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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT *Countering Extremism and Building Social Resilience through Community Engagement*

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Countering ideological extremism and its vicious by-product terrorism involves prevention upstream and deradicalization downstream. While rehabilitation to deradicalize terrorist inmates and detainees is gathering momentum worldwide, we need to develop the tools to engage communities to counter extremism and build community resilience.

Singapore will be the destination for the first International Conference on Community Engagement (ICCE) from 21-22 September 2011. The conference will be organised by the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) a specialist centre of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

To learn from global best practices, ICCE 2011 seeks to bring together leaders in the field of community engagement. The two day international conference will include close to 20 invited speakers from countries with community engagement programmes or programmes that aim to counter extremism through various mediums of engagement with the community. Security specialists, psychologists, Non-Government Organisations and scholars active in both research and in the process of community engagement will be participating.

This conference will be an ideal platform to share community engagement methodologies and concepts developed by practitioners and researched by scholars.

ICCE 2011 aims to:

1. **Draw from global best practices** on community engagement practices to create a working model.
2. **Provide a better understanding** of the processes and the necessity for community engagement
3. **Create guidelines** that will assist governments to put in place community engagement efforts in their home countries
4. **Provide a crucial network** for governments and institutions that are presently involved in the process of community engagement.

This conference will be the first step towards exploring the tools necessary to examine rates of radicalization and address the key challenges faced in effective community engagement.

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