

### **Enhancing Civil Society Engagement in UN Counterterrorism and P/CVE Efforts**

The Global Center on Cooperative Security (Global Center) is examining best practices in optimizing civil society engagement in UN counterterrorism and preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE) efforts and UN support for civil society-led contributions to the implementation of the UN Global Counterterrorism Strategy and the Secretary-General's PVE Plan of Action. The project will explore ways in which relevant multilateral bodies, such as the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, Financial Action Task Force, and different parts of the UN system, have sought to deepen their engagement with civil society and how civil society has organized itself to enhance its influence in the work of those bodies. It will put forward recommendations to enhance engagement between civil society and members of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, building on the principles outlined in the [Secretary General's Call to Action for Human Rights](#).

The project consists of three parts: comparative research, a global consultations process, and recommendations to be presented during the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in September 2021.

**Comparative Research Phase:** A concise review and mapping of relevant mechanisms for engagement between civil society and multilateral bodies will build the foundation of this process to account for lessons learned and good practices from which we can draw on when drafting recommendations.

**Global Consultation Process:** This will be civil society-led and -owned and centers on [the Secretary General's Call to Action](#) to contribute to the "review and strengthen United Nations tools that aim to empower civil society, protect civic space, and encourage participation by all groups in democratic processes." The consultation process includes:

- A Project Advisory Council that will guide the process and review the project recommendations.
- A research survey will be disseminated to relevant stakeholders worldwide, requesting concrete input to the recommendations.
- Small group convenings will be organized virtually to allow participants to reflect on the survey findings and to elaborate on achievable steps the United Nations and civil society can take to enhance sustained engagement surrounding the implementation of the UN counterterrorism and PVE frameworks.

**Recommendations:** The final phase will be a series of good practices and recommendations to deepen and broaden engagement between United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact members and civil society.

We welcome you to join the process, either through submitting relevant research and case studies or joining the consultation process. For more information on this project or to request to join a consultation, please contact Ms. Franziska Praxl-Tabuchi at [fpraxl@globalcenter.org](mailto:fpraxl@globalcenter.org).