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29 June 2026	
10:00–11:00	**General Assembly Hall** **High-Level Opening Session: A Future Free from Terrorism: Consolidating the Global Commitment to Multi-Stakeholder Approaches to Counter-Terrorism through Member States' Leadership and Action**
	Introductory Remarks and Moderator: • **Mr. Alexandre Zouev**, Acting Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, United Nations (5 min) **Keynote Speaker:** • **Mr. António Guterres**, Secretary-General of the United Nations (6 min)
	Special Guests: • **Dr. Fatima Ali Haider**, Medical doctor, Victims of Terrorism Associations Network (VoTAN) (3 min) • **Mr. John P. Huvane**, 9/11 first responder (3 min) • **Ms. Shamsiya Ibrahim Barde**, Alumni of UNOCT's Youth Engagement and Empowerment Programme (3 min) • **Ms. Rimma Zhunusova**, Returnee from Al Hol camp (3 min) **Ministerial Segment:** • **H.E. Mr. Pedro Arnulfo Sánchez Suárez**, Minister of National Defense of Colombia (5 min) • **H.E. Mr. Adilet Orozbekov**, Secretary of the Security Council of the Kyrgyz Republic (5 min)

	• **The Honourable Mr. Saddam Hosein**, Minister of Land and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (5 min) • **Mr. Evgeny Sysoev**, Head of the Anti-Terrorism Center of the Commonwealth of Independent States (pre-recorded remarks) (5 min) • **Ms. Anna Strząska**, Special Envoy for Counter-Terrorism, European External Action Service, European Union (5 min) • **Mr. Lucas Philippe**, President, International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) (pre-recorded message) (5 min)
	Update on Negotiations of the Ninth Review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy: • **H.E. Ms. Elina Kalkku**, Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations and Co-facilitator of the Ninth Review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (5 min) • **H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale**, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations and Co-facilitator of the Ninth Review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (5 min)
11:20 – 13:00	**Conference Room 4** **SESSION I: Addressing Terrorism in Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Contexts**
	Co-Chairs: • **H.E. Sheikha Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani**, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations (5 min) • **H.E. Ricklef Beutin**, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations (5 min)

	Special Guest: • **Ms. Elisa de Anda Madrazo**, President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) (5 min) **Voice of Civil Society:** • **Ms. Mira Kusumarini**, Founder and Director of C-SAVE / EMPATIKU Foundation in Indonesia (3 min) **Panelists:** • **H.E. Mr. Zenon Ngay Mukongo**, Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations (5 min) • **H.E. Mr. Lukman Al-Faily**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations (5 min) • **Mr. Felipe Paullier**, Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs, United Nations Youth Office (5 min) • **Ms. Elizabeth Spehar**, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding and Peace Support, United Nations (5min) • **Mr. Ben Saul**, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (5 min) • **Mr. Papa Seck**, Acting Deputy Director of the Policy, Programme and Intergovernmental Division, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) (5 min)
	Questions and Observations from the floor (3 minutes max. per intervention)
13:00 – 15:00	**Side-Events and Lunch Break**
15:00-17:00	**Conference Room 4** **SESSION II: Strengthening Coordination and Coherence Through Networked Multilateralism**

	Co-Chairs: • **H.E. Ms. Nancy A. Jamal**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations (5 min) • **Ms. Diene Keita**, Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (5 min)
	Voices of victims and survivors: • **Ms. Grace Acan**, Social worker and survivor from Uganda (pre-recorded remarks) (3 min) • **Ms. Rachel Goldberg Polin**, Victim from Israel (pre-recorded remarks) (3 min) **Panelists:** • **H.E. Mr. Olivier Caron**, Special Envoy for Counter-Terrorism and Organized Crime, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France (5 min) • **Major General Adamu Garba Laka**, National Coordinator of the National Counter-Terrorism Centre, Federal Republic of Nigeria (5 min) • **Major General Dr. Mohammed Saqr Al-Muftah**, Vice-Chair of the National Counter-Terrorism Committee, State of Qatar (5 min) • **Ms. Sakeena Alam**, Acting Director of the Counter-Terrorism Department, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom (5 min) • **Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos**, Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, and United Nations Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia (pre-recorded remarks) (5 min)
	Questions and Observations from the floor (3 minutes max. per intervention)

