

PH PARTICIPATION IN THE AFRICAN REGIONAL HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON COUNTER TERRORISM AND PREVENTION OF EXTREMISM CONDUCTIVE TO TERRORISM, 10-11 JULY 2019, NAIROBI, KENYA

Nairobi – The Philippines participated as Observer in the recently held African Regional High-level Conference on Counter Terrorism and the Prevention of Extremism Conducive to Terrorism on 10-11 July at the UN Office at Nairobi, Kenya.

The Conference focused on four themes: i. Sharing good practices in countering terrorism, and preventing and countering violent extremism conducive to terrorism in Africa; ii. Building a partnership with youth, women and marginalized communities to prevent and counter violent extremism conducive to terrorism; iii. Countering terrorism as part of nation-building in Africa; and, iv. Enhancing cooperation between Member States, the United Nations and the African Union Peace and Security to strengthen prevention of and resilience to terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism.

NSC Assistant Director General Renia Corocoto highlighted in the Philippine statement the country's experience in preventing and countering violent terrorism, and focused on similar experiences, challenges and strategies of the Philippines and Africa, as well as best practices that can be shared.

Philippine Permanent Representative Alex G. Chua also delivered an intervention in the side event, Addressing Links Between Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorism on the first day of the Conference and shared that there are national, sub-regional and regional plans to counter terrorism. PR Chua shared that the Philippine counter-terrorism efforts are “anchored on respecting human rights because a state's first, foremost and overriding responsibility is to protect the law-abiding against the lawless; and the innocent against those threatening their safety and wellbeing.”

The African Regional Conference is the first regional follow-up to the first High-Level Conference of heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of UN Member States held in June 2018 in New York. The outcomes of all the Regional Conferences will be presented during the second High-level Conference in New York in 2021.



The Philippine delegation composed of NSC representatives and officials of Nairobi PE



Philippine Representative Alex G. Chua delivering the Philippine intervention at a side event on 10 July 2019