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**Bridging the gap: connecting research, policy and practice on masculinities to more effectively prevent and counter terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism
(21 June 2023, 13:00 – 14:30, UNHQ Conference room 12, hybrid)**

Speakers

Event moderator

Cecilia Naddeo, Human Rights and Gender Section Chief, UN Office of Counter-Terrorism.



Prior to her role as the Legal and Criminal Justice Coordinator at the United Nations Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), Cecilia was a member of the CTED Africa Team, where she was the desk officer for several States in West Africa, East Africa and Southern Africa. She started her work at CTED as its Human Rights Officer.

Cecilia worked in academia in the United States, in the Inter-American Human Rights system (Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and Inter-American Court of Human Rights), led criminal justice reform efforts in Latin America and clerked at the Supreme Court of Justice of the City of Buenos Aires. Cecilia was also a Visiting Researcher at Harvard Law

School, a Marie Curie Research Fellow at Leiden University and a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ).

She holds a doctorate degree and a master's degree from Stanford Law School (United States) as well as a juris doctor degree (*Abogada*) from the University of Buenos Aires (Argentina).

High-Level Opening Remarks

H.E. Ambassador Robert Rae, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Rae was Canada's Special Envoy on Humanitarian and Refugee Issues, continuing work begun in 2017 as his country's Special Envoy to Myanmar.

Mr. Rae served as Premier of Ontario from 1990-1995, and interim Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada from 2011-2013. He was elected to federal and provincial parliaments 11 times between 1978 and 2013. He stepped down as a Member of Parliament in 2013 to return to legal practice, and in particular, to work with indigenous communities, with a parallel focus on education, governance and human rights.

In addition, Mr. Rae taught law at the University of Toronto School of Public Policy and Governance, as well as at Massey College and Victoria University. Mr. Rae served as the Chief Negotiator for the 9 First Nations that are members of the Matawa Tribal Council in Northern Ontario between 2013 and 2018; he was also partner and senior counsel to the law firm OKT LLP, specializing in indigenous law and constitutional issues. He also led the restructuring of the Canadian Red Cross and was a founding board member of the Forum of Federations and served as its Chairman and President.

Ambassador Rae received his Honours B.A. in Modern History from the University of Toronto, an M.Phil in Politics as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, and graduated from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law.



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Jennifer Loten, Director General, International Crime and Terrorism Bureau, Canada



Jennifer Loten is a career foreign service officer currently assigned as Director General, International Crime and Terrorism Bureau at Global Affairs Canada (GAC). Since joining Global Affairs Canada in 1997 she has served abroad in a variety of capacities including as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the Organisation of America States; Consul and Head of Office, Consulate of Canada, Anchorage, Alaska; and Political Advisor, Embassy of Canada, Brazil.

She also has served in a variety of assignments within GAC including as Deputy Director for Canada U.S. Border Policy; Departmental Coordinator for the 4th Summit of the Americas; and as Deputy Director, War Economies. She also received a Deputy Minister’s Award for Policy Development.

Prior to joining Canada’s diplomatic corps, she worked in research and non-governmental organisations, including CUSO Ghana, MATCH international, International Development Research Centre and Canada’s Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies.

Jennifer Loten holds a Master of Philosophy in Social Anthropology from the University of Cambridge, and a B.A. in Anthropology from Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario.

Raffi Gregorian, Director and Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General, UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)

Raffi Gregorian has over 33 years of academic, diplomatic and military experience in counter-terrorism and international peace and security. Prior to his appointment as Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General of UNOCT in September 2019, Mr. Gregorian held different senior positions in the United States Department of State, including as Director of Multilateral Affairs in the Bureau of Counterterrorism, Acting Deputy Coordinator for Counterterrorism and Director for the Office of Peace Operations, Sanctions, and Counterterrorism. He also has field experience in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo. Mr. Gregorian holds a Doctorate in International Relations and Strategic Studies from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.



