



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Centre in Bishkek**

**2008 OSCE Sub-Regional Central Asian Conference
“Partnership of State Authorities, Civil Society and the
Business Community in Combating Terrorism”**

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CONCEPT

Executive Summary

The OSCE Centre in Bishkek in co-operation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the State Committee for National Security of Kyrgyzstan will convene the 2008 Sub-Regional Central Asian Conference “Partnership of State Authorities, Civil Society and the Business Community in Combating Terrorism”, which will be held on 4 and 5 November 2008 in Bishkek, the Kyrgyz Republic.

The purpose of the Conference is to assist all the Central Asian countries in the region in its efforts to further Combat Terrorism on all levels. This is including governmental co-operation in the Central Asian region and Afghanistan, businesses in the Central Asian region, media in the Central Asian region, and religious groups in the Central Asian region using the Public Private Partnership methodology the OSCE Antiterrorism Unit (ATU) has initiated. The intent of this conference will be to provide and develop a good relationship with all the Central Asian countries in an understanding and cooperation from all areas of governmental, non-governmental, business, media, and religious organizations in regards to prevention, identification and combating terrorism.

Background

The Conference is being initiated in response to a request of the Kyrgyz Government for assistance in the implementation of the a better understanding and working relationship with all areas of Central Asia and its bordering neighbours to combat the threat of terrorism. By including all areas of the all areas of governmental, non-governmental, business, media, and religious organizations in regards to prevention, identification and combating terrorism and using the OSCE model on Public Private Partnership. The OSCE and the Kyrgyz government can further its working relationship with other Central Asian regions and other neighbour countries to establish areas and other such ways which will help reduce the threat of terrorism and other related issues dealing with combating terrorism.

Description

The conference will be held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on the 4 and 5 November 2008 and will bring together all the Central Asian countries and Afghanistan to include neighbouring countries who wish to also participate in the conference. The key presentations will cover the range of issues relating to the concept Public Private Partnership, and will be followed by discussions allowing enough time for interaction and sharing of experience on specific issues.

The event will provide an opportunity to discuss:

- “Forms and methods of partnership between State authorities, the business community and civil society in combating terrorism”
- “Public-Private Partnerships with the banking sector and the non-profit sector to suppress terrorist financing”
- “Religious organizations, civil society and states authorities, their common goals and objectives in countering terrorist threats under the cover of religion”
- “Public-Private Partnerships for educational and awareness raising projects to counter violent extremism and terrorism”
- “Public-Private Partnerships between state authorities and the media to counter violent extremism and terrorism”

Organizational modalities

The agenda of the seminar was elaborated by the Centre in Bishkek in close co-operation with the Government of Kyrgyzstan and in consultation with the OSCE ATU.

The Centre in Bishkek will invite international speakers from other pS, international organizations and research institutes

The Centre in Bishkek will be responsible for all administrative and logistical arrangements on site.

The working languages of the seminar will be English and Russian.