



Message from the Executive Secretary

The IIJ Team is gearing up for a busy and productive end of 2021. While our successful pivot to online capacity-building ensured continuity of mission during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are transitioning to hybrid format workshops with in-person and online components, and in-person workshops and courses as and where conditions permit. We are also very much looking forward to launching our new IIJ Website in October linking our Alumni and partners better to our resources. Stay tuned to our English and French language Twitter accounts for updates: [@ijmalta](#) & [@ijmalta fr](#).

We are excited to be holding TWO high-level virtual side events in the margins of [UNGA 76](#). For the first, [Countering the Transnational Threat of Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremism \(REMVE\)](#), we are joined by our partners – the Governments of Sweden and the United States – and a great lineup of speakers on what continues to be a deeply concerning trend with global impact. The IIJ is proud to be a leader on this topic. I encourage you to [register and join us for this important event](#) and to download our newly launched [IIJ Criminal Justice Practitioner's Guide for Addressing REMVE](#), an invaluable tool for practitioners and governments.

The second UNGA 76 side event, co-hosted by the Government of the United States, will address another key challenge for practitioners – Battlefield Evidence and Criminal Justice Approaches to Counter-Terrorism. [Register now](#).

In September, we paused to mark the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. For the IIJ, it was a moment to reflect on that day, and to remember the families and loved ones of those who died in these and other heinous attacks around the world. It was also a time to renew the Institute's unwavering commitment to human rights and rule of law-based counter-terrorism capacity-building.

In support of that mission, we again look forward to participating in the [GCTF Coordinating Committee and Ministerial Plenary Meetings](#) in October, and to continuing to serve as a key implementing partner for GCTF good practices as the Forum enters its second decade. International efforts since 9/11, and building on the GCTF's first decade, underscore the importance of collaboration and the IIJ is committed to strengthening our partnerships.

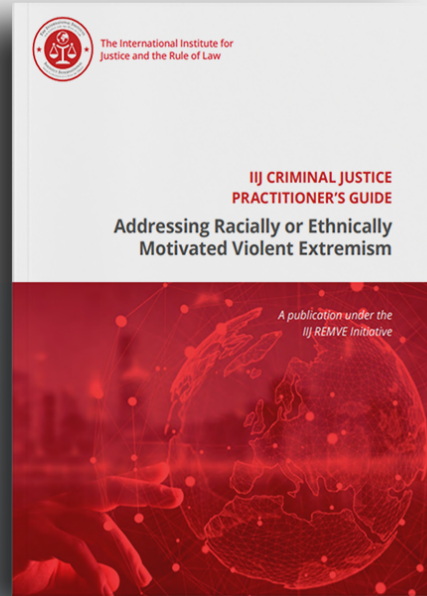
Finally, I am pleased to report that, since our last newsletter, the IIJ Team has welcomed new staff, including Director of Programmes Gail Fisk Malone (seconded by the Government of the United States), and Senior Judicial Adviser Buğra Erdem (seconded by the Government of Turkey). We also welcomed Monitoring & Evaluation Manager Natalie Balents, Grants & Resource Mobilisation Manager Anna Milovanovic, and Academic Unit Administrative Assistant Mohammed Emad Ali Sakran. All great

additions to our team.

Thomas Wuchte
IIJ Executive Secretary

Highlights

IIJ Criminal Justice Practitioner's Guide for Addressing REMVE



IIJ REMVE Practitioner's Guide

In July, the IIJ, with support from the Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom, launched publicly – during a high-level event – the much anticipated [IIJ Criminal Justice Practitioner's Guide for Addressing Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremism \(REMVE\)](#). This timely new Practitioner's Guide gives policymakers and practitioners a better understanding of the tools at their disposal to counter the REMVE threat. It builds on existing tools and approaches, including good practices developed by the GCTF, and outlines where new strategies and authorities are needed. Importantly, the Guide equips practitioners with a clear set of good practices for how to address REMVE effectively and in compliance with human rights and the rule of law. You can watch the High Level (Open Press) Day [here](#).

The IIJ REMVE Practitioner's Guide is currently available in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish and will be published in German in the coming weeks.

[Download the Guide](#)



First of its Kind Training Curriculum: Multi-Actor P/CVE Intervention Mechanisms

In June, the IJ with support from the European Union, launched a first-of-its-kind training curriculum to support the design and implementation of multi-actor intervention programmes for preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE). If you missed the event, you can watch it [here](#). The curriculum equips decision-makers and practitioners with the necessary knowledge and skills to set up multi-actor P/CVE intervention programmes. The curriculum draws on recommendations, guidance and good practices developed by the United Nations, GCTF, OSCE, and other multilateral bodies, and was further informed by two sets of expert consultations and pilot training workshops in Kenya and North Macedonia.

The IJ Training Curriculum will be published on the IJ website and social media channels in late September. Follow the English and French language Twitter accounts for updates: [@ijjmalta](#) [@ijjmalta_fr](#).