Irfan Saeed, Head – Action Against Terrorism Unit OSCE Transnational Threats Department



Irfan Saeed is on secondment from the US Department of State, Bureau of Counterterrorism, where he served as a Deputy Assistant Secretary (Acting) and Office Director for Terrorist Prevention and Detention. At the Department of State, Irfan managed an office leading strategy and policy formulation for international CVE efforts of the United States.

Irfan has more than 20 years of experience in countering terrorism, serving at the US Embassy in Islamabad, where he developed critical programmes and initiatives to prevent and counter violent extremism in Pakistan. Prior to joining the US Department of State, Irfan was a Senior Policy Advisor at the US Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Secretary, where he developed and co-ordinated domestic activities related to P/CVE.

Before that, he worked as a criminal prosecutor at the state and federal levels. He also worked as an Assistant US Attorney at the US Department of Justice, as well as an Assistant District Attorney in New Orleans, Louisiana. He served as the Resident Legal Advisor at US Embassies in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. Irfan holds a Doctorate in Law with a specialization in international law.

David Scharia, Director and Chief of Branch, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

David Scharia served in various roles in CTED and is a member of CTED senior management team at Director level. Dr. Scharia heads the thematic expertise and research branch of CTED.

David Scharia oversees CTED’s engagement with civil society, human rights organizations and academia, as well as on new technologies and counter-terrorism – including terrorists' use of the internet, "cyber-terrorism", artificial intelligence, drones, the use of biometric technology for counter terrorism, IOT, API/PNR and digital evidence. He was recently selected as member of the International Advisory Committee Member of the Global Internet Forum on Counter Terrorism (GIFCT).

Before joining the U.N, David Scharia served as lead Attorney in major counter-terrorism cases before the Supreme Court of Israel and oversaw the work of team of prosecutors at the Supreme Court Division of the Attorney General office.

David Scharia holds LLB, LLM and PhD from Tel Aviv University. He is the author of two highly acclaimed academic books on law and counter terrorism and numerous articles.



Launch of the Gender and Identity Factors Platform



Jennifer Loten, Director General, International Crime and Terrorism Bureau, Canada

Raffi Gregorian, Director and Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General, UNOCT



Panel Discussion Moderator

Sara Negrão, Gender Adviser, UNOCT



Sara Negrão is the UNOCT Gender Adviser with over 20 years’ experience as a Gender Specialist in Africa, the Pacific and at the global level with Civil Society, government, the United Nations Department of Political Affairs, UN Women and UNOCT.

Sara’s main areas of work include governance, political participation, women’s human rights, gender-based violence, violence against women in politics, post conflict reconstruction and humanitarian assistance; security sector reform; institutional and organizational development and gender mainstreaming; planning and implementing development programmes in fragile states; the prevention and countering of violent extremism and counter-terrorism.

Her academic background includes Sociology, International Health and Gender and Development.

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Panel Discussion Experts

Pablo A. Arrocha Olabuenaga, Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations



Pablo Arrocha is a Mexican diplomat specialized in public international law with almost 20 years of experience working for the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has served in the Office of the Legal Adviser and the Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights. He is currently the legal and sanctions coordinator of the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations in New York, including during the last participation of Mexico in the Security Council (2021-2022), and has been the CT focal point since 2015. He served as Vice-president of the Sixth Committee of the 74th General Assembly. He was assistant to Special Rapporteur Gómez-Robledo in his work in the International Law Commission on the provisional application of treaties.

He is an affiliate of the Harvard Law School Program on International Law and Armed Conflict and a public international law professor in Mexico City. He has over 20 publications including specialized books, book chapters, and articles.

Pablo Arrocha holds a law degree with honors from the Faculty of Law of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and an LL.M. in public international law from University College London (UCL).

Aleksandra Dier, Gender Coordinator, CTED

Aleksandra Dier is the Gender Coordinator at the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED).

