

ICTR Conference

Highlights of the third and closing day- 26 February, 2009

The conference ended today with positive feedback and several encouraging compliments from the participants.

In his closing speech, Prof. Gunaratna urged the participants not to view the conference as a listening and learning session alone. Instead, participants were asked to translate what they have learned from the conference into actions that will improve rehabilitation and deradicalisation programmes in their respective countries. Participants were urged to carry out these actions with the belief that they will significantly contribute to the reduction of the current global threat of terrorism.

To aid the translation of knowledge from the conference into action and to sustain the momentum created by it, few suggestions were laid out. These include the following:

1. Participants were strongly encouraged to subscribe to **p4peace** portal. Subscription to this portal will strengthen the network that the conference has established and will facilitate an exchange of ideas.
2. The organizer of the conference will soon publish a high quality conference report and distribute it to the participants. This will be a quick and easy reference document for follow up actions.
3. The organizer will also consider organizing small workshops that will deal with a more focused topic. This will aid the deepening of the knowledge of a participant in that particular topic.
4. Participants were also urged to make full use of opportunities arising from the network that has been established during the conference. They were urged to explore cooperation, collaboration and partnership initiatives that will mutually benefit all participating parties.

The conference closed with a commitment to meet again in the near future with an aim to add more knowledge into the study of terrorist rehabilitation and deradicalisation. Delegates from Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom offered their commitment to seek support from their respective governments and host the future conference.

The soft copy of the full conference materials as well as the video recordings of the proceedings will be available for purchase at a small administrative cost. Those who have missed the conference may contact the centre for these materials.