18:15	**Official Reception for the Conference participants hosted by the Republic of Azerbaijan – Strengthening International Cooperation Against Terrorism: Perspectives from the Baku Security Forum (based on invitations only (Delegates Dining Room)**
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10:00 – 13:00	**Conference Room 4** **SESSION III: The Global Terrorism Threat Landscape** **[Closed meeting]**
	Co-Chairs: • **Mr. Eihab Omaish**, Director for Policy and Coordination, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) (5 min) • **Ms. Carmen Cantor**, Deputy Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)
	Global outlook: • **Ms. Natalia Gherman**, Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) (5 min) • **Mr. Colin Smith**, Coordinator of the ISIL (Da'esh)/Al-Qaida Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, United Nations (5 min) **Panelists:** • **Mr. Ismail Chekkori**, Director of the Global Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, Kingdom of Morocco (5 min) • **Mr. Igor Sirotkin**, Deputy Director of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation – Head of Office, National Antiterrorism Committee (5 min) • **General Abdulhamid AlBadr**, Assistant General Director of General Investigation for International Cooperation, Presidency of State Security, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (5 min)

	• **Mr. Hussien Salamah**, President of General Intelligence, Syrian Arab Republic (5 min) • **H.E. Mr. Gregory D. LoGerfo**, Coordinator and Ambassador-at-Large for Counterterrorism, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State, United States of America (5 min) • **Ms. Claudia Fuentes Julio**, Assistant Secretary-General, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (5 min) • **Ms. Carmen Muñoz**, Director of Counter-Terrorism, INTERPOL (5 min) • **Mr. Bartjan Wegter**, EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator, Council of the European Union (EU) (5 min)
	Questions and Observations from the floor (3 minutes max. per intervention)
13:00 - 15:00	**Side-Events and Lunch Break**
15:00 – 16:45	**Conference Room 4** **SESSION IV: Strategic Capacity Building Responses: Countering Misuse of AI, New and Emerging Technologies**
	Co-Chairs: • **H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz M. Alwasil**, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations (5 min) • **Ms. Shoko Noda**, Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator, Director of the Crisis Bureau of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (5 min)
	Special Guests: • **Dr. Mohammed Al Kuwaiti**, Head of the United Arab Emirates Cyber Security Council (5 min) • **Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill**, Under-Secretary-General, Special Envoy for Digital and Emerging Technologies, United Nations (5 min)

	Panelists: • **H.E. Mr. Sun Lei**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations (5 min) • **H.E. Ms. Zsuzsanna Horváth**, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations (5 min) • **Mr. Kibiego Kigen**, Director General, National Counter-Terrorism Centre (NCTC), Republic of Kenya (5 min) • **Mr. Wonho Park**, Head of the National Counter-Terrorism Center, Prime Minister's Office, Republic of Korea (5 min) • **Mr. Francisco-Javier Marín Lizárraga**, Director of the Center for Intelligence against Terrorism and Organized Crime, Spain (5 min) • **Mr. Eldor Aripov**, First Deputy Head of the Security Council of the Republic of Uzbekistan (5 min) • **Mr. Chaloka Beyani**, Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, United Nations (5 min) • **Ms. Monica Kathina Juma**, Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (pre-recorded remarks) (5 min) • **Mr. Mauro Miedico**, Director for Capacity-Building and Director of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT), UNOCT
	Questions and Observations from the floor (3 minutes max. per intervention)

17:00-17:15	**General Assembly Hall** **Closing Session: Looking Ahead to the Ninth Review and Twentieth Anniversary of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy: Operationalizing Sustainable Counter-Terrorism Outcomes**
	Chair • **Mr. Alexandre Zouev**, Acting Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, United Nations
	Eminent Guests: • **Mr. Courtenay Rattray**, Chef de Cabinet of the Secretary-General, delivering remarks on behalf of **Ms. Amina J. Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations (6 min) **Summary Conclusions and Closing Remarks** • **Mr. Alexandre Zouev**, Acting Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, United Nations (6 min)