Aleksandra Dier has worked for the United Nations in the areas of conflict prevention and mediation, peacekeeping, sanctions, and counter-terrorism. She served in UN field missions in Afghanistan and Burundi and was involved in the planning of the peacekeeping mission in Mali. She was also the special assistant to the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Conflict Prevention.

She recently returned to CTED after serving as UN Women's Regional Advisor on Peace, Security and Humanitarian Action in the Middle East and North Africa.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Aleksandra was a Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Security Studies (CSS) at ETH Zurich and a visiting fellow at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) in Berlin, where her work focused on European security policy and crisis management in Africa.

Aleksandra Dier received her M.Phil and Ph.D. from the University of Oxford.



Camilla Bognoe, Senior Adviser on anti-Terrorism Issues, OSCE Transnational Threats Department



Camilla Bognoe is the Senior Adviser on anti-Terrorism issues for the OSCE Transnational Threats Department and has since 2009 been working on counter-terrorism and preventing and countering violent extremism, as well as human rights and criminal justice, in different capacities. Ms Bognoe has been a driving force behind the work to include gender analysis as a core component in OSCE's work along with human rights-based approaches, responsible for publications such as [Understanding the Role of Gender in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization That Lead to Terrorism - Good Practices for Law Enforcement](#) (2019) and the [OSCE Policy Brief – Linkages between Violent Misogyny and Violent Extremism](#) (2022). Before joining the OSCE, she worked on programme

development, gender- and human rights mainstreaming with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime Country Office in Pakistan, and as Senior Adviser on Counter-terrorism at the Norwegian Police Security Service.

Camilla Bognoe has an MSc in Criminal Justice from Boston University, an MA in Near and Middle Eastern Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies in London and a BA in Arabic linguistics and Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Bergen Norway/American University in Cairo.

Sanam Naraghi Anderlini, Founder and CEO of the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN)



Sanam Naraghi Anderlini has 26 years of experience as a peace strategist working globally on conflicts, and violent extremism with civil society, governments and the UN. At ICAN she spearheads the Women's Alliance for Security Leadership (WASL) comprising over 90 independent locally rooted women-led organizations in 40 countries preventing violence, promoting peace and human security. In 2000, she was a civil society leader and drafter of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security.

She designed and led the first and only multi-country comparative study on women's contributions to peace processes. Sanam also designed and delivered the first all-department training and action plan development for the UN's Departments of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) and Disarmament Affairs (DDA) and Political Affairs (DPA). In 2011 she was the first Senior Gender and Inclusion Advisor to be appointed

to the UN's Standby Team of Mediation Experts. Her work included mediation in Somalia.

In 2008-2010 Ms. Naraghi Anderlini lead the first 10 country study on the vulnerabilities to recruitment into violence among young men in fragile contexts for UNDP. Since 2012 under her leadership, ICAN has been a global leader in analyzing the relevance of gender and women's contributions to counter-terrorism and preventing violent extremism (PVE) work. In 2015 she established the first and only independent multi-donor Innovative Peace Fund to channel resources and strategic guidance to local women-led organizations active in PVE and peace building. In 2016 ICAN in partnership with the Norwegian government established the Global Solutions Exchange to enable systematic interactions between women peacebuilders, governments and international policy makers related to security, violent extremism.

Naraghi Anderlini authored numerous publications on gender and PVE.

She serves as a Member of the Commonwealth's PVE Panel of Experts and Women Mediators Network, the US Institute's Women Building Peace Council, and Co-Chair of the Commission on Principles for Inclusive Peace, among other appointments. She is an adjunct professor at the Colombia University School of International Public Affairs (SIPA), and was Director of the LSE's Women, Peace and Security Center between 2020-22.

Iranian by birth, she is UK and US citizen, and mother of 22-year-old twins. In 2020, she was awarded the Most Excellent Order of The British Empire (MBE) for her services into International Peacebuilding and Women's Rights.

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