



STRONG CITIES NETWORK GLOBAL SUMMIT 2018: PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 10 July 2018

Closed session for SCN International Steering Committee and Mayor members only

1400 – 1700: SCN International Steering Committee followed by refreshments and canapés

1830 – 2130: Dinner

Wednesday, 11 July 2018

0900-1330: Day 1 Plenary Session

Welcome Addresses by the Victorian Government and Institute for Strategic Dialogue

Mayoral and Subnational Leaders Panel Discussion

Public Policy in the Age of Violent Extremism

Morning tea

Increasing Global-Local Integration

Sub-national actors play a key role in implementing Prevention and Countering of Violent Extremism (P/CVE) good practices developed at the global level and in P/CVE more broadly. Yet in many places their work functions in isolation from national and international P/CVE efforts. This session will bring together national and sub-national government officials as well as representatives from multilateral bodies and civil society organisations (CSOs) to discuss the challenges to and opportunities for enhanced 'vertical cooperation'. Respondents will discuss different models of how global-local integration (GLI) can be strengthened to increase greater cooperation among the different levels of actors within a country around P/CVE and strengthen the role of local actors in this area.

Lunch

Closed Session: Mayoral Leadership Forum

Please note the Mayoral Leadership Forum is for SCN member Mayors only.

1430-1800: Day 1 Breakout Sessions

(includes afternoon tea)

Please select two sessions from the list of one to four below

1. Gender and Prevention and Countering of Violent Extremism

This session looks at the role of gender across both Extreme Far Right and Islamist-inspired extremism, drawing parallels between different forms of extremism in terms of male and female radicalisation pathways and the reinforcement and promotion of specific gender narratives. It will also address the role of women as agents of protection, resilience and cohesion at the local level, and how traditional and non-traditional female roles can be better utilised for building greater resilience to risk.

2. Local Action Planning/Building Resilience from the Ground-Up

The development and design of Local Action Plans is an important first step in targeted, effective and coordinated local prevention. This session will showcase techniques to bring together otherwise disparate projects and activities with various aims into a cohesive local strategy which clearly defines each stakeholder's role. This session will work with local policymakers and practitioners to identify the key requirements for effective planning, ask important questions on how these can augment national strategies, whether all cities should have Local Action Plans, and how explicitly P/CVE-focused these should necessarily be.

3. Emerging Dynamics: Exploring Trends in Ideology and Disinformation

This session will bring together leading global extremism experts and analysts to discuss how ideological trends in different forms of violent extremism have developed over recent years and what this requires of local and community-focused responses. This will include trends around families and family-focused interventions, as well as the so-called reciprocal radicalisation trend between Far Right and Islamist extremist groups, hate crime, fake news and disinformation, and community polarisation.

4. Local Youth Engagement in Prevention and Countering of Violent Extremism

This session looks at ways in which cities can positively engage young people in prevention and resilience building activities. It explores local level strategies that both safeguard youth, but also recognise and galvanise young people's role as active and valued participants in building resilient communities. It will feature youth-designed campaigns, showcasing the potential for young people to develop powerful and effective content that resonates with those at risk as well as the wider community, and will explore the potential for greater dialogue between youth and those developing and executing local policy and strategy to counter hate, polarisation and violence.

1830-2130: Streets of Melbourne Experience

Thursday, 12 July 2018

0900-1230: Day 2 Breakout Sessions (includes morning tea)

Please select two sessions from the list of five to nine below

5. Recruitment Trends: Crime, Mental Health and Violent Extremism

This session brings together leading analysts and intervention providers across multiple global regions to examine the growing interplay between urban crime and recruitment to violent extremism. Drawing on real casework examples and the intervention work of leading specialists, it will also assess the role of mental health in both radicalisation and recruitment as well as disengagement and reintegration. It will ask what this means for the way in which individual cases are handled, how they are triaged by local multiagency frameworks or other responsible agencies, and the types of interventions that are required.

6. New Models for Multiagency Cooperation

SCN member cities like Aarhus, Copenhagen and London have developed well-known multiagency frameworks designed to handle individual or group referrals, identify the appropriate level of intervention, and oversee and monitor its application. But can effective multiagency working be applied in other contexts, perhaps with different local institutions, infrastructure and local devolution? This session will showcase pioneering work on developing multiagency working in non-European contexts, based on cooperation and peer learning directly between cities, including SCN local prevention networks in the Middle East, developed as a partnership with Danish municipalities.

7. Counter Polarisation/Populism

From the United States and the UK to the Philippines and Kenya, populism and polarisation has fixed global attention on the challenging combination of social, economic and political forces playing out in communities around the world. But away from the rhetoric and headlines, what has been the on-the-ground impact in communities to date, and how can we expect it to continue to play out? How are we seeing these trends impact the narratives and tactics of extremist groups across the ideological spectrum, and what does this mean for the cohesion of diverse local communities in a globalised world? This session will bring government, academic and advocacy experts from around the world to look at the key challenges affecting different communities and consider to what extent cities and local leaders can provide an effective and proactive balance that maintains peace, tolerance and open and respectful local communities.

8. Contrasting Models of Disengagement: Working with Individuals at Risk

This session will take a detailed look at emerging models of practice for deradicalisation, disengagement and exit programmes that work directly on a 1:1 basis with radicalised individuals or those at risk. It will include an examination of models from around the world, with contributions from those directly leading interventions and working with at risk individuals on a daily basis, providing unique insight into the successes as well as the challenges in their work and drawing out the lessons for policymakers and practitioners alike. It will also look at how this work is structured and managed and why that matters for cities and local coordination of P/CVE, from assessment panels to case management, down to the individual intervention.

9. Increasing Global-Local Integration

Effective and sustained local implementation of global P/CVE good practices and local prevention coordination necessitates collaboration and cooperation among national, sub-national, and community-level actors within a country. This can require, among other things, alignment of national and sub-national policy, plans, resources, and programmes and a clear recognition of the distinct roles of the different levels of actors. This session will bring together national and sub-national government officials, as well as representatives from civil society and multilateral bodies to identify the challenges to and opportunities for strengthening cooperation around P/CVE among the different levels of actors, with the barriers to information-sharing and other forms of collaboration often standing in the way of effective implementation of global P/CVE good practices at the local level. Participants will elaborate on practical recommendations for strengthening GLI in the context of P/CVE and draw attention to how the SCN and a variety of other international platforms, including the United Nations, the Global Counterterrorism Forum, regional bodies, and the Global Solutions Exchange, can support efforts to implement these recommendations.

Lunch

1345-1545: Day 2 Plenary Closing Panels and Way Forward

Public-Private Partnerships

Innovations in P/CVE: An Overview of New Trends and Developments in the Field

Closing Remarks

Surgeries: An opportunity for one-on-one meetings and exchanges between local level and national delegations, CSOs and multilateral organisations.

The programme is subject to change and is provided for guidance only.

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