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INVITATION

Ministerial Side-Event

*“A comprehensive approach to preventing radicalization, violent extremism and atrocity crimes:
activating voices from actors in the field”*

Thursday, October 1st, 2015

1:15pm – 2:30pm, ECOSOC Chamber, United Nations, New York

IMPORTANT ! –Tickets needed for all participants ! See last part of this invitation

Program:

- 1.15 pm: *Opening speeches*
H.E. Didier Reynders, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Affairs of Belgium
H.E. Salaheddine Mezouar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Morocco (tbc)
- 1.25 pm: *The role of religious leaders to prevent incitement to violence that could lead to atrocity crimes*
H.E. Adama Dieng, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide
- 1.30 pm: *Voices from actors in the field*
- **Ms. Mossarat Qadeem**, Executive Director of PAIMAN Alumni Trust, Pakistan
 - **Mr. Ahmed Abbadi**, Secretary General of the Ulema’s Rabita Mohammadia, Morocco
 - **Mr. Mubinoddin Shaikh**, PhD Candidate at the Department of Psychological Sciences (Psychology of radicalization, extremism and terrorism) – Tactical Decision Making Research Group (University of Liverpool), Canada
- 1.50 pm: *Questions & Answers (2’ maximum per intervention)*
- 2.25 pm: *Conclusions* by **Agnès Callamard**, Director of the Global Freedom of Expression and Information at Columbia University

Concept Note:

The nexus between radicalization, violent extremism and the commission of atrocity crimes has become the focus of many current policy discussions. A recurrent question has been how to identify those individuals who are most vulnerable to radicalization and recruitment by violent extremist groups and how to intervene at an early stage and in the most effective way to prevent recruitment and rehabilitate those involved.

States have an important responsibility in protecting populations from atrocity crimes, including those committed by violent extremist groups, and can do so *inter alia* by addressing those factors that contribute to radicalization, such as the grievances of communities that might feel marginalized. To build integrated and open societies, States should also promote equal access to resources, invest in education, training and employment and promote diversity and respect for human rights without discrimination.

However, to be effective, any strategy must involve all sectors of society, not just the State. It is also important to develop innovative, comprehensive and truly preventive approaches. Governments should take recourse to the broadest array of interlocutors, actors and tools in order to protect those who risk falling prey to incitement to hatred, hostility and violent radicalization. Civil society and local communities must be involved. They have an important role to play in complementing State efforts. The important, specific role that women play in preventing and stopping violent radicalization and extremism must also be highlighted.

This event aims to bring together individuals with expertise in preventing radicalization, incitement to violence and violent extremism and to discuss creative and innovative approaches to addressing these challenges. The following questions will guide the discussion:

- *What are the key methods and approaches to prevent youth from joining groups that promote violent extremism?*
- *What are the factors that may explain the success or failure of interventions?*
- *Which actors can play a decisive role in detecting, deterring and countering violent radicalization?*
- *How can women in particular prevent or halt a violent radicalization process?*
- *What are the recommendations from different actors, both and non-governmental in terms of timely interventions?*

The event is organized by Belgium, Morocco, and the Office of the UN Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide and on the Responsibility to protect, with the support of the Global Freedom of Expression Program of the University of Columbia. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs of Belgium, H.E. Didier Reynders, and the Foreign Minister of Morocco, H.E. Salaheddine Mezouar, will co-chair the meeting.

Speakers :

Didier Reynders



Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium since 2004, Didier Reynders has been Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs since 2011.

A father of four, Didier Reynders was born in Liège on 6th August 1958. In 1981, he obtained a degree in law at the University of Liège. Guest lecturer at the Universities of Liège and Louvain, he has never really left the academic life.

After presiding the Belgian railways and the Belgian Airways Agency, he was elected Deputy Chairman of the PRL (Liberal party), before becoming a Member of Parliament in 1992.

On 12th July 1999, he became Minister of Finance and, on 18th July 2004, (concurrently) Deputy Prime Minister. He was Chairman of the Mouvement Réformateur (party alliance) from 11th October 2004 until 14th February 2011.

He was Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and European Affairs from 6th December 2011 until 11th October 2014. He became Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs, in charge of Beliris and Federal Cultural Institutions on 11th October 2014. He is Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and European Affairs since 6th December 2011.

Salaheddine Mezouar



Mr. Salaheddine Mezouar was appointed by His Majesty the King Mohammed VI nominated, on October 10th 2013, as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. He was born in 1953 in Meknes.

Mr. Salaheddine Mezouar, politician, was elected the President of the National Rally of Independents (RNI) since January 2010. He is deputy at the Chamber of Representatives, since the 2011 legislative elections.

Mr. Salaheddine Mezouar held, in the past, several high ministerial positions and undertook many tasks in the public, semi-public and private sectors. In fact, He served as Minister of Economy and Finance in 2007 and as Minister of Industry, Trade and Upgrade of the Economy in 2004.

