

United Nations International Conference on Victims of Terrorism: Education as a Tool for Prevention, Peacebuilding and Empowerment of Victims of Terrorism

The United Nations International Conference on Victims of Terrorism: "Education as a Tool for Prevention, Peacebuilding and Empowerment of Victims of Terrorism" (hereon 'the International Conference') will be co-hosted by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and the Kingdom of Spain. The International Conference will be held at the <u>Palacio de Congresos</u> <u>Europa</u> in Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain, on 8 and 9 October 2024,

This Guidance Note provides substantive and logistical information to Member States, victims of terrorism, victims' associations, civil society, United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Compact entities, international and regional organizations, academia, and the private sector for the planning and organization of side events.

Organizers of side events must take into account and align their proposals with the overarching theme of the International Conference:

The International Conference will focus on the following topics:

Voices of resilience: Victims of terrorism as peace advocates and educators.

Institutional action to ensure victims and survivors are granted their rights and supported in their needs.

Nurturing resilience and social cohesion in the aftermath of terrorism: the role of civil

Member States, victims of terrorism, victims' associations, civil society, international and regional organizations, United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Compact entities, academia, and the private sector interested in co-organizing a side event are kindly asked to submit their proposals through this Side Event Proposal Form: <u>https://forms.office.com/e/JLJKVzyGm3</u>.

Note: Proposals must be submitted _

Proposals submitted after this time will not be considered. Organizers are kindly requested to include one side event proposal, through the electronic form, and clearly list their co-organizing partner entities on their application.

Must be proposed by at least two partners (preferably more). Victims of terrorism, victims' associations, civil society, academia and private sector inclusion are highly encouraged.

- Must be relevant to the main themes of the Conference.
- Must not have any overlapping content with other side events.
- Must align with the international victims of terrorism agenda priorities as articulated in the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and other relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions; and
- Must ensure that its speaker list takes into account geographic diversity, as applicable, and gender balance.

In the event where similar proposals are received, the organizers of the international conference may contact side event organizers to tsus an event organizers to the second sec

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