

# Emerging Trends of Violent Extremism and the Future of Prevention of Violent Extremism in Libya

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Conference

10th — 12th October



## Background

The political and socio-economic structural challenges plaguing Libya since 2011 have established a favourable environment for the development of Violent Extremist (VE) groups, who present a persisting threat to the everyday security of the Libyan populace. VE groups will likely continue to pose a challenge to the country's stability while the underlying, multi-faceted factors and causes of violent extremism and recruitment into VE groups remain unaddressed.

Within this context, the Libyan Counter Terrorism Centre (LCTC) has invited UNDP Libya to support the expansion of the Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE) component of Libya's Counterterrorism (CT) Strategy, which was finalised in November 2020, and to develop guidelines and plans for the prevention of violent extremism in Libya. To this end, UNDP is carrying out a pioneering PVE program focusing on the participatory development of seven municipal-level PVE strategies, the elaboration of tools and plans for peace education, peace messaging, and the strategic engagement of cross-border communities, and the development of a comprehensive national PVE strategy and action plan with the Government of Libya (GoL). These actions will help strengthen the capacities of governance structures and empower communities to effectively address the most sensitive drivers of VE in Libya.

Given the unique and varied push and pull factors throughout Libya, UNDP will also support municipalities to develop their own targeted, localized PVE strategies which are tailored to specific realities while being adaptable to changing contexts. This process will ultimately enable the Government of Libya to address major factors and root causes of VE more effectively, ultimately leading to greater stability and security in Libya.

## Objectives

The LCTC have requested UNDP, as an integral part of the EU funded Stability, Unity, and Social Cohesion (SUSC) project, to hold a three days PVE conference that support the creation of a common and shared understanding of VE risks', trends in Libya, and its linkages to regional and global dynamics, of what works and does not work, to feed into the development of the Libyan PVE strategic framework and coordination mechanisms at the international, national, and local level.

The main objectives are:

- To provide a safe and secure platform for lessons learned and best practices to be shared and exchanged among international, national, and local PVE policy makers, practitioners, and academics.
- To address major VE risks and their trends in Libya and its linkages to regional and global dynamics; to feed into the development of an evidence based PVE strategic framework.
- To establish a PVE community of practice in Libya.
- To launch national, international, and local PVE technical working groups.

## Scope

***The scope of the PVE conference includes (but is not limited to) understanding the following:***

- Libya in Context: CT & VE - drivers, indicators, trends, risks, identifying Key Issues
- PVE: The Landscape of Approaches & Frameworks
- Critical Challenges & Risks to PVE Programming
- Cultivating a Local & National Ownership to PVE
- Crucial Roles of Civil Society in National PVE Dialogues
- PVE national and local ownership and leadership: coordination mechanisms (international. National).
- PVE Communication & Media Issues
- Sample PVE in Practice: Peace Messaging or Peace Education Programs
- Sample PVE in Practice: Issues involving Livelihood
- Working Group Sessions (Risk/ threat identification, PVE vision and priority thematic areas, and coordination mechanisms).

## Conference Date, duration, and place

*The conference will be a three (3) days event from*

**on 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

*in Tunis, Tunisia.*

## Participants

The conference will be attended by PVE policy makers, practitioners, and academics from Libya and the MENA region, in addition to international partners, as shown in annex (1).

## Roles and responsibilities

The SUSC-PVE team is responsible for the management of the technical and logistical aspects of the conference, including: (i) the selection of a suitable location or venue; (ii) book, rent, prepare, and arrange the venue; (iii) coffee and lunch breaks, transportation of participants, and accommodation; (iv) drafting the agenda for the event; (v) the implementation of the event; (vi) maintain an attendance record; and (vii) drafting of the final evaluation and report.

Moreover, UNDP will oversee the arrangement of flights and the payment of DSA for international PVE experts as well as reservation of the hotel room. The LCTC, in partnership with the UNDP, will facilitate invitations to GoL participants, as well as participating in the conference by opening and closing the event, presenting, and facilitating several breakout sessions.

## Worth to note

- International experts will cover hotel cost from their DAS
- SUSC-PVE team will prepare a logistic note and share with participants prior to the event.

## Conference methodology

*The conference framework will be within the following five principles:*

### **PVE is “whole of community” responsibility:**

The conference is based on the understanding that preventing violent extremism is the responsibility of all Libyans, not just the GoL institutions. Therefore, the conference is keen on the participation of Libyans from many sections of society, governmental, and non-governmental PVE actors.

