



## **Countering Violent Extremism: European Context and Bangladeshi Diaspora**

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**Room XI, Palais des Nations, Geneva**

**MODERATOR:** Mr. Jakob de Jong, Director, The Hague Peace, Netherlands

### **PANELISTS:**

**Dr. Magnus Norell**, Senior Fellow, European Foundation for Democracy, Belgium & Expert on terrorism, political violence, democracy and security in the Middle East and Central Asia

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**Ms. Nicola Spafford Furey**, Vice President, Earth Focus Foundation, Geneva

**Major General (Retired) Abdur Rashid**, Executive Director of the Institute of Conflict, Law & Development Studies (ICLDS), Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Prof Dr. Willem van der Geest**, Chief Economist, formerly Director at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, New York

**Ms. Karima Bennoune**, UN Special Rapporteur, OHCHR, Geneva

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**TOPIC:** Countering Violent Extremism: European Context and Bangladeshi Diaspora

**FORMAT:** Interactive Panel Discussion

**CONCEPT:** The key concept of the Geneva conference is to ‘uphold Secularism to counter violent terrorism and rise of extremism in the name of religion across the globe including Bangladesh’. There is an urgent need for efforts to be made for bilateral, regional and global cooperation to combat the threat of violent extremism across the globe. The conference will bring fore the threat of violent extremism and create awareness about the threat of these forces and their allies and create public opinion in favour of secular democracy.

The Geneva Conference which will bring together secular forces, activists, think tanks, politicians both national and European, journalists and create strong public opinion in favor of the secular forces and against the violent extremist groups. This will also strengthen European and global stakeholders to address a phenomenon that is indeed transnational and exchange good practices of prevention.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:** The Geneva conference will discuss the role of the government and the civil society that may help formulate Action Programs at the end.

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