contributions of women in strengthening community resilience to address these challenges in South Asia... [>>Read more](#)

Position Paper on Human Security

As you may recall, we collected your input for a civil society **Position Paper** on "[The Human Security Approach in Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding](#)" in April 2013, as input to the United Nations General Assembly Resolutions on Human Security, signed by the Civil Society Network for Human Security, the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), and IKV Pax Christi. The paper fed into the UN High-level event on Human Security in May, in a brief speech by Lisa Schirch of the Alliance for Peacebuilding, as well as informing the Human Security First campaign (see above). It was further used by several of our members for advocacy purposes. →Let us know if you have used it... [>>Read more](#)

Human Security Collective now has a website, www.hscollective.org, where you can find information about events, publications and more. To follow their activities and updates, you can also follow them on Twitter via @hscollective or on their [Facebook page](#).

Upcoming events

In November there will be a string of events relating to the financial regimes and regulations that have a negative impact on the work of NGOs and humanitarian agencies. Some of these are webcast.

Event: Impact of donor counter-terrorism measures on principled humanitarian action: What can the EU do?

4 November 2013, 18.00 – 20.00, Brussels, Belgium

Organised by: VOICE

This event is to raise awareness of NGOs and other stakeholders about the impact of counter-terrorism laws and policies on humanitarian action. In the aftermath of the attacks on the United States in 2001, a number of countries have embarked on the development of expansive counter-terrorism laws and policies. A [recent report](#) commissioned by UNOCHA).... [>>Read more](#)

Panel: Preventing Terrorist Abuse of the Nonprofit Sector

5 November 2013, 8:30 - 10:00 am, Washington D.C., USA

Organised by: the Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation

The panel will consider these issues and the findings and recommendations presented in the joint UN-CGCC [report](#), "To Protect and Prevent: Outcomes of a Global Dialogue to Counter Terrorist Abuse of the Nonprofit Sector"... [>>Read more](#)

Seminar: Assessing Measures to Combat the Financing of Terrorism

6 November 2013, from 13:30 - 17:00, The Hague, the Netherlands

Organised by: International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT)

The changing nature of terrorism has triggered the re-evaluation of various counter-terrorism policies. During this seminar, speakers will discuss the contours of terrorist financing and the measures available to counter the financing of terrorist groups. The effectiveness of these measures will be assessed and some of their side effects examined... [>>Read more](#)

Event: Criminalisation of aid

7 November 2013, 18:00 – 20:00, The Hague, The Netherlands

ICCO & Kerk in Actie and Human Security Collective

This event will discuss the effect of counter-terrorism measures on humanitarian organisations, as well as the possibilities of collaborating with the Financial Action Task Force. The author of the recent study on the impact of counter-terrorism laws and policies on humanitarian action, Kate Mackintosh will also be speaking at this event. [>>Read More](#)

Resources

We constantly update our website with new resources of information, including reports and articles. Please get in touch at g.vogelaar@gppac.net if you would like your work or information to feature on the website! View them all at: www.humansecuritynetwork.net/resources

Nigeria's Troubled North: Interrogating the Drivers of Public Support for Boko Haram

Research Paper by Akinola Olojo, International Centre for Counter-Terrorism, 14 October 2013

In this research paper, Akinola Olojo examines the key drivers of public support for Boko Haram in northern Nigeria. The author suggests that the effective formulation and implementation of a proactive (Nigerian) counter-terrorism strategy requires an incisive understanding of the political, socio-economic and religious/ideological drivers of public support for the group... [>>Read more](#)

Engaging armed groups: challenging preconceptions and expanding options

By Dr Teresa Dumasy (Conciliation Resources), October 11, 2013; Conflict and Security

Governments need to explore a wider range of options for engagement with armed groups, such as starting from a position of engagement based on dialogue and consider the obstacles to engagement. It should be recognised that the space for engagement at a higher political level has often been made possible by years of painstaking work by community organisations, activists and NGOs to maintain and build links and trust... [>>Read more](#)

Study of the Impact of Donor Counter-Terrorism Measures on Principled Humanitarian Action

By Kate Mackintosh and Patrick Duplat, July 2013. The study seeks to examine the impact of donors' counter-terrorism measures on principled humanitarian action. It was commissioned by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee's (IASC) Task Force on Humanitarian Space and Civil-Military Relations asked the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (OCHA). Also see the discussion on Al-Jazeera [here](#). [>>Read more](#)

Digital security first-aid kit for human rights defenders

The Association for Progressive Communications (APC) released a "Digital security first-aid kit for human rights defenders", that contains short guides for those who find themselves in emergencies related to communication and digital security. It is an interactive website publication available online [here](#).

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