

International Youth Action Against Terrorism

Event Programme

	Activity – What?	Methods – How?	Learning Objectives –Why?	Youth Participation
Date: 24.10.2015	What we do	How we will do it, with what type of non-formal learning methods.	Why we do it and how this activity relates to the project’s themes, objectives and priorities.	What is responsibility of and how the participants are involved.
Session 1 08:30 – 09:30	Opening Remarks IYAAT Online Radio Launch CVE Documentary	Group Sessions	For proper orientation and acquaintance of participants, and an overview of the Event programme, participants (Individuals and otherwise), and Host School.	Continuous dialogue and interaction between the participants and between them and facilitator.
Session 2 09:30 – 10:30	Breakout Sessions	Social Media solutions, Strategic Communications for CVE Facilitator: Patricia Ngare	The breakout sessions will allow smaller groups of participants to engage with topics that resonate with them. Participants can choose a session to attend based on their interests. In these breakout sessions participants guided by the Topic facilitator, will share ideas, debate solutions and learn from experts.	Provide participants the opportunity to ask questions, give and/or receive feedback on their perspectives on VE
		Youths Personal Development Facilitator: Victoria Malowa		
		Effective Policy making and Community Engagement in CVE Facilitator: Corazon Hagono		
		Validation Workshop Facilitator: Duncan Ombo		
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Session 3 10:45 – 11:15	Recap of Breakout Sessions Development of Action Points	Self-Evaluation, Speed mentoring and one-on-one interactions	The self-assessment/Evaluation hereof key competences or similar learning outcomes emphasise not only knowledge but also skills and attitudes in relation to contexts intended, as preparation for lifelong learning.	Create a system that makes the workshop more interactive. Provide participants the opportunity to give feedback; state how these can be used reflecting on their own perspectives
Session 4 11:15 – 11:45	Speed Fundraising	Bidding and Pledges	Participants understand the role of human values in CVE, start generating lots of new ideas and solutions on CVE in peace building perspective.	
CLOSING REMARKS				
PHOTO SESSION				
Session 5 12:45 – 13:00	Special Session: Partnerships Hall	Networking	Will provide a space for civil society participants from across the board to converse with one and other and explore different initiatives taking place to create community cohesion and counter-extremism. The aim is to build a sustainable network for participants to stay connected, and assist in furthering the global CVE goals.	Design contact channels for participants (Individuals and otherwise) to enable partnerships.

The **CVE Youth Blast** is the official Pre-Conference event for the **International Youths Conference on Counter-Terrorism**, expected to draw 300 youth participants. The action of the youth is essential in creating greater cohesion and countering the appeal of violent extremism worldwide, if included in the CVE process.

As the maiden **International Youths Conference on Counter-Terrorism (IYCCT 1 Nairobi, Kenya – February 2015)** will set out to bring together the global youths' resolve on Countering Violent Extremism, we take this opportunity to reinstate the agenda of Youths inclusion in the Global CVE Process, giving youths a further pre-conference chance to outline their position and present recommendations.

We believe that including youths in the pursuit of peaceful and inclusive societies free of Violent Extremism must remain one of the central aims for which CVE policies are created globally. This is on account of the inextricable link between the increasing number of youths joining extremist groups, and the increasing threat of such terror groups.

The **CVE Youth Blast** will involve interactive discussions on the 3 focus areas as below mentioned where the topic guest speakers are asked questions as they engage with the event participants in the audience section, facilitated by a moderator for each plenary session. It is also expected that this section will serve as a validation workshop for the IYAAT's report on **Global Youth Consultations on CVE** also to be released at the event.

The expected outcomes will be recommendations moving forward on the focus areas.

SIDE EVENTS

- Launch of the **IYAAT Online Radio**;
- Validation workshop (The IYAAT's report on **Global Youth Consultations on CVE**).

OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

“[Extremist Groups] draws its members mainly from disaffected youth, unemployed high school and university graduates, and destitute children.”

The main aim of the **CVE Youth Blast** is to build capacity of youths to effectively participate in CVE through:

- Engagement with policy making negotiation; and

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- Awareness outreach to reduce extremist appeal.

