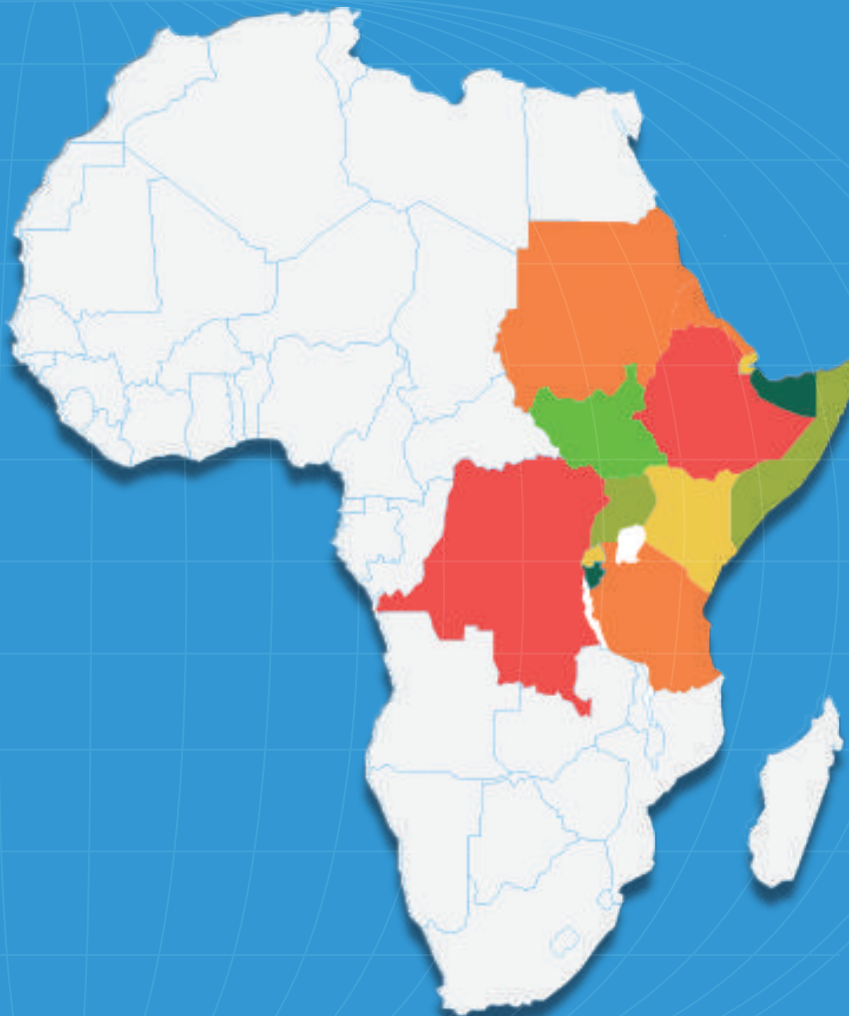


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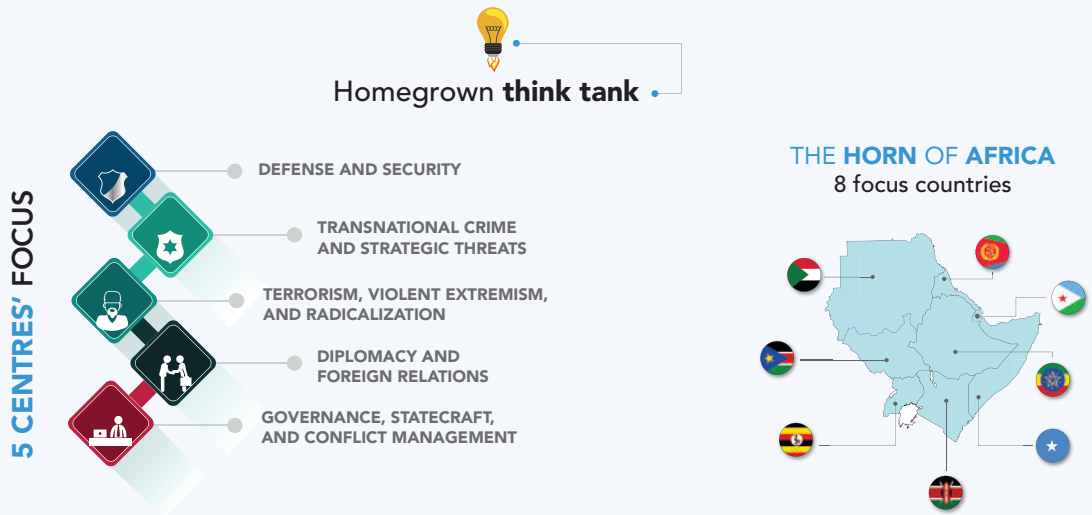
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ABOUT THE HORN INSTITUTE

The HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies is a non-profit, applied research, and public policy think-do tank based in Nairobi, Kenya.



VISION

A progressive Horn of Africa region and the African continent, served by informed, evidence-based and problem-solving policy research and analysis.

MISSION

Contribute to informed, objective, definitive research and analytical inquiry that also improves policies and guide actions of