Besides this, Mr. Salaheddine Mezouar held the position of President of the Moroccan Association Textile and Clothing Industries (AMITH) in 2002 and that of President of Textiles and Leather Federation within the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM). In addition to this, before being in charge of mission at the Office of Ports' Exploitation, between 1986 and 1991, Mr Salaheddine MEZOUAR held the position of Administrator-Director General of a private Textile Company.

Mr. Salaheddine MEZOUAR is a holder of a Post-graduate diploma in Economic Sciences, from Grenoble University of Social Sciences in France, a Higher Cycle Diploma in Management, from the High Institute of Commerce and Enterprises Management (ISCAE) in Casablanca.

Adama Dieng



On 17 July 2012, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed Adama Dieng of Senegal as Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide. Mr. Dieng has served as Registrar of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda since 2001. He began his career as Registrar of the Regional and Labour Courts in Senegal, and served as Registrar of the Supreme Court of Senegal for six years. From 1982 to 2001, Mr. Dieng worked for the International Commission of Jurists, for the last ten years as the organisation's Secretary-General. During this period he was appointed as Envoy of the United Nations Secretary General to Malawi in 1993, and as the United Nations Independent Expert for Haiti from 1995 to 2000.

A legal and human rights expert, Mr. Dieng has throughout his career contributed to strengthening of the rule of law, fighting impunity and promoting capacity building of judicial and democratic institutions. He has also contributed to the establishment of several non-governmental organizations in Africa and to strengthening African institutions. Mr. Dieng was the driving force behind the establishment of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights as well as the draft African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption.

Mr. Dieng has lectured on international law and human rights at academic institutions around the world and acted as consultant for many organizations, including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Ford Foundation and the African Union

Agnès Callamard



Dr. Agnès Callamard is the Director of Columbia University Global Freedom of Expression & Information, an initiative seeking to advance understanding on freedom of expression global norms, and Special Adviser to the President of Columbia University, first amendment scholar Lee Bollinger.

Dr. Agnès Callamard has a distinguished career in human rights and humanitarian work globally. She spent nine years as the Executive Director of ARTICLE 19, the international human rights organization promoting and defending freedom of expression and access to information globally. Under her leadership, ARTICLE 19 reach and reputation flourished earning global recognition for its cutting edge public policy thinking on diverse issues including national security, equality and development. She founded and led *HAP International* (the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership), which is the first self-regulatory body for humanitarian agencies at the international level. Prior to this, Dr. Callamard was

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Chef de Cabinet for the Secretary General of *Amnesty International* (AI) and AI's Research-Policy Coordinator, leading AI's policy work and research on women's human rights.

Agnès has advised senior levels of multilateral organizations and governments around the world and has led human rights investigations in more than 30 countries. She has published broadly in the field of human rights, women's rights, refugee movements and accountability and holds a PhD in Political Science from the New School for Social Research in New York.

Mossarat Qadeem



Mossarat Qadeem saves not only individual lives; she saves families. Working directly with mothers of radicalized youths, using her skill as a communicator and her detailed knowledge of the Quran, she rescues young men—including potential suicide bombers—who are being exploited by extremists

Afterwards, she ensures they receive job training and education and helps them with the difficult process of reintegrating into their communities. Her calm demeanor cannot disguise her lifelong passion for reaching out to others to build trust and reduce violence.

Ms. Qadeem is a co-founder of PAIMAN Alumni Trust, a non-profit group promoting socio-political and economic empowerment of marginalized Pakistanis. With PAIMAN, she established the country's first center for conflict transformation and peacebuilding, which has helped thousands of young people and women across the Federally Administered Tribal Areas and Khyber Pukhtunkwa province to prevent and resolve conflict through PAIMAN's others and Youth Peace Groups (TOLANA), a model which has received international recognition.

Ms. Qadeem is also the national coordinator of Aman-o-Nisa, a coalition of women leaders throughout Pakistan striving to moderate violent extremism and promote understanding among diverse ethnic, religious, and political groups.

To all her work, Ms. Qadeem brings the knowledge and experience she acquired during her 14 years as a political science professor at the University of Peshawar, where she also served as assistant director of the Women's Study Centre. She now works across South Asia on women's political participation, countering violent extremism, and developed her own training materials on these themes. An innovator and reformer, she helped expand Amn-O-Nisa to Afghanistan and India, binding women peace activist of the region to raise their voices for a peaceful region.

Ms. Qadeem has published two books, written many articles, and produced documentaries on topics including India-Pakistan relations, peace education, youth role in CVE and women's (particularly mothers') experiences with conflict and extremism. She holds master's degrees in international politics as well as gender and development, both from the Institute of Social Sciences in the Netherlands.¹

¹ This biography is an updated version of a text from the Institute for Inclusive Peace Society's website:

<https://www.inclusivesecurity.org>.

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Ahmed Abbadi



Mr. Ahmed Abbadi, holder of a PhD (doctorat d'Etat) in Islamic studies from the Qaddi Ayyad University of Marrakech in 2002, has been teaching, since 1988, compared history of religions (Faculty of Arts and Humanities) and the Islamic thought (English department) within this university. Since 1995, he has delivered lectures as professor of sociology of North Africa within the framework of a programme of cooperation between Qaddi Ayyad University and DePaul University of Chicago.

