



Criminal Justice and Rule of Law

Through its criminal justice programming, the Global Center works to strengthen the capacity of justice and security providers—and those who hold them accountable—to provide for community security, human rights, and the rule of law. By promoting collaborative working relationships among policy makers, scholar-practitioners, government justice and security agencies, intergovernmental organizations, and civil society, the Global Center strives to foster trust and collaboration to achieving rule of law goals.

OVERVIEW OF OUR WORK

The Global Center specializes in the development of practitioner and organizational learning programs to criminal justice actors and informing policy through results-oriented recommendations and programming. Its contributions to international, regional, and national strategic policy, organizational reform, and individual skills-development has positioned the Global Center as a trusted interlocutor and facilitator of criminal justice and rule of law programming.

Informing International Criminal Justice Policy

The Global Center conducts in-depth research on international criminal justice issues and advances policy recommendations to support the work of international, regional, and national institutions, including the United Nations and the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF).

- **Juvenile Justice:** To advance the work of the GCTF on juvenile justice and detention practices, the Global Center, in cooperation with the

International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague, compiled practices and approaches in the detention, rehabilitation, and reintegration of juveniles compiled in its report “Correcting the Course: Advancing Juvenile Justice Principles for Children Convicted of Violent Extremism Offenses.”

- **Supreme Court Justices:** Marking the first time representatives of the highest courts have addressed the UN membership on the topic of counterterrorism, the Global Center supported the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED) in preparing an open briefing by supreme court justices of 11 countries at the United Nations in New York.
- **Gaps and Good Practices:** The Global Center’s analyses and assesses policies and practices to identify key areas requiring enhanced attention and capacity. The report, “Strengthening the Case – Good Criminal Justice Practices to Counter Terrorism,” took stock of criminal justice measures to counter terrorism in Africa, the Middle East, South, and Southeast Asia to support the GCTF Criminal Justice Working Group.

Advancing Criminal Justice Actors’ Capacities

The Global Center undertakes institutional needs assessments, fosters the development of stronger platforms for interagency and cross-border cooperation, develops and delivers trainings to justice and security practitioners drawing on an international roster of

experts, and evaluates the effectiveness of criminal justice capacity development efforts.

- **Curricula Development:** The Global Center developed specialized practitioner curricula for the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law on the use of sensitive information in adjudicating complex criminal cases and non-coercive interview and interrogation techniques in criminal investigations to criminal justice actors from North and West Africa.
- **Regional Cooperation:** In South Asia, the Global Center has worked with the United Nations since 2010 to improve criminal justice cooperation between judges, prosecutors, and police officers in the region and is exploring the viability of establishing a regional law enforcement training center.
- **Study Visits:** The Global Center facilitates practitioner exchanges, such as a week-long study visit to Northern Ireland for a delegation of civil society leaders and senior police officials from Somalia to support the development of an accountable Somali security architecture.

Promoting Due Process and Fair Trials

The Global Center supports judiciaries – from investigating judges to supreme court justices – and

judicial academies to develop strategies for handling complex criminal matters responsive to evolving security threats.

- **Regional Forums:** With expert support from CTED, the Global Center established a non-political forum for supreme court-level judges from across Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and the Sahel on their role in shaping criminal justice responses to terrorism. Good practices and observations were compiled in the Global Center report, “Delivering Justice – Views from Supreme Courts in the Euro-Med Region on Countering Terrorism.”
- **Evidence-Based Recommendations:** Under the auspices of the GCTF’s Criminal Justice Working Group, the Global Center assessed the laws and practices of the judiciaries in Southeast Asia and East Africa and offered a series of recommendations to support the implementation of the GCTF’s *Hague Memorandum on Good Practices for the Judiciary in Adjudicating Terrorism Offenses*.
- **Skills-Development Trainings:** In Tunisia, the Global Center is developing a suite of trainings for prosecutors and investigative judges of the counterterrorism judicial pole with a focus on the use of electronic evidence and case management.

About the Global Center on Cooperative Security

The Global Center works with governments, international organizations, and civil society to develop and implement comprehensive and sustainable responses to complex international security challenges through collaborative policy research, context-sensitive programming, and capacity development. In collaboration with a global network of expert practitioners and partner organizations, the Global Center fosters stronger multilateral partnerships and convenes key stakeholders to support integrated and inclusive security policies across national, regional, and global levels.

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