



## SOUTH ASIA SUMMIT: SUPPORTING CITY-LED EFFORTS TO PREVENT AND COUNTER VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Monday 6 December 2021

### Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism in South Asia: Threats, Challenges and Lessons for Cities in the Region

15:00 Dhaka / 14:30 New Delhi / 14:00 Islamabad / 14:00 Male / 09:00 London  
***(Session times listed below are Dhaka local time)***

- 15:00 - 15:10:** **Welcome – Strong Cities Network in South Asia**  
Daniel Hooton, Head of International Programmes, Strong Cities Network
- 15:10 – 15:20** **Keynote Session: Five Years on from the Holey Artisan attack: Lessons for South Asian Cities**  
Md. Monirul Islam, Additional Inspector General (AIG) and Head of the Special Branch, Bangladesh Police
- 15:20 – 16:05** **Panel I: Violent Extremism in South Asia: Threats, Issues & Challenges**  
Chair: Mallika Joseph, Senior Fellow, Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace (WISCOMP) and Visiting Fellow, Centre for Policy Research (CPR)
- Faiz Sobhan | Senior Research Director, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute
  - Dr. Syed Mubin Zehra | Assistant Professor, University of New Delhi
  - Dr. Minhas Majeed Khan | Assistant Professor, University of Peshawar
  - Dr. Azim Zahir, Research Fellow, Centre for Muslim States and Societies, The University of Western Australia
- 16:05 – 16:50** **Panel II: Multilateral cooperation: Reflecting the Voice and Perspectives of Cities and Local Actors in Multilateral P/CVE Initiatives in the Region**  
Chair: Strong Cities Network
- Marine Shahbazyan | Bangladesh and Sri Lanka portfolio, GCERF
  - Robert Stoelman | Project Manager, Partnerships for a Tolerant Inclusive Bangladesh, (PTIB) UNDP Bangladesh
  - Nadim Farhad | PVE Coordination Officer, Office of the UN Resident Coordinator – Dhaka Bangladesh
- 16:50 – 17:00** **Wrap-up**  
Daniel Hooton, Head of International Programmes, Strong Cities Network



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**Policy to Practice: Developing Effective Multistakeholder Mechanisms for Prevention: the Role of Cities and Other Sub-National Governments**

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- 15:00 – 15:05**      **Welcome**  
Jonathan Jones, Strong Cities Network
- 15:05 – 15:15**      **Practice Spotlight: IIJ Training Curriculum: *Developing Multi-Actor P/CVE Intervention Programmes – Implementing a Whole-of-Society, ‘Do No Harm’ Approach***  
Thomas Wuchte, Executive Secretary, The International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IIJ)
- 15:15 – 15:55**      **Panel I: Local Multistakeholder Coordination for Prevention: Experiences from Around the World**  
Chair: Mark Albon, Head of Commonwealth CVE Unit
- Annabelle Gitonga | Assistant County Commissioner Isiolo, Kenya
  - Aleksandar Krstevski | Kumanovo Community Action Team (CAT), International Cooperation/Relations Department, Kumanovo Municipality, North Macedonia
- 15:55 – 16:40**      **Panel II: The Role of Civil Society in a Whole-of-Society Approach for P/CVE**  
Chair: Mossarat Qadeem | Executive Director, PAIMAN Alumni Trust
- ABM Sirajul Hossain | Innovation Advisor, Dnet, Bangladesh
  - Archana Kapoor | Seeking Modern Applications For Real Transformation, India
  - Jehan Perera | Executive Director, National Peace Council, Colombo, Sri Lanka
  - Aishath Ali Naaz | Head Consultant, Maldives Institute for Psychological Services, Training and Research (MIPSTAR), Maldives
- 16:40 – 16:50**      **Keynote Session: Civil Society & Youth engagement in P/CVE**  
Jasmeet Sahotay, Project Coordinator, Young Cities
- 16:50 – 17:00**      **Concluding Discussion: SCN**  
Jonathan Jones, Strong Cities Network