For more information, please email IJ Programme Manager [Adrian Carbajo](#).

[Read more about this launch](#)

Donor & Partner News

In addition to continued support from our steadfast donors and partners, we recently received two new exciting grants. The first is from the Federal Foreign Office of the Government of Germany, with a focus on Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBP) and Counter-Terrorism Financing. Under this grant, the IJ will deliver an innovative workshop in the Ivory Coast in October to enhance the skills and knowledge of regulators, criminal justice and relevant private sector practitioners from 11 countries in West Africa, in tackling the use of DNFBPs for terrorist financing.

The second grant, from the Government of Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), will support the delivery of two foundational skills courses under the online Counter-Terrorism Academic Curriculum (eCTAC) and the Counter-Terrorism Academic Curriculum (CTAC). The Australian-funded courses will focus on building the capacity of investigators, prosecutors and examining judges from, and operating in, Southeast Asia, and will be implemented in the course of the coming

year.

We are also pleased to advise that our new IJ website (launching in October), will include a page dedicated to our existing and prospective donors; whether individuals, private foundations, national governments or business entities. The page will list current funding opportunities, ranging from flexible institutional funding to specific projects under the Academic and Programmatic Units. Should you wish to make a contribution today, and help build the foundation for human rights and rule of law-compliant counter-terrorism around the world, please contact Grants & Resource Mobilisation Manager [Anna Milovanovic](#), or click on the donate button below.

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IJ Advisory Board Meeting

The IJ Advisory Board met online in June and received updates on the Institute's progress and upcoming projects, the recommendations from the recent Governing Board of Administrators (GBA)-commissioned Strategic Review, and other areas of focus. Two Advisory Board Members – Mr. Eric Rosand and Prof. Rohan Gunaratna – briefed on their active engagement with and support of activities under the IJ Core Initiatives and Workstreams. Eric described his experience partnering with the IJ and the European Union under the IJ Multi-Actor P/CVE Interventions Workstream, which recently launched a [first-of-its-kind training curriculum](#) on the design and implementation of crucial intervention programmes. Rohan briefed the Board on his experience working with the IJ Addressing Homegrown Terrorism Initiative, and shared his observations on the current global counter-terrorism environment. Thank you to both Eric and Rohan for their outstanding contributions to these important IJ projects.

Capacity-Building with Impact

IJ eCTAC: Arabic Course for Middle East and North African Fellows Edition

Currently underway, Online Course



IJ eCTAC: Francophone Course for West Africa Practitioners

20 May – 18 June 2021, Online Course

This third eCTAC course in French included two weeks of online learning guided by the Academic Unit's online learning management platform as well as two subsequent weeks of live sessions. These live sessions included six small-group, interactive tutorial sessions on 'Effective Coordination Between Investigators and Prosecutors', 'Collection of Evidence for Successful Prosecutions', and 'Cross-Border Investigations'.

For more information, please contact Programme Manager [Dallin Van Leuven](#).

[Read more about this workshop](#)



IJ Juvenile Justice Initiative: Second Ethiopia Online Workshop on Justice for Children in Terrorism Cases

06 — 07 April 2021, Hybrid Workshop

The workshop addressed the role of the police in dealing with children in terrorism cases, including specific tools to protect the best interests of the child from the time of arrest of a child suspect. Practitioners discussed the process of assessing a child suspect's vulnerability, conducting a successful investigative interview, and strategies to ensure early representation in a case.

For more information, please contact Programme Manager [Emerson Cachon](#).

[Read more about this workshop](#)



IJ Core Course: Using Information Derived from Intelligence to Generate Evidence for Terrorist Investigations and Prosecutions

06 - 08 April 2021, Online Workshop

The IJ convened the second iteration of this Core Course, focussed on building the capacity of practitioners on 'Intelligence Analysis & Collection', 'Terrorist Explosive Devices and Crime Scene Evidence' and 'Mutual Legal Assistance'. During the course's dynamic discussions, practitioners shared their perspectives, insights and personal experiences on the gathering, handling and preserving of evidence, inter-agency cooperation, judicial investigations, and regional and international cooperation.

For more information, please contact Junior Programme Manager [Gabriel Monterrosa](#).

[Read more about this workshop](#)



IJ Prison Management Initiative: Online Expert Meeting on Risk Assessment of Violent Extremist and Terrorist Offenders

14 April 2021, Online Workshop

In April, the IJ convened an initial expert meeting as part of an exciting project to develop a specialised counter-terrorism capacity building and train-the-trainer programme on Risk Assessment of Violent Extremist and Terrorist Offenders. This timely curriculum for prison officials focused on how risk and needs assessment can be instrumental in managing a prison's population of violent extremist and terrorist offenders. This includes classification and categorisation, understanding the risks they may pose towards prison staff, assessing and evaluating individual inmates, and as part of tailored rehabilitation and reintegration programmes.

For more information, please contact Director, Programmatic Unit, [Gail Fisk Malone](#).

[Read more about this workshop](#)



IJ Global Central Authorities Initiative: In partnership with the

UK Central Authority Capacity Building Project – Online Pre-Workshop Consultations for the West Africa Regional Workshop on Developing Standardised Guidelines for Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) on Criminal Matters

25 – 27 May 2021, Online Workshop

The IJ, in partnership with the United Kingdom Central Authority (UKCA), led an online workshop in May for 15 legal counsel and prosecutors from Cameroon, The Gambia, Ghana and Nigeria. The workshop supported the standardisation of domestic procedures for international judicial cooperation across West Africa and facilitated a process for drafting a joint set of regional guidelines for processing and executing mutual legal assistance (MLA) requests.

For more information, please contact Programme Manager [Adrián Carbajo](#).

[Read more about this workshop](#)



IJ Judicial Capacity-Building Initiative: MENA Workshop on the GCTF Glion Recommendations on the Use of Rule of Law-Based Administrative Measures

25, 28 June and 1, 12, 15 July 2021, Online Workshop

In June and July, the IJ and the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT) delivered the third iteration of this curriculum, bringing together 27 counter-terrorism practitioners from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco and Saudi Arabia to support implementation of the GCTF's Glion Recommendations and to build skills around the use of administrative measures within a counter-terrorism context

For more information, please contact Junior Programme Manager [Gabriel Monterrosa](#).

[Read more about this workshop](#)



IJ Prison Management Initiative: Second Online Expert Meeting on Risk Assessment of Violent Extremist and Terrorist Offenders

30 June 2021, Online Workshop

This second online expert meeting brought together 21 practitioners and subject matter experts to share information regarding appropriate risk assessment tools currently available and identify potential subjects and content for a capacity-building curriculum and a train-the-trainer module. These meetings are crucial steps in an important project to develop a specialised counter-terrorism capacity-building and train-the-trainer programme on Risk Assessment of Violent Extremist and Terrorist Offenders.

For more information, please contact Director, Programmatic Unit, [Gail Fisk Malone](#).

[Read more about this workshop](#)



IJ Investigations Initiative: Multi-Agency 'Intelligence-led, Evidence-driven' Counter-Terrorism Investigation Capacity-Building in Somaliland - Debriefing Phase

6 – 8 July 2021, Somaliland

During this two-day debriefing workshop, senior leaders from seven different Somaliland agencies met to discuss the implementation of the recommendations identified in the previous phase of the project. Practitioners who had participated in the training discussed the impact that this innovative curriculum had had in their daily work. This included developing international judicial cooperation, improved parallel collection of evidence and intelligence, application of the law for practitioners, a more systemic approach to managing risk, enhanced crime scene management, more effective investigation processes, and building rapport during interviews.

For more information, please contact Senior Investigations Adviser [Philip Tucker](#).

Read more about this workshop



NEW Resource: IJ Criminal Justice Practitioner's Guide for Addressing REMVE

13 - 14 July 2021, Online Workshop

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For more information, please contact Programme Manager [Hop Wells](#)

[Read more about this workshop](#)



IJ Juvenile Justice Initiative: First Niger Online Workshop on Justice for Children in Terrorism Cases

27 – 29 July 2021, Online Workshop

In July, the IJ convened its first national-level workshop for Niger, at their request, under the auspices of the IJ Juvenile Justice Initiative. The workshop outlined the need to support juveniles when conducting an age assessment; Nigerien law provides that children under the age of thirteen are not criminally responsible and most children presented to the public prosecutor do not possess identification documents. To address this challenge, the practitioners determined that the initial investigation must involve social workers and health care workers, and investigators must attempt to locate family members and involve community leaders to determine the age of the child.

For more information, please contact Programme Manager [Emerson Cachon](#).

[Read more about this workshop](#)

Upcoming Courses/Workshops/Events

- 23 September: United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 76) Side Event: Countering the Transnational Threat of Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremism (REMVE)
- 29 September: United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 76) Side Event: Battlefield Evidence and Criminal Justice Approaches to Counter-Terrorism
- 1, 4, 7, 11 and 14 October: IJ Judicial Capacity-Building Initiative: South and Southeast Asia Workshop on the GCTF Glion Recommendations on the Use of Rule of Law-Based Administrative Measures
- 27 October — 26 November: IJ eCTAC: Online Counter-Terrorism Academic Curriculum Anglophone African Practitioners Edition
- 16 — 18 November: IJ Prison Management Initiative: Effective Prison Management and Intelligence Workshop
- 26 — 28 October: IJ Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBP) and Counter-Terrorism Financing Workshop
- 26 — 27 October: IJ Juvenile Justice Initiative: Second Online Workshop on Justice for Children in Terrorism Cases in Niger

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