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The Call of the Sahel: A global response Meeting series on counter-terrorism

*Engaging communities in the prevention of violent extremism and addressing
the conditions conducive to terrorism*

26-27 February 2023, Algeria

ARRIVAL: Saturday 25 February	
Arrival of the participants in Algeria	
DAY I: Sunday 26 February	
09:30 – 10:30	Registration at the Centre international des conférences Abdelatif Rahal
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Preparatory Session</p> <p>Master of Ceremony: Mr. M. Bouden – Member of the IPU High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism (HLAG) and Deputy Speaker of the National People's Assembly of Algeria</p> <p>Mr. B.N. Tankoano – Executive Secretary of the G5 Sahel Inter-Parliamentary Committee</p> <p>Presentation of the work of the HLAG and the Call of the Sahel by Mr. R. Lopatka – HLAG member</p> <p>President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (TBC)</p> <p>Presentation of the work of UN organizations in combating terrorism by Mr. M. Karimipour – Chief of Terrorism Prevention Branch at UNODC</p> <p>Presentation of the Study of Dividers and Connectors of Sahelian communities by Dr. S. Markiewicz – IPU Consultant for Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue/Prevention of Violent Extremism.</p> <p>Presentation of the Theory of Change by Ambassador Mokhtar Omar – Senior Advisor to the IPU Secretary General</p>
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:20	Opening Session

	<p>Chair: Mr. I. Boughali – President of the National People's Assembly of Algeria</p> <p>Master of Ceremony: Mr. M. Bouden – Member of the IPU High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism (HLAG) and Deputy Speaker of the National People's Assembly of Algeria</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. D. Pacheco – President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) • Mr. N. Tankoano – Executive Secretary of the G5 Sahel Inter-Parliamentary Committee • Representative of the African Union (TBC) • President of the African Parliamentary Union (TBC) • Karim Darwish - Representative of the Arab Group (TBC)
15:30 – 16:00	<p>Session I: The role of community leaders in counter-terrorism and the prevention of violent extremism (CT/PVE)</p> <p><i>Tribal and religious leaders will present their role and the challenges they face in the prevention of violent extremism.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. R. Lopatka – HLAG Member (5 minutes)</p> <p>Speakers: (10 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal leaders (Tuareg) • Tijani Sufi groups • Community leaders from the Sahel countries
16:00 – 16:45	Discussion
16:45 – 17:45	<p>Session II: The role of religious leaders in the prevention of violent extremism and providing counter-narratives against terrorist ideologies</p> <p><i>Presentation on theological misinterpretations of violent extremism in the Sahel countries.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. M. Omar – Senior Advisor to the IPU Secretary General (7 minutes)</p> <p>Speakers: (10 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. M. Gomaa – President of the Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs (Egypt) • Philippe Nakellentuba Ouédraogo – Archbishop of Ouagadougou (TBC) • Sheikh Bin Bayyah – President of the Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Communities (Mauritania) • Grand Mufti of Algeria • Grand Mufti from the Sahel countries
17:45 – 18:30	Discussion
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner

DAY II: Monday 27 February	
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Session III: From vulnerable groups to PVE actors: Building resilience to radicalization among women, children and youth in the Sahel</p> <p><i>Empowering the vulnerable to play a larger role in CT/PVE.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. S. Stroobants, Director of Europe and the MENA region for the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) (7 minutes)</p> <p>Speakers: (10 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President of the IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians • President of the IPU Gender Partnership Group • Mr. A. Dagamaissa – Project Manager at International Alert)
10:30 -11:00	Discussion
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Session IV: The role of religious leaders and legislators in the Rule of Law and citizenship in the Sahel countries</p> <p><i>The panel will discuss the role of legislation in the prevention of terrorism.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. H. N. Murangwa – HLAG member (7 minutes)</p> <p>Speakers: (10 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. M. Gomaa – President of the Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs (Egypt) • Mr. G. Migliore – Legislation Expert • Mr. A. N. Al-Fadala – President of the Association of Secretaries General of Arab Parliaments
12:30 – 13:00	Discussion
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 15:40	<p>Session V: Global solidarity: The role of the international community in strengthening social cohesion and preventing violent extremism in the communities of the Sahel</p> <p><i>What is currently happening in the Sahel? What went wrong in previous stabilization attempts? What implications does the Sahel crisis have for the surrounding regions?</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. A. Vadai – HLAG member (7 minutes)</p> <p>Speakers: (15 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of the African Union (TBC) • Representative of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean • Mr. M. Karimipour – Chief of Terrorism Prevention Branch at UNODC • Mr. S. Stroobants – Director of Europe and the MENA region at the Institute of Economics and Peace
15:40 -17:00	<p>Discussion</p>

17:00 – 17:15	Coffee break
17:15 – 19:00	<p>Presentation of the conclusions and recommendations of the meeting</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. M. Omar – Senior Advisor to the IPU Secretary General • Mr. N. Tankoano – Executive Secretary of the G5 Sahel Inter-Parliamentary Committee • Mr. R. Lopatka – Member of the HLAG • Mr. M. Karimipour – Chief of Terrorism Prevention Branch at UNODC <p>Closing remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. D. Pacheco – President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) • Mr. I. Boughali – President of the National People’s Assembly of Algeria
DEPARTURE: Tuesday 28 February	
Departure of the participants	