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The International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism

Educational policies for preventing terrorism and empowering victims

Webinar, 14:00–16:00 CEST (Geneva time), 21 August 2025

Agenda

14:00–14:05	Welcome and opening remarks Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
14:05–14:10	Moderator's introductory remarks Ms. Marcela Guerra Castillo (Mexico), member of parliament, Chairperson of the IPU High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism (HLAG)
14:10–14:40	Theme 1: Educational policies for preventing terrorism This session will explore international cooperation, legal frameworks, and educational strategies essential for preventing terrorism. Experts will provide insights into effective legislative measures, the role of global partnerships, and how education can be leveraged to counter violent extremism and uphold human rights. Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Ben Saul, Professor, Challis Chair of International Law at the University of Sydney and United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism• Mr. Sobhi Tawil, Director, International Bureau of Education, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (<i>To be confirmed</i>)• Mr. Roberto Arbitrio, Chief, Terrorism Prevention Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
14:40–15:10	Theme 2: Empowering Victims through Education: Parliamentary Views, Expert Contributions, and Youth Engagement. This session will discuss how education empowers victims of terrorism in preventing violent extremism and counter-terrorism. Experts will share legislative insights, highlight community resilience, and the role of young in prevention and recovery. The aim is to identify strategies that support victims and foster social cohesion through education. Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Fatima Akilu, Executive Director, Neem Foundation, Nigeria• Mr. Mattias Karlsson (Sweden), member of parliament, HLAG former Chairperson and current member• Mr. Gennaro Migliore, President Emeritus of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM)• Mr. Imrana Buba, Founder of the Youth Coalition Against Terrorism• Mr. Guillaume Denoix de Saint Marc, Vice-President of the V-Europe
15:10–15:50	Interactive discussion and Q&A Moderator: Ms. Marcela Guerra Castillo (Mexico), MP, HLAG Chairperson Open conversation with speakers and attendees
15:50–16:00	Closing remarks