### **Interactivity, collaboration, and participation:**

The conference will involve participants actively, by encouraging questions and active participation.

### **No one size fits all:**

VE is a multifaceted phenomenon, where there is no single cause or factor that explains these complex phenomena. Therefore, conference speeches, presentations, and discussions will attempt to test many assumptions/ hypotheses, either in addressing VE factors and causes or PVE interventions. The conference will be a good opportunity to test what works and what doesn't work in PVE.

### **Networking:**

The event will provide a key opportunity for the national and local level authorities' representatives, civil society, and other major local stakeholders to present their work amongst each other, address challenges, opportunities for cooperation as an initial step towards bridging the gap and networking. This while taking advantage of participants' experience, knowledge, and personal resources.

### **Action-learning:**

In addition to presenting relevant information regarding the PVE conference will use the 'learning-by-doing' approach to allow participants to acquire some of the necessary skills, competences, and tools. This includes discussing their experiences while also presenting challenges, achievements and lessons learned. It drew on problem-solving situations through teamwork or individual learning to advance individual skills and develop leadership attitudes.

## Conference structure and agenda

The conference will take place over three days, where the first day will be open, with participation of key scholars and practitioners in the field of PVE, while the other two days will be closed, as per the following agenda:

Time	Sessions   Moderators   Presenters
<b>Day One: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>	
09:00 – 09:45	<b>Opening Session:</b> registration and introductory remarks Moderator: <b>Emmanuel Maduiké</b> – UNDP Libya
	a) LCTC opening remarks – <b>General Mohamed B. Saleh</b> b) Keynote presentation ( <b>Dr Christopher Laker</b> , UNDP Deputy Resident Representative (P) for Libya)
09:45 – 10:00	Coffee break
<b>Session I: Libya in Context: CT &amp; VE - drivers, indicators, trends, risks, identifying key issues</b>	
This session addresses the following <b>two</b> points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overview of Libya's politics, economy, and society</li> <li>2. Sensitive areas for PVE in Libya (drawing from the PVE report)</li> </ol>	
Who engages in addressing VE threats/ risks, and individuals, local communities/ groups, and areas at risk of VE	
10:00 – 11:15	Moderator: <b>Qamar Huda</b> – Georgetown University Presenter: <b>Jean Louis Romanet Perroux</b> - North African Policy Initiative
	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break & networking
<b>Session II: Best practices in developing local and national PVE strategies</b>	
This session addresses the following <b>five</b> key points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identifying the VE problem (nature of violent extremism, evidence based PVE approach).</li> <li>2. A whole-of-society and a whole of government approach PVE approach to PVE</li> <li>3. Role of women as a critical actor in PVE efforts</li> <li>4. Strategic level coordination.</li> <li>5. Role of law enforcement agencies in PVE (trust building, capacity building).</li> </ol>	
11:45 -13:00	Moderator: <b>Dr Yahya Masoud</b> – Libyan Counter Terrorism Centre Presenters: <b>Omar Sewi</b> – Libyan Counter Terrorism Centre <b>Neila Feki</b> – National Counter Terrorism Commission (Tunisia) <b>Daryl Crooks</b> – British Embassy
	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
<b>Session III: Critical challenges and risks to PVE policies and programming</b>	
This session addresses the following <b>two</b> key points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Potential adverse consequences of PVE programmes</li> <li>2. Developing risk management in PVE policies and programmes</li> </ol>	
14:00 – 15:15	Moderator <b>Qamar Huda</b> – Georgetown University Presenters: <b>Moez Ali</b> – Union des Tunisiens Independants pour la Liberte <b>Peter Knoope</b> – International Centre for Counter Terrorism <b>Karim Ammar</b> - IPSSS
	<b>Q &amp; A</b>

15:15 – 15:30

Coffee break & networking

## Session IV: Cultivating local and national ownership of PVE

This session addresses the following **five** key points:

1. Designing and implementing inclusive national action plans to prevent violent extremism
2. Criticality of local communities to PVE efforts
3. Translating national PVE strategy to action plans at local level
4. Key stakeholders in PVE strategy development, delivery, and evaluation, at national and local level – whole of society approach
5. Identification of vulnerable communities

15:30 – 16:45

Moderator: **Michael Williams** – Science P/CVE

Presenters:

