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GLOBAL CENTER ON COOPERATIVE SECURITY ANNOUNCES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

October 6, 2020 (New York) – The [Global Center on Cooperative Security](#), an organization that works to achieve lasting security by addressing the root causes of violent extremism, is pleased to announce two additions to its board: **Laila Bokhari and David McGowan**.

“We are thrilled that Laila and David will be joining our board,” said Rachel Briggs OBE, Chair of the Global Center’s Board of Directors. *“They bring the requisite passion and skills to expand the Global Center’s network of partners and thought leaders in diverse sectors.”*



Laila Bokhari is a non-resident Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, a former State Deputy-Minister with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and a State Secretary at the Office of the Norwegian Prime Minister. She was a member of the 22 July Commission (Breivik case), tasked with examining the terrorist attacks and their aftermath in Norway. She has worked with the United Nations Security Council al-Qaida/Taliban Monitoring Team and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe on counter-terrorism and human rights issues. She also served as a diplomat at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan. She has a long career as a researcher on security policy, counterterrorism, and violent extremism at institutes including the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, and King’s College London.

“The Global Center advances approaches to countering violent extremism that reinforce, rather than undermine, human rights and the rule of law. Through investing in the capacities of local communities and government practitioners, sustainable and just solutions are found. This is how real change is realized.” -Laila Bokhari



David McGowan is Vice President of Global Protection Services at Tiffany & Co. His responsibilities include oversight of the company’s global retail and supply chain security; investigations and business intelligence; emergency, incident, and continuity management; and the enforcement of programs to protect intellectual property and the Tiffany brand. He is former President of the Board of Directors of the International Security Management Association and the 2017 recipient of the Security Industry Association Insightful Practitioner Award.

“The Global Center is an organization of integrity and innovation. Through its hybrid approach bridging analysis and in-country programming, the Global Center puts forth solutions benefiting communities and relevant to global brands committed to sustainable development, security, and equity. I’m proud to support the Global Center, and I look forward to leveraging its important work across sectors.” -David McGowan

Laila and David will each serve three-year terms, starting in September 2020. They are joining the Global Center at an important time when it is working to advance partnerships to engage governments, corporations, and civil leaders in pursuit of its **four key pillars of security**:

- Supporting communities in addressing the drivers of conflict and violent extremism
- Advancing human rights and the rule of law to prevent and respond to violent extremism
- Combating illicit finance that enables criminal and violent extremist organizations
- Promoting multilateral cooperation and rights-based standards in counterterrorism

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About the Global Center. The Global Center works to achieve lasting security by advancing inclusive, human rights–based policies, partnerships, and practices to address the root causes of violent extremism.

Our global team and network of experts, trainers, fellows, and policy professionals work to conduct research and deliver programming in these areas across sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and North Africa, and South, Central, and Southeast Asia.

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