



## CONCEPT PAPER

Full name of the event: The 9<sup>th</sup> ASEM CONFERENCE ON COUNTER TERRORISM  
(Improving Community Counter Terrorism Initiative)  
Date: 12-13 December 2011  
Location: Yogyakarta, Indonesia  
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### 1. Context and purpose

As mandated by the 8<sup>th</sup> ASEM Conference on Counter Terrorism (ASEM-CCT) held in Brussels in June 2010, Asian Partner will host the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference in 2011. Putting a high concern on the issue, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. R.M Marty Natalegawa at the 10<sup>th</sup> Foreign Ministers Meeting, held in Gödöllő, Hungary, 6-7 June 2011, announced Indonesia's initiative to host the 9<sup>th</sup> ASEM-CCT.

Discourses on counterterrorism in ASEM commenced at the 4<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit, in Copenhagen, Denmark, September 2002. At the Summit, Leaders endorsed the initiative to hold an ASEM Seminar on Anti-terrorism which finally became the impetus for the first ASEM CCT. In 2011, the 9<sup>th</sup> ASEM CCT shall continue its mandate in promoting knowledge sharing and best practices among ASEM Partners. It aims to identify effective approaches grounded in respect of human rights and the rule of law according to international conventions and protocols against terrorism and possible follow-ups action plan for Asia and Europe at the national and regional level.

Some major terrorism attacks happened in different parts of Asia and Europe these last decades was a wake-up call to the threat from home grown terrorism, and these convictions provide evidence that there is a complex web of radicalized people within the communities. Although terrorist threat may comes from a marginal minority, but these individuals are integrated within their communities and cannot be working on their own. This is why communities need to play a central role in many different areas of the counterterrorism strategy. Community may be able to act as an early warning system as well as to work upstream to prevent radicalisation of young generation towards violence.

European and Asian governments, struggling with different forms of terrorist threats, recognized the need to fully use their knowledge and experience in counter-terrorism through ASEM. As it possesses requisite knowledge and expertise to develop appropriate mechanism relevant to regional conditions, ASEM plays an important role in the dissemination of best practices and the implementation of the UN Global Strategy on Counter Terrorism. ASEM also enhanced networks and improve coordination among regional counterterrorism institutions, which in turn may increase capacities of Asian and European countries in addressing the threats of terrorism.

## **2. Location and timing**

Hotel Sheraton Mustika Resort and Spa, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

12-13 December 2011

## **3. Participants**

Hosts: Indonesia (National Counter-Terrorism Agency and Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia)

Co-sponsors: other Asian and European ASEM Partners (to be identified).

Speakers and discussants and participants will be invited from public policy think tanks, academia, civil society, plus officials from each ASEM Partners.

The target audience will be ASEM Senior Officials and ASEM Contact Points from 48 ASEM Partners and relevant organizations.

## **4. Programme**

### **Sunday, 11 December 2011**

13.00	Arrival of Delegates
19.00	Welcoming Dinner hosted by Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia

### **Monday, 12 December 2011**

08.00 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.45	<b><u>Opening Session</u></b> Welcoming Remarks by ASEM SOM Leader of Indonesia, Director General for America and Europe Affairs: H.E. Amb. Retno L.P. Marsudi Remarks by Representative of Local Government (tbc) Keynote Speech by Head of Indonesia National Counter Terrorism Agency, Ansyad Mbai Photo Session
09.45 – 10.00	Tea/Coffee Break
10.00 – 12.00	<b><u>First Session</u></b> Presentations on: <i>“Community Engagement for Prevention and Deradicalisation”</i> (Europe lead) Followed by discussion
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 – 15.30	<b><u>Second Session</u></b> Presentations on: <i>Strengthening national legislation in support of Community Counter-Terrorism Initiatives</i> (Asia lead) Followed by discussion
19.00 – 21.00	Dinner hosted by the Head of the National Counter Terrorism Agency Indonesia

## **Tuesday, 13 December 2011**

<b><u>Third Session</u></b>	
08.30 – 10.30	Presentations on <i>The strategic role of new media in counterterrorism</i> (Europe lead)
10.30 – 11.30	Tea/coffee break
11.30 – 12.00	Summary of the Conference Followed by Closing
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch

### **5. Financing of the conference**

The National Counter Terrorism Agency (NCTA) and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia grant funding for:

- the premises and the logistics of the meeting
- a welcoming dinner, lunch and dinner on day 1, and lunch on day 2

### **6. Objectives**

Elucidate discuss and where possible identify priorities and positions on important areas of common interest, particularly those in line with the working group topics of the Conference, as follows:

- *Community engagement for prevention and deradicalisation*
- *Strengthening national legislation in support of community counterterrorism engagement*
- *The strategic role of new media in counter-terrorism*