



STRONG CITIES NETWORK / GLOBAL SUMMIT

ON 11-12 MAY 2016, THE STRONG CITIES NETWORK (SCN) HELD ITS INAUGURAL **GLOBAL SUMMIT** IN ANTALYA, TURKEY. THE EVENT BROUGHT TOGETHER PRACTITIONERS, MAYORS, GOVERNORS AND HIGH-LEVEL NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCES AROUND BEST PRACTICE IN COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM AT LOCAL AND SUBNATIONAL LEVELS.

INTERNATIONAL AND MINISTERIAL ADDRESSES/

International addresses were delivered by [Mayor Türel](#) (Antalya), [Mayor Kadir Topbaş](#), (Istanbul), Turkish Foreign Minister, [Mevlut Çavuşoğlu](#), and [Michael Ortiz](#), Deputy Coordinator for Countering Violent Extremism at the U. S. Department of State.



GLOBAL CITY LEADER SHOWCASES/

Mayoral showcases were delivered by [H.E. Governor Hassan Ali Joho](#) (Mombasa), [Minister Ranjit Patil](#) (Maharashtra/ Mumbai), [Lord Mayor Frank Jensen](#) (Copenhagen), [Mayor Hans Bonte](#) (Vilvoorde), and [Mayor Andy Berke](#) (Chattanooga).

IT IS FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO DRAW ON BROAD EXPERTISE AND TO CREATE A RANGE OF INITIATIVES THAT ARE LOCALLY OWNED, AND LED BY COMMUNITIES, AND TO DO THAT WE NEED TO CALL ON MANY PARTNERS.

MARK DUCKWORTH
CHIEF RESILIENCE OFFICER, VICTORIA

THE ONLINE HUB

THE GLOBAL SUMMIT SAW THE LAUNCH OF THE [SCN ONLINE HUB](#), OUR NEW WEB PORTAL FOR MEMBERS. THE ONLINE HUB REPRESENTS OUR KEY ONLINE PLATFORM, DIRECTLY CONNECTING PRACTITIONERS AND OFFICIALS IN MEMBER CITIES AROUND THE WORLD. ALL STRONG CITIES NETWORK MEMBERS ARE PROVIDED WITH SECURE LOGIN DETAILS TO ACCESS THE ONLINE HUB'S MATERIALS AND ENABLE THEM TO CONTRIBUTE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES.

DELEGATE FEEDBACK



95%

FELT THE SUMMIT BETTER EQUIPPED THEM TO COUNTER VIOLENT EXTREMISM

88%

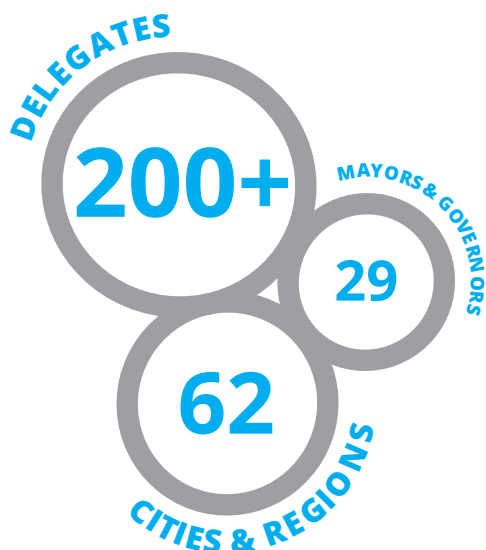
FELT IT IMPROVED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF APPROACHES TO PREVENTION AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

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I HAVE NEVER ATTENDED ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE. IT WAS SO INTENSE AND BENEFICIAL FOR ME IN MANY WAYS. TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM ALL THOSE THAT I HAVE EVER ATTENDED BEFORE. REAL CASES AND EXTREMELY RELEVANT TO WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE GLOBE NOW.”

DELEGATE FROM THE SUMMIT

THERE WERE 40 STRONG CITIES NETWORK MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AND 22 NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE



STRONG CITIES ACTIVITIES OF THE NEXT 18 MONTHS

- 3** LOCAL INNOVATION GRANTS
- 3** WORKING GROUPS PROGRAMMES
- 3** CITY EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

- 3** REGIONAL ASSESSMENT REPORTS
- 1** SCN MOBILE APPLICATION

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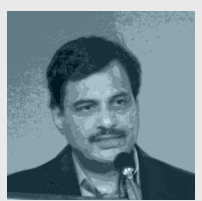
- 3** REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING & TRAINING WORKSHOPS
- 5** STRONG CITIES NETWORK ONLINE TRAINING MODULES

THEMES FROM THE SUMMIT



THE NEED FOR LONG-TERM STRATEGIC VISION AND STRONG ACTION PLANS TO COUNTER VIOLENT EXTREMISM. **GOVERNOR JOHO** ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF **A COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM UNIT** WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR.

THE NEED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, IN PARTICULAR LOCAL RELIGIOUS GROUPS. **MAYOR BONTE** AND **MAYOR BERKE** BOTH TALKED ABOUT THE CLOSE TIES THEY HAVE BUILT WITH LOCAL RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES.



THE NEED TO COORDINATE CVE INITIATIVES WITH PROGRAMMING WHICH ADDRESSES THE ROOT CAUSES OF SOCIAL TENSIONS, INCLUDING SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTORS. **MINISTER PATIL** AND **LORD MAYOR JENSEN** ANNOUNCED THE COORDINATION OF EFFORTS ACROSS SECTORS TO STRENGTHEN CAPACITY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CITIES TO ENSURE HELP IS PROVIDED TO AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS AND MUNICIPALITIES STAND READY TO RESPOND TO AN ARRAY OF NEEDS.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?



REGISTER/ YOUR CITY'S INTEREST IN TAKING PART IN A CITY EXCHANGE, IN STRONG CITIES NETWORK RESEARCH, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS, AND CONTRIBUTING TO OUR SPOTLIGHTS ON LOCAL INITIATIVES IN YOUR CITY THROUGH OUR NEWSLETTERS AND OUR ONLINE MEMBER PROFILES. **REGISTER/** FOR ACCESS TO THE HUB. **ACCESS/** THE SCN LIBRARY AND UPCOMING TRAINING MODULES AND TOOLKITS. **SIGN-UP/** TO THE STRONG CITIES NETWORK MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER. **SHARE/** CONTENT ONLINE VIA THE STRONG CITIES NETWORK ONLINE HUB. **GET INVOLVED/** WITH THE SCN WORKING GROUPS.

