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Youth violent radicalization: Shared threads and solutions for Europe and Africa

On 3-5 October 2018, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia the second Intercontinental Youth Forum will be held on the topic of Youth Against Extremism . In February 2017, the Interfaith Dialogue on Violent Extremism (iDove) pilot project was co-launched by the African Union Citizens and Diaspora Directorate (AUC-CIDO) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH to highlight the importance of the soft power of religion in the field of preventing violent extremism (PVE) through innovative youth-led approaches.

Professor Theo Gavrielides, IARS' Founder and Director, will be presenting the European experience and learnings as a keynote speaker.

Over two days the conference will pay a special attention to ungoverned spaces, such as border regions and marginalized areas, where youth are particularly vulnerable to recruitment by extremist groups. The Sahel Sahara Border Region, the Lake Chad Basin and the Horn of Africa are prime examples of border regions that have experienced marginalization and significant neglect due to the absence of effective state control, which led to the spread of violent extremist networks.

This conference comes at a time as IARS and its founder Theo Gavrielides embark on the piloting work phase of its 3- year Erasmus+ Youth Empowerment and Innovation Project (YEIP), employing the Good Lives Model (GLM) and positive psychology as methods to tackle youth radicalisation amongst marginalised groups.

In the afternoon session on Youth radicalization in Border Regions and Marginalized Communities in Europe and Africa, Dr Theo Gavrielides, scientific coordinator of the project, will be discussing the key evidences emerging from YEIP, the importance of acting in prevention of all forms of extremism, through socio-educational interventions promoting the youth active participation, empowerment and conflict mediation.

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About iDove

The Interfaith Dialogue on Violent Extremism (iDove) is an initiative between the Citizens and Diaspora Directorate (CIDO), Institute of Peace and Security (IPSS)-Africa and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ). The rationale behind this project is to establish a counter movement which emphasizes peaceful and educational messages; touch upon contentious religious matters; provide space for dialogue; identify, compare and contrast the root causes emanating from the different countries, regions or continents i.e. developmental & sociopolitical issues in both continents. In addition, this approach will as well require security and developmental stakeholders to put into consideration local and international faith based organizations/institutions as key drivers of peace building, sustainable development and reconciliation. More on <https://au.int/en/idove>

Additional resources:

YEIP ONLINE SURVEY

Yeip is promoting positive approaches to tackling youth radicalisation. We are offering the opportunity to win bursaries for you to attend the project's final conference in London next year. To participate, we ask that you give us your email address at the end of the survey. To participate and fill out the survey it is required an age between 16 and 29. Click on the link below to take part! (The survey is available in English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Romanian) <https://yeip.org/online-surveys>

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