Within this, there are 3 areas of focus:

1. Build capacity amongst young people to effectively participate in formal and informal CVE processes;
2. Strategies for youths' engagements in the official processes; and
3. Develop final statements and position points ahead of the IYCCT 1 (International Youths Conference on Counter-Terrorism).

It is vital we work together to ensure that young people have a strong voice in CVE processes and negotiations as we move towards a new system expected off the IYCCT 1.

In addition to building capacity, strategizing and planning for the IYCCT 1, the CVE Youth Blast will create a platform for young people to share experiences and solutions related to radicalization. It is expected to advance an environment that will help to forge strategic CVE partnerships and cooperation, develop a knowledge base of activities, initiatives and best practices, and strengthen the Youths CVE strategy to ensure the continued participation of young people in these processes.

EVENT FOCUS TOPICS

Before the commence of the plenary sessions, there will be the official launch of the **IYAAT Online Radio** at the event, going live on air officially. The plenary sessions will therefore be aired live on the IYAAT Online Radio at the event.

To deliver on the three focus areas, Guest Speakers will be invited to address the participants on each of the following topics:

SOCIAL MEDIA SOLUTIONS, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS FOR CVE

Our notion of demand for awareness, civic education and Human Rights advocacy is borne in the belief that a knowledgeable youths' society, fully aware of its rights and principles of participation in the world's policies, is a socially transformed and intellectually liberated one.

We believe that change cannot be brought about by a detached advocacy system but by the youths people themselves and that's where we majorly come in to educate the masses.

The considered guest speakers invited to participate under this topic will address questions and issues on how effectively the Social Media may be used to achieve the CVE goals, and how the changing trends of Social media has enabled, or not, the extremist groups to further their campaigns.

YOUTHS PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

With extremist groups seemingly gaining in strength, questions arise as to why young men join them in the first place and what the government and other actors can do to prevent it. Surveys, interviews, and focus groups conducted suggest that poverty, unemployment, illiteracy, and weak family structures make or contribute to making young men vulnerable to radicalization. Itinerant preachers capitalize on the situation by preaching an extreme version of religious teachings and conveying a narrative of the government as weak and corrupt.

This topic will therefore address the issues that push youths to join extremist group, and offer possible remedies to the same with practical action points at the end of this topic's plenary session, that will actively incorporate the youths.

EFFECTIVE POLICY MAKING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN CVE

This topic will discuss the need to embark on effective human capacity development programs for the community/public. The community can greatly assist CVE efforts by monitoring and regulating violent extremist preachings and purveyors of distorted religious teachings.

E- PARTICIPATION

During the CVE Youth Blast, strong emphasis will be placed on E-Participation to increase the participation of youths off the event location, and to mobilize youth groups across the world to take local action in support of CVE process, and the IYCCT 1.

A collaborative team will work to ensure a maximum number of people, on and off venue, are aware of the activities transpiring, and able to engage with them the sessions will be live streamed using Google Hangout, allowing on-line participants to both watch and engage in the sessions.

Recordings of these sessions will later be hosted on the YouTube website. The event's social media hashtag is **#CVEYouthBlast**.

SUPPORT PARTNERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Counter-Terrorism Centre – Kenya; Kenyatta University; Dada Power; Albany Associates; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onward; Action/2015 Kenya; Youth Edition - Kenya; Fortitude Kenya; Siasa Place; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of interior and Co-ordination of National Government; 911 Group; |
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The poster features a central image of four individuals: Lanre Dahunsi (Opportunity for Africans, Nigeria), Lone Felix Addo Africa (Kenya), Stella Ndenitu Dada Power (Kenya), and Fatma Ahmed Albany Associates (United Kingdom). The background is a brick wall. The text includes #CVEYouthBlast, The CVE YOUTH BLAST, and Youth Action Against Violent Extremism. A 'NO POSTERS' sign is also visible.

WELCOME TO YOUTH BLAST

Venue: Kenyatta University, Parklands (School of Law Complex)

Registration: Free – www.iyaat.org/youthblast

Date: 24th October 2015

Time: 8AM – 2PM

Logos: IYAAT, ALBANY, ONWARD, Youth Edition, Terram Patis, youth movement and leadership YELI, SP siasa PLACE, YADEN EAST AFRICA, action/2015 KENYA NATIONAL COALITION, Fortitude Kenya.

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