



## **Gender Analysis in Counter Terrorism Workshop**

*26<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 09:00-11:00 EST / 14:00-16:00 GMT / 15:00-17:00 CET*

### **Background**

The Counter Terrorism Preparedness Network (CTPN) are hosting a workshop in partnership with the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) focused on the importance of gender analysis in counter terrorism. To meaningfully increase understanding of terrorism and the extremist ideologies which lead to acts of violence, a gender lens is essential across all categories of analysis and response.

Research around how and why all individuals become radicalised to violence needs to be underpinned with a gendered understanding of the processes and narratives and even the locations used to draw them in. Beyond that, the ideologies themselves need to be understood from a gendered perspective, to truly account for how expectations of what it means to be a man or woman in these contexts drives participation and potential acts of violence.

Programming needs to be designed, implemented, monitored, and evaluated with a gender lens. This is important to ensure that programming both accounts for all individuals in the prevention and countering of violent extremism in a way that is aware of the gendered nature of the roles that they play, while not stereotyping them or excluding them in gendered ways from the responses.

The investigatory processes, risk assessment tools and legal measures being considered to pursue and prosecute need to be adapted to include a gendered lens. For example, risk assessment tools need to account for gendered differences in individual experiences and how these might drive participation in violence. Legal prosecutions need to be equipped to account for the differences and similarities between male and female participation in violent extremism – not demonising the violence of women for contravening stereotypical norm expectations of peacefulness, but also not undervaluing or disregarding their active participation and agency in recruitment, mobilisation, and acts of violence.

When thinking about addressing long-term ‘underlying factors’, including racism and other challenges, it needs to be remembered that all of these biases are intersecting. While discrimination may happen because an individual is of a certain race, that is often also intersecting with bias based on the gender of that individual (e.g., with males often seen as more threatening), etc. These intersecting identities and discriminations are present with every individual and gender needs to be remembered in the assessment of how to address and reduce the extreme narratives and perspectives that have taken hold in the public discourse and political spaces, both online and offline.

The workshop will provide an opportunity for a select group of specialists and policy-makers from across CTPN cities to take a deep-dive into this priority area through thematic presentations, the application of practical tools and the exchange of knowledge and experience through open dialogue.



## **Aim and Objectives**

To convene a select group of specialists and policy-makers from across CTPN cities to engage in an interactive workshop focussed on the role of gender analysis in policy development and counter terrorism. The workshop aims to provide a platform to inform and develop the arrangements of cities and organisations in applying gender analyses by:

- Increasing understanding of what it means to apply a gender lens or mainstreaming strategy
- Raising awareness of the importance of gender analyses in preventing violent extremism and developing city-level policy and organisational procedures for protect and prepare
- Understanding the practical tools available for application in these contexts
- Exchanging knowledge and experiences between city experts
- Sharing relevant research and reports/other resources

## **Participants Profile**

To achieve the aims and objectives, and maximise value for all involved, participants must:

- Have a direct role and interest in preventing violent extremism and counter terrorism
- Be a representative of a public sector organisation or relevant non-governmental organisation
- Offer specific expertise/responsibilities relating to gender analysis, social and security policy

CTPN cities are invited to nominate a maximum of two participants to join the workshop.

## **Joining Instructions**

### Registration and Format

All registrations are to be submitted as full name, title and organisation to [ctpn@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:ctpn@london-fire.gov.uk) no later than Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October. This is a virtual online event. It will be facilitated remotely via Microsoft Teams. Details to join the event will be sent to registered participants only.

### Chatham House Rule

Note that this is a closed event by invitation only. To encourage open discussions, Chatham House Rule will apply. Participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speakers, nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

### Reference Material

- [CTPN Anti-Radicalisation Report](#)
- GCTF [Good Practices on Women and Countering Violent Extremism](#) and [Addendum](#) (Please note: there is currently an ongoing [Initiative](#) to update this guidance)
- OSCE [Understanding the Role of Gender in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization That Lead to Terrorism: Good Practices for Law Enforcement](#)
- CT MORSE [Gender in Preventing & Countering Violent Extremism: Policy in Practice](#)
- UN Women [Gender Mainstreaming Principles, Dimensions and Priorities for PVE](#)
- RUSI [What Can Work \(and What Has Not Worked\) in Women-Centric P/CVE Initiatives](#)
- OECD [Toolkit for Mainstreaming and Implementing Gender Equality](#)
- NATO Gender Analysis Guide



### Other Notes

- This is an international workshop with a range of cities and organisations represented
- The event will be conducted in English and there are no translation facilities available
- The accompanying virtual event protocol should be followed to assist facilitation
- Queries in advance of the event should be e-mailed to: [ctpn@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:ctpn@london-fire.gov.uk).

### Workshop Overview

EST	GMT	CET	Opening Keynote Address
09:00	14:00	15:00	Dr Karin von Hippel Director-General Royal United Services Institute
09:15	14:15	15:15	<b>Gendered Radicalisation and Gender in Prevent Policy</b> Dr Katherine Brown Reader in Religion and Global Security University of Birmingham
09:30	14:30	15:30	<b>Gender Policy in Protect and Prepare</b> Dr Aleksandra Dier Regional Advisor on Women, Peace and Security United Nations Women Regional Office for the Arab States
09:45	14:45	15:45	<b>Practical Tools for Gender Mainstreaming in Policy</b> Dr Jessica White Research Fellow, Terrorism and Conflict Royal United Services Institute
10:00	15:00	16:00	<b>Facilitated CTPN City Workshop</b> Interactive Session
10:45	15:45	16:45	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Dr Jessica White Research Fellow, Terrorism and Conflict Royal United Services Institute  Alex Townsend-Drake Head of Programme Counter Terrorism Preparedness Network

*Note: all timings are approximate and are displayed to reflect the time-zones of CTPN members.*