

2026 Counter-Terrorism Week

SIDE EVENTS

26 June 2026 (1300-1500hr)

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



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Global Frameworks – Local Action Unleashing the Potential of Cities in Facilitating the Localisation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

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

Agenda

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| 13:00 – 13:30 | Networking and Lunch |
| 13:30 – 13:45 | Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amb. Merete Fjeld Brattested, Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN• Representative, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the UN• Steven Siqueira, Deputy Director, UN Counter-Terrorism Centre, UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)• Eric Rosand, Global Chair, Strong Cities Network |
| 13:45 – 13:55 | Update on the Ninth Review of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tamara Anderson, Chief, Knowledge Management and Strategic Support Section, Policy, Knowledge Management and Coordination Branch, UNOCT |
| 13:55 – 14:45 | Localising 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 spaces, |

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)
 - **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
 - **Rebecca Weiner**, Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence and Counterterrorism, New York City Police Department, New York (New York), United States
 - **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?

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