Mr. Abbadi published a number of articles and analyses appeared in Moroccan and foreign periodicals.

Mr. Abbadi, who has been member of the Council of Qaddi Ayyad University since 2002, was appointed Directeur of Habous and Islamic Affairs in April 2004, and since April 2006, he has become Secretary General of Rabita Mohammadia des Oulémas (Mohammadia League of Scholars).

Mubinoddin Shaikh



PhD candidate in Psychological Sciences studying radicalization, deradicalization and violent extremism at the University of Liverpool, Tactical Decision Making Research Group.

Born and raised in Canada, Mubin Shaikh grew up with two conflicting and competing cultures. At the age of 19, he went to India and Pakistan where he had a chance encounter with the Taliban prior to their takeover of Afghanistan in 1995.

Mubin became fully radicalized as a supporter of the global Jihadist culture, recruiting others and establishing his network in the extremist milieu. The 9/11 attacks forced to him reconsider his views and he then spent 2 years in Syria, augmenting his private study of Arabic and Islamic Studies, where he would go through a period of full deradicalization.

Returning to Canada in 2004, he became an undercover operator with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and worked several CLASSIFIED infiltration operations both in online spaces and especially, on the ground. He has since obtained a Master of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism (MPICT), is now a PhD candidate in Psychological Sciences studying radicalization, deradicalization and violent extremism at the University of Liverpool, Tactical Decision Making Research Group. He is extensively involved with the ISIS Social Media and Foreign Fighter file. He is also co-author of the acclaimed book, Undercover Jihadi.

IMPORTANT **Registration – Security**

For all guests:

Before Monday 09.28.2015, 2.00 pm, all guests must register (included delegations from Member States), by mail only: florence.latinis@diplobel.fed.be.

On Wednesday 09.30.2015, all guests must retrieve event tickets between 10.00 am to 12.00 pm at the lobby of the One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, 885 Second Avenue (attention: entrance from 47th Street – inside the lobby, a table will be set up with a Belgian flag). The event tickets will be handed to the guests themselves upon presentation of their ID. Third persons can also retrieve tickets upon presentation of their ID and a letter from their organization, mandating them to retrieve these event tickets.

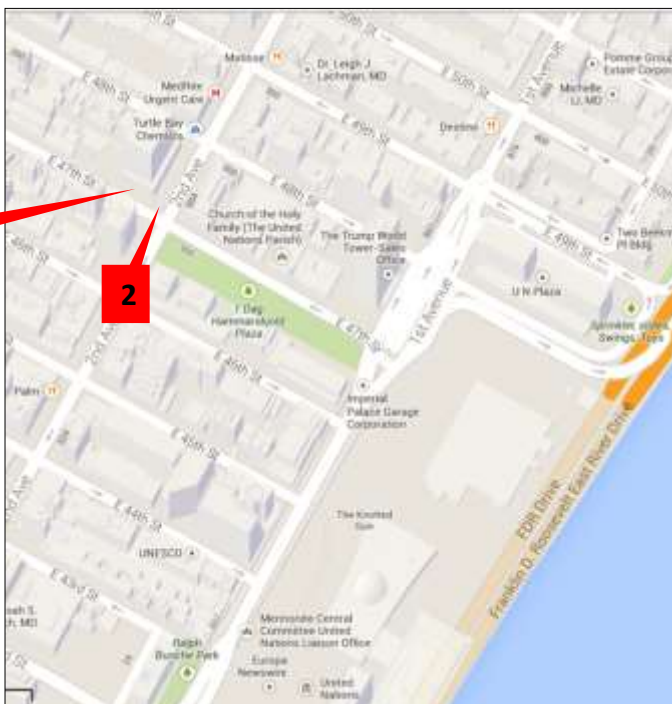
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For guests who are not in possession of a UN ID:

On the day of the event (Thursday 10/01/2015), these guests are kindly requested to **meet at 12.45 am sharp on the corner of 47th Street & 2nd Ave**, in front of the One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, 885 Second Avenue. A person with a Belgian flag will escort all persons without an UN ID to the conference room through the different checking points. You will not be allowed to attend the side event without the event ticket!

For guests in possession of a UN ID:

Guests in possession of a UN ID can go directly to the check point at the 46th Street & Second Avenue, from where they have to reach the Ecosoc Chamber through a second check point at 46th Street & First Avenue. All guest with UN ID must also have an event ticket. The UN security service will not allow anyone to attend the side event without this event ticket!



1. Entrance 47th Street One Dag Hammarskjöld to retrieve your ticket
10.00 am to 12.00 pm
September 30
2. Meeting point corner 47th Street & 2nd Avenue
12.45 pm sharp October 1st

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Language: English, no translation.

Format: Ministerial meeting, but open to all delegation members, with no limitation as to the size of the delegation, provided that all participants are registered.

Q & A: We will ensure that VIP's from the attendance who want to take the floor will receive a priority to do so. If you want to be on our speaker's list, please mail antoine.misonne@diplobel.fed.be.

Catering: No catering, for safety reasons (general UN rule during the ministerial week).