



Wilton Park

Programme

Managing, preventing and countering violent extremism across the Commonwealth

Monday 17 – Wednesday 19 June 2019 | WP1701

This Wilton Park conference will build on the initial meeting between the Commonwealth's Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Cadre of Experts and the Commonwealth Secretariat's CVE unit. The unit was set up by the Commonwealth Heads of Government to strengthen member countries' ability to prevent and counter violent extremism and this meeting aims to share experiences of responding to violent extremism among key practitioners, while developing a greater understanding of CVE challenges across the Commonwealth. Members of the Cadre will attend, as well as selected representatives from Commonwealth member countries.

The CVE Cadre of Experts was established in 2018 to support the Commonwealth Secretariat's objective of providing impactful and sustainable support to Commonwealth countries faced with an existing or developing threat of violent extremism. The role of the Cadre is to foster collaboration and exchange between P/CVE researchers from across the Commonwealth, to contribute to cross-regional learning and to encourage member countries to draw on research and expertise to ensure that their practices are evidence-informed.

This meeting provides a critical space where members of the Cadre, key practitioners and the wider Commonwealth community can share experiences, research and best practices. It also affords members of the Cadre an important opportunity to share in depth knowledge on their particular area of expertise in relation to CVE.

This conference has the following objectives:

- To allow participants the space to network with key stakeholders working on CVE in similar circumstances across the Commonwealth;
- To develop a greater insight into CVE challenges and the current techniques used to overcome such challenges across the Commonwealth;
- To provide an opportunity for representatives to appropriate good or promising practices into their own programmes based on the experience of others; and
- To further develop and broaden the dialogue and cooperation between government agencies responsible for CVE and key civil society stakeholders in the field.

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Monday 17 June

1300	Participants arrive and buffet lunch available
1400-1415	Facilitator briefing for Session 2 in Common Room
1500-1530	Welcome and introduction
1530-1630	1. CVE and youth: moving from securitisation to engagement <p>The Commonwealth's 53 member countries have a combined population of more than two billion, of which more than 60% are under 30 years of age. Despite the fact that the overwhelming majority of youth are peaceful, young people are often viewed as a security risk and as a problem to be 'fixed' with correlations between nations with 'youth bulge' populations and state repression.</p> <p>This opening session explores how to move towards viewing young people as part of the solution to countering violent extremism and building peaceful societies, particularly in the light of the UN's recent 'Missing Peace' report on Youth, Peace and Security, which calls for one dollar for every young person to be spent on youth led peace building initiatives.</p>
1630-1700	Tea/coffee
1700-1800	2. Breakout sessions: sharing best practice and knowledge <p>These small groups will focus on sharing best practice and knowledge about how to engage young people in CVE/PVE efforts.</p>
1800-1830	3. Feedback session <p>A short feedback session in plenary reporting back on the discussions in the small groups.</p>
1830	Reception followed by barbecue

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0645-0815	Walk to Chanctonbury Ring (optional)
0800-0845	Breakfast
0830-0845	Facilitator briefing for Session 5 in Common Room
0900-1045	4. Disengagement, rehabilitation and reintegration: challenges faced and lessons learnt <p>Focusing on the importance of trust building, community engagement, education, gender dynamics and the role of young people in fostering a positive environment for the rehabilitation and reintegration of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTF's) and Extremists. There will be special emphasis on managing associated non-combatants and families who are also returning.</p>
1045-1115	Tea/coffee

1115-1215

5. Breakout sessions: sharing best practice and knowledge

These small groups will focus on sharing best practice and knowledge about disengagement, rehabilitation and reintegration including discussion on the role of women, young people and high-risk returnees.

1215-1300

6. Feedback session

A short feedback session in plenary reporting back on the discussions in the small groups.

1300-1400

Lunch

1345-1430

Garden tour (optional)

1400-1500

Free time

1500-1630

7. Building resilience to violent extremism in complex high crime environments

The correlation between significant violent crime and a high incidence or proclivity toward violent extremism has long been discussed.

This session seeks to explore these ideas in greater detail, drawing more specific links between the two phenomena (also looking at financing) and exploring good or best practices for identifying key factors and vulnerabilities that underscore the crossover from criminal violence to violent extremism.

1630-1700

Tea/coffee

1700-1830

8. Holding the internet accountable: recommendations and key lessons to share

This session will hear from the UK government on how government, researchers and internet providers can co-operate to deal with extremism content online and practical measures to counter violent extremism spread through the internet.

1830

Reception followed by dinner

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0800-0845

Breakfast and checkout

0900-0945

9. Feedback session

A short feedback session in plenary reporting back on the discussions during dinner on dealing with online extremism content.

0945-1045

10. Lessons to share

This session seeks to identify key recommendations and lessons of best practice identified during the meeting.

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1130

11. Evaluation survey

Completion of online survey

1130-1230

12. Going forward and practicalities of collaboration

1230-1245

13. Closing remarks

1245-1300

Photograph

1300

Lunch

1400

Participants depart

This is a provisional programme and as such may be subject to change. This is an invitation only conference.

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