

Expert Symposium: Countering Extremism Online

22-23 February 2017

City Hotel, Bishkek

Day 1

09.00 – 09.30	Welcome Coffee. Registration
09.30 - 10.00	<p>Welcoming Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temir Jumakadyrov, Secretary of the Defence Council of the Kyrgyz Republic - Ambassador Robin Ord-Smith, UK DFID - Alexander Avanesov, UNDP Resident Representative in the Kyrgyz Republic - Richard Wheeler, Head of the Politico-Military Department, OSCE Centre in Bishkek
Roundtable I. Assessing the role/significance of the Internet as a driver of violent extremism in Central Asia (relative to other drivers of radicalization)	
10.00 - 11.10	<p>Moderator Rafal Rohozinski</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zakir Chotaev, First Vice-Director to The State Commission on Religion's Issues under the President of Kyrgyz Republic - Gwenn Laine, Project Officer, The Stabilisation Network, UK - Ruslan Irzhanov, Chairperson, Public Union Education and Cultural Centre "Salawat", Kazakhstan, <i>On Structure of Ideological Work in Internet for Preventing Violent Extremism in Central Asia</i> - Esen Usabaliev, Director, Analytical Centre "Prudent Solutions", Kyrgyzstan, <i>Ideological particularities of the Internet Jihadism: "information jihad" and methods of information propaganda</i> - Parviz Mullojonov, Senior Advisor, International Alert, Tajikistan, <i>External Factors of Dissemination of Religious Radicalism in Central Asia</i>
11.10 - 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 - 12.30	Discussion
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
Roundtable II. Identifying knowledge and data gaps necessary to formulating a policy response to extremist use of the Internet	
13.30 - 14.40	<p>Moderator Phil Gurski</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rafal Rohozinski, Director of SecDev Group, Senior Consultant Fellow at International Institute for Strategic Research, Canada - Ikbaljan Mirsayitov, Senior Adviser, Search for Common Ground, Kyrgyzstan <i>"PVE in Central Asian Countries: An Attempt to Conceptualize Knowledge and Lessons Learned"</i>, Kyrgyzstan - Artem Goryainov, Deputy Director of Public Fund CIIP, Kyrgyzstan <i>"Internet as a Factor of Security in Central Asia: Pros and Cons"</i> - Anastassiya Reshetnyak, Research Fellow at the Department of Foreign Policy and International Security, Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of RK, <i>"Youth of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan Perception of Terrorism and Extremism Threats: Policy Conclusions"</i>
14.40 - 15.30	Discussion
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee break
Roundtable III. Best practices and approaches to combating and mitigating the impact and effectiveness of online propaganda and the role of the private sector	

16.00 - 17.10	<p>Moderator Ikbaljan Mirsayitov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evgeny Pitolin, Managing Director of the Regional Office in Central Asia and Mongolia, Kaspersky Lab - Arman Abdrasilov, Director, Centre for Analysis and Investigation of Cyber Attacks (ЦАПКА, Cybersec.Kz), Kazakhstan - Matthew Pringle, Project Director, SecDev Group, Канада - Roman Kononov, Director, Centre for Information Security, Kyrgyzstan - Mirgul Karimova, Project Coordinator, Search for Common Ground, <i>“Social Media for Deradicalization in Kyrgyzstan: A Model for Central Asia”</i>, Kyrgyzstan - Ankhi Das, Director of Public Policy for Facebook in India and South & Central Asia (a Video-conference presentation)
17.10 - 18.00	Discussion
Day 2	
09.00 - 09.30	Welcome Coffee. Registration
09.30 - 09.40	Second day welcoming remarks
Roundtable IV. Policy and programmatic entry points - coordinated national PVE strategies consistent with development priorities and international norms and instruments.	
09.40 - 10.50	<p>Moderator Matthew Pringle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adam Hadley, Project Director, ICT4Peace Foundation, Switzerland - Phil Gurski, President & CEO, Borealis Threat and Risk Consulting, Canada - Rafal Rohozinski, Director of SecDev Group, Canada - Yuliya Denisenko, Director of Association of Religious Study Centres, Kazakhstan, <i>“Multistakeholder platform to monitor extremism online”</i> - Kumar Bekbolotov, Partner, Promotank, Kyrgyzstan <i>“The role of soft power in CVE: critical thinking and media literacy skills”</i> - Prof. Vafobek Barombekov, Head of Sociology Department, Tajik National University, Tajikistan
10.50 - 11.10	Coffee break
11.10 - 12.10	Discussion
12.10 — 13.00	Summary
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 15.00	Bilateral and private meetings