# The Civil Society Network for Human Security

# **Newsletter**

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

# An update from the network

**Update:** The unit within Cordaid that is responsible for the initiative on the effects of counterterrorism measures on the political and operational space of civil society will proceed as the **Human Security Collective** as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2013. The Human Security Collective is founded by Cordaid, GPPAC and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. The Human Security Collective is established as a foundation in its own right, while still intimately linked to Cordaid.

## **News**

## Event: The Role of Women in Countering Violent Extremism in Indonesia - 5 March 2013

Members of the Civil Society Network for Human Security are organising a panel discussion 5 March from 4:30 - 6:00 pm in New York, highlighting the important role of women and their leadership in countering violent extremism. It is convened by WLP, GNWP, Cordaid and GPPAC, and the panel consists of experts from the human rights, gender and peacebuilding communities and the UN. This event is followed by an **evening reception** launching a new book "Looking For That Other Face: Women Muslim Leaders and Violent Extremism in Indonesia" by Frank van Lierde, from 7:00-9:00 pm. >> More info on the panel | >> More info on the reception

## Event: Youth Consultation and Training - 13 March 2013

There will be a youth consultation with young leaders from the Middle East and North Africa region focused on their role in driving positive change in their communities. It will be a place to share positive evidence of contributions that young people are making, and gain insight into what they find are the main drivers of extremism. It is organised by Search for Common Ground, UNOY and Cordaid / Human Security Collective.

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#### Event: The Catalysing Effects of International Justice in Uganda and Sudan - 7 March 2013

The London Transitional Justice Network and Security in Transition at the LSE are organising a talk from **6.15-7:30 pm**, with Dr. Sarah Nouwen from the University of Cambridge, author of the forthcoming book *Complementarity in the Line of Fire: The Catalysing Effect of the International Criminal Court in Uganda and Sudan*. To reserve a seat please email <u>p.j.bore@lse.ac.uk</u>.

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#### UNCCT Conference on Counter-Terrorism Strategies - Bogota

All Contributions from Speakers, January 31 2013, Bogota, Colombia. Several members of the Civil Society Network for Human Security attended an International Conference on National and Regional Counter-terrorism Strategies, organised by the UN Counter-terrorism Centre (UNCCT). Lia van Broekhoven was one of the few panellists representing civil society. Find the transcript of her presentation <a href="here">here</a>, and <a href="read her blog">read her blog</a> from Bogota with personal reflections on the conference. Find all the presentations given by the panellists here:

>> All presentations (dropbox link)

**New Members:** We also are happy to announce several new members of the Network! Read more about some of their activities:

- United Network of Young Peacebuilders (<u>link</u>)
   Watch <u>this video</u> as an introduction to UNOY.
- Women's Information Center in Georgia (link)
   Read more about how they work to establish democratic values through the protection of women's rights and promotion of gender equality here.

#### UN Human Security Unit: Brochure and newsletter

Our colleagues at the UN Human Security Unit have recently published a <u>Brochure on Human Security at the UN</u>, which may be of interest to you (see link). They also released a newsletter on the UN joint programme on "Sustaining Livelihoods Affected by the Aral Sea Disaster" which you may find <u>here</u>.

#### Human Security Survey

The UN Human Security Unit is conducting a survey in which you may be requested to take part, as part of our network. The survey is pursuant to a request by the GA to the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of res 66/290, seeking views on lessons learned from human security experiences at the international, regional and national levels. Soon you will be informed about this in a separate email.

## **Get Involved**

#### Twitter

Become an active follower! Follow us on <u>Twitter</u> for real-time updates, promote your work, and help us reach out to more like-minded organisations. We share interesting reports and news, as well as connect with some of our members. When you organise events or publish a report, you can tweet <u>@NetworkforHS</u> and we will help spread the word. We hope that you will do the same for us.

#### Theme of the month: youth and the role of youth leadership in combatting extremism

Each month or two, we will focus on a specific topic or theme that we will be collecting and sharing extra information on via the website and Twitter. Support us by providing information that you may have on this topic. Please contact <a href="Gabriella Vogelaar">Gabriella Vogelaar</a>

#### Resources

#### BLOG: Lia van Broekhoven (Cordaid / Human Security Collective)

Reflections on the UNCCT Conference, 31 January 2013 – 1 February, Bogota, Colombia

"The UN CTC conference in Bogotá has a good turnout. Government and law enforcement delegates from over 40 countries and a number of UN counter terrorism entities are discussing their national and regional strategies and strategy implementation. Civil society is a minority..."

>>Read the full blog here

#### VIDEO: Countering Violent Extremism: Prevention and Lessons Learned

Panel hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands and the International Peace Institute (IPI), held 14 December 2012.

The discussion focuses on the current international and multilateral efforts to address the threat posed by violent extremism. Panellists explored initiatives undertaken within the United Nations and also key issues related to these challenges...

>>Watch the video

# From Input to Impact: Evaluating Terrorism Prevention Programs

A report of the Center on Global Counter-terrorism Cooperation, by Peter Romaniuk and Naureen Chowdhury Fink, September 2012.

In the years following 9/11, threat assessments necessarily focused on the dangers posed by al-Qaida, its affiliates, and those inspired by its ideology. There are signs, however, that the threat today is more complex and diffuse, comprising extremists from all parts of the ideological spectrum... >>Read more

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