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Location: Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN, New York



**Strong Cities  
Network**



Permanent Mission of Norway  
to the United Nations



The Permanent Mission  
of the Kingdom of Morocco  
to the United Nations in New York



UNITED NATIONS  
OFFICE OF COUNTER-TERRORISM  
UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)

## **Global Frameworks – Local Action**

### **Unleashing the Potential of Cities in Facilitating the Localization of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy**

**Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN**  
**885 Second Avenue (between 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> St.)**  
**New York, NY 10017**

#### **Agenda**

**13:00 – 13:30**

**Networking and Lunch**

**13:30 – 13:45**

**Welcome Remarks**

- **Eric Rosand**, Global Chair, Strong Cities Network
- **Amb. Merete Fjeld Brattested**, Permanent Representative of Norway to the UN
- **Amb. Omar Hilale**, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the UN
- **Mauro Miedico**, Director, UN Counter-Terrorism Centre, UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)

**13:45 – 13:55**

**Update on the Ninth Review of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy**

- **Tamara Anderson**, Chief, Knowledge Management and Strategic Support Section, Policy, Knowledge Management and Coordination Branch, UNOCT

**13:55 – 14:45**

**Localizing the Implementation of the UNGCTS – Unleashing the Potential of Cities:** Local government officials will highlight the different ways in which cities can translate UNGCTS measures into local action. This includes: 1) helping communities better understand and mitigate terrorist and related threats, 2) identifying and addressing the conditions conducive to terrorism and violent extremism that can lead to terrorism, 3) protecting soft targets including during mega sporting and other events, 4) supporting victims, 5) engaging and empowering young people in their role as prevention actors, 6) facilitating the rehabilitation and reintegration of returning “foreign

terrorist fighters” and former terrorist offenders, 7) preventing hate speech, including in online space; 8) facilitating intercommunal and other dialogue and understanding that can reduce intolerance and hate, and 9) supporting long-term recovery following a terrorist or related incident.

- Moderator:
  - **Eric Rosand**, Global Chair, Strong Cities Network
  
- Speakers:
  - **Hon. Abubakari Adam Takoro**, Mayor, Tamale, Ghana (virtual)
  - **Rebecca Weiner**, Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence and Counterterrorism, New York City Police Department, New York (New York), United States
  - **Hon. Patty Cuttell**, Deputy Mayor, Halifax Regional Municipality (Nova Scotia), Canada
  - **Petter Haugland**, Political Adviser on Strategy and Media to the Governing Mayor, Oslo, Norway
  - **Sandra Moreno**, Strategic Project Adviser, Development Branch, Community Services, Edmonton (Alberta), Canada
  - **Dawn Virginillo**, Manager, Crime Reduction and Intervention, Burnaby (British Columbia), Canada

14:45 – 15:00

**Way Forward: Unleashing the Potential of Cities as Partners in UNGCTS  
Implementation: What More Can Be Done by Member States and the UN**