

Building **Stronger** Partnerships for a More **Secure** World

Criminal Justice
and Rule of Law



Accountable and accessible criminal justice systems that uphold human rights and the rule of law better address the drivers of violent extremism

Where criminal justice systems are weak or corrupt, violent extremism can thrive. That is why the Global Center focuses on strengthening justice institutions like the police, judiciary, and prison service and improves the skills and knowledge of those that work with them and hold them accountable.

The international community has called on UN member states to criminalize a number of offenses and implement harder security measures to address violent extremism. However, without sound criminal justice systems that protect human rights, we cannot hope to tackle the root causes of violent

extremism. It could even make the problem worse.

The Global Center works with judges, attorneys, law enforcement, and prison officers to bridge national practices with international norms and standards. We also help to foster relationships between these groups and with civil society to nurture a wider culture of accountability and the rule of law that allows us to address the complex security challenges the world faces today.

A justice system that respects the dignity of each person is integral to a more just and secure world.



U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, Chief Justice Jean Fahed of Lebanon, and former Chief Justice of Tunisia Khaled Ayari get to know one another prior to an open briefing co-organized by the Global Center in 2016.

Our Work

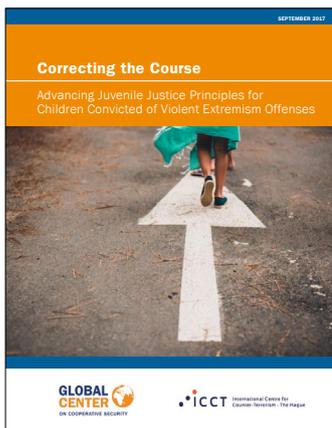
The Global Center works to create inclusive, human rights-based justice systems and policies that are globally informed and locally grounded. We do this by designing rigorous programs that equip criminal justice professionals with the knowledge and skills to counter terrorism while respecting human rights, promoting accountability, and advancing the rule of law.

- We partner with police, judicial, and corrections academies to train new recruits and in-service officers.
- We develop regional legal tool kits and good practice guides that are adopted, endorsed, and employed by practitioners and policymakers.
- We conduct independent assessments, legal analyses, and policy reviews to ensure decision-makers on the ground have access to the latest best practices.



Mobilizing Supreme Courts to Promote the Rule of Law

The judiciary is the institutional guarantor of the rule of law and respect for human rights. It falls to those in the highest courts to reflect the character of justice being delivered and, when necessary, provide a counterweight to the executive and legislative branches. Since 2010, the Global Center has mobilized justices from across the Middle East, North Africa, the Sahel, Europe, and South Asia to leverage their moral authority in handling terrorism cases at home and on the international stage, including at the United Nations.



Ensuring Fair Treatment for Children Convicted of Violent Extremist Offenses

Children have always been among the most vulnerable victims of violent extremism and, at times, some of its brutal purveyors. "Correcting the Course" sets out good practices for the treatment and care of children convicted of violent extremism offenses, recognizing the need to comply with international standards for the treatment of children within the criminal justice system and arguing against exceptional treatment in terrorism cases.



Training Prison Officers to Improve the Management of Violent Extremist Offenders

Prisons are a critical part of efforts to prevent violent extremism, but they are often ignored and underresourced. The Global Center has trained over 12,000 prison officers in Kenya, Indonesia, Morocco, and Trinidad and Tobago to ensure they have the skills and expertise to manage violent extremist offenders and support their rehabilitation and reintegration.

Our Partners

The Global Center works with a global network of partners to build accountable and accessible criminal justice systems that uphold human rights and the rule of law. Together, we help build a more just and secure world.

- International organizations such as the United Nations, International Organisation of la Francophonie, Global Counterterrorism Forum, and International Organization for Migration.
- Regional bodies including the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and Intergovernmental Authority on Development.
- Networks and associations including the East Africa Judges and Magistrate Judges Association, Pan Africa Human Rights Defenders Network, Association of Francophone Supreme Courts, and International Organization for Judicial Training.
- National law enforcement, judicial, and correctional training academies in Cameroon, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Kosovo, Malaysia, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Tunisia.
- Private sector companies such as Baker McKenzie and Salesforce.



"Baker McKenzie is proud and privileged for the opportunity to work so closely with the Global Center, the United Nations, and many distinguished judges from South Asia in formulating the South Asia Regional Toolkit for Judges. Baker McKenzie is deeply committed to our pro bono mission to leverage our international legal expertise in support of the rule of law around the world."

Robert Lewis, Partner, Baker McKenzie LLP



"Collaboration with the Global Center is a rewarding experience, made possible by the extraordinary ability of its staff to adapt to local contexts, to mobilize teams of national experts, and to bring them together in a participatory way around a common vision, based on mutual respect."

Philippe Nsoa, Head of the Judiciary Section at the National School for Administration and Magistracy of Cameroon and lead trainer for the Global Center's access to justice program



"Our collaboration with the Global Center has been very helpful in increasing the ability of our prison officers to better understand how a person becomes engaged in violent extremism, while strengthening officers' skills and resilience when handling violent extremist offenders."

Sri Puguh Budi Utami, Director General of Corrections, Ministry of Law and Human Rights of the Republic of Indonesia