**Mokhtar Ben Nasr** – Tunisia Human Security Association

**LCTC Focal Point**

**Marie Kortam** – French Institute of the Near East

**Q & A**

16:45 -17:00

**Closing of Day One Tarek Faris** – Libyan Counter Terrorism Centre

## Day Two: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022

9:00 -9:15	<b>Recap/ objectives of today: Tarek Faris</b> – Libyan Counter Terrorism Centre
<b>Session V: Role of civil society in national PVE dialogue</b>	
<p>This session addresses the following <b>four</b> key points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Role of civil society organizations and non-government actors in PVE</li> <li>2. Importance of including civil society organizations in developing national PVE strategies, and in delivering initiatives at the local level, as they may have relevant knowledge of, access to and engagement with local communities, to be able to confront the challenges of recruitment and radicalization to terrorism</li> <li>3. Methods, guiding principles, and coordination mechanisms of civil society engagement to PVE at national and local level</li> <li>4. Mapping of key civil society actors in PVE at national and local level</li> </ol>	
9:15 – 10:30	<p>Moderator: <b>Jean-Louis Romanet Perroux</b> – North African Policy Initiative</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p><b>Zouhour Oumara</b> – Article 19  <b>Bouraoui Ouni</b> – Synergy lab  <b>Soufiane Jaballah</b> – University of Sfax</p> <p><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>
10:30 -11:00	Coffee break & networking
<b>Session VI: Local, national and international coordination mechanisms</b>	
<p>This session addresses the following <b>four</b> key points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PVE coordination mechanism at local and national levels in different international and regional contexts</li> <li>2. Role of proper coordination in good implementation, optimization of resources, synergy and avoiding duplications</li> <li>3. Approaches to enhance coordination and overcome obstacles and challenges</li> <li>4. Coordination a cross the life cycle of PVE policy, strategy, and programme</li> </ol>	
11:00 – 12:15	<p>Moderator: <b>Omer Sewi</b> - Libyan Counter Terrorism Centre</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p><b>Thibaut Girault</b> – UNDP Tunisia  <b>Etienne Dubern</b> - EU CTJUST  <b>Elise Knutsen</b> – Violent Extremism Expert/ Resercher</p> <p><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch break

## Session VII: PVE communication & media issues

This session addresses the following **Six** key points:

1. VE narrative, counter, alternative narrative, and peace messaging
2. VE narrative channels and platforms, alternative and counter narrative research, campaigns, messaging, messengers, medium
3. Impact of alternative, counter narrative, and peace messaging in general PVE
4. National and local partners in alternative, counter narrative, and peace messaging campaigns
5. Targeted audience of alternative, counter narrative, and peace messaging at national, regional, and local level
6. General or/ and targeted alternative, counter narrative, and peace messaging campaigns

13:15 – 14:30	Moderator: <b>Yahya Masoud</b> – Libyan Counter Terrorism Centre Presenters: <b>Michael Williams</b> – Science of P/CVE <b>Huda Arousi</b> – Dialogue and Debate Association <b>Jocelyn Belanger</b> – New York University (Abu Dhabi) <b>Q &amp; A</b>
14:30-14:45	Coffee break

## Session VIII: Peace education programmes

This session is a working groups session that addresses the following **five** key points:

1. Presentation on UNDP peace education program, and initiatives
2. Program impact, outcomes, and outputs of peace education initiatives
3. Peace education initiatives
4. Key actors at national and local level
5. Locations and targeted audience

14:45 – 16:00	Moderator: <b>Omer Sawi</b> – Libyan Counter Terrorism Centre Presenters: <b>Qamar ul-Huda</b> – Georgetown University <b>Khaeri Aboushagur</b> – Libyan Centre for Democracy and Human Rights <b>Ahlem Nasraoui</b> – World Learning <b>Q &amp; A</b>
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee break

## Session IX: Women's role in PVE

This is a briefing session on Libya, highlighting the **three** sensitive areas for PVE:

1. Human rights and policy frameworks on gender and PVE
2. Gender mainstreaming dimensions in PVE
3. Gender mainstreaming priorities in PVE

16:15 – 17:30	Moderator: <b>Jean-Louis Romanet Perroux</b> – North African Policy Initiative Presenters: <b>Eya Jrad</b> – Assistant Professor <b>Aya Burweila</b> – Code on the Road <b>Michael Williams</b> – Science of P/CVE <b>Q &amp; A</b>
17:30 -17:45	<b>Closing of Day Two. Description of Day 3: Tarek Faris</b>



## Day Three: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022

9:00 -9:10	Opening remarks/objectives of today: Tarek Faris		
<b>Session X: Sensitive areas for PVE in Libya</b>			
This is a briefing session on Libya, highlighting the following <b>eight</b> sensitive areas for PVE:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overview of VE drivers</li> <li>2. Seven UN PVE priority areas</li> </ol>			
<u>Sensitive areas for PVE in Libya:</u>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Governance and public service delivery</li> <li>4. Attitudes towards state and society</li> <li>5. Marginalization</li> <li>6. Social cohesion, participation, and engagement</li> <li>7. Socio-economic conditions and hardship</li> <li>8. Firearms, armed groups, and violence</li> </ol>			
9:10 – 10:00	Moderator: <b>Tarek Faris</b> – Libyan Counter Terrorism Centre Presenter: <b>Jean-Louis Romanet Perroux</b> – North African Policy Initiative		
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break & networking		
<b>Parallel Working Group Sessions</b>			
<b>Session X: 10:30 – 12:30</b>			
<b>Session X.1: Border communities</b>		<b>Session X.2: Identification of the VE threat in Libya</b>	
<b>Facilitator</b>	Jean-Louis Romanet Perroux	<b>Facilitator</b>	Khaled Salim
<b>Participants</b>	Libyan Ministry of Labour, LCTC, EU, EUBAM, IOM, UNODC, UNDP Tunisia	<b>Participants</b>	LCTC, National and International PVE Working Groups, PVE experts
<b>Part 1: 10:30-11:30</b>		<b>Part 1: 10:30-11:30</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Framing of the issues</li> <li>2. Brief remarks by Libyan Ministry of Labour, EU, EUBAM, IOM, UNODC</li> </ol>		Methodological considerations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. VE drivers and markers</li> <li>2. Early warning: actors and mechanisms</li> </ol>	
11:30 – 11:45: Coffee break & networking			
<b>Part 2: 11:45-12:30</b>		<b>Part 2: 11:45-12:30</b>	
Programmatic avenues <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Framing remarks on programmatic recommendations</li> <li>2. Brief remarks by Libyan Ministry of Labour, LCTC, EU, EUBAM, IOM, UNODC</li> </ol>		How to adapt PVE to the changing context <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How to monitor VE drivers</li> <li>2. How to update PVE strategies</li> </ol>	
12:30 – 13:30: Lunch Break			

Session XI: 13:30-15:30			
Session XI.1: Current and former combatants		Session XI.2: Coordination mechanisms	
<b>Facilitator</b>	Jean-Louis Romanet Perroux	<b>Facilitator</b>	Khaled Salim
<b>Participants</b>	Ministry of Labour, LCTC, UNSMIL, EULPC, EUBAM, DCAF, Geneva Call, Psychologists of the world	<b>Participants</b>	LCTC, National and International PVE Working Groups, EU CTJUST
<b>Part 1: 13:30-14:15</b> Framing of the issues <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Issues posed by current and former combatants, foreign fighters</li> <li>2. Links between DDR and PVE</li> <li>3. Brief remarks by Ministry of Labour, LCTC, UNSMIL, EULPC, EUBAM, DCAF, Geneva Call, Psychologists of the world</li> </ol>		<b>Part 1: 13:30-14:15</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local and national coordination mechanism rationale and objectives</li> <li>2. Coordination challenges and best practices</li> <li>3. Creation of Libyan PVE community of practice</li> </ol>	
14:15-14:45: Coffee break & networking			
<b>Part 2: 14:45-15:30</b> Programmatic avenues: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Framing remarks on programmatic recommendations</li> <li>2. Brief remarks by Libyan Ministry of Labour, LCTC, EU, EUBAM, IOM, UNODC</li> </ol>		<b>Part 2: 14:45-15:30</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implementation of national PVE strategy and action plan by local, national, and international actors</li> <li>2. Brief remarks by LCTC, relevant line ministries</li> </ol>	
15:30-16:00: Coffee break & networking			
Session XII: Restitution by Working Groups			
One representative from each working group presents the highlights of the session			
16:00-17:00	Moderator: <b>Khaled Salim</b> – UNDP PVE Technical Expert Speakers: Session X.1: Border communities Session X.2: Identification of the VE threat in Libya Session XI.1: Current and former combatants Session XI.2: Coordination mechanisms		
17:00 – 17:15	Coffee Break & Networking		
Session XIII: Conference Closing Remarks/ Next steps by UNDP			
17:15 – 17:45	<b>General Mohamed B. Saleh</b> , LCTC Head  <b>Marc Andre Franche</b> , UNDP Resident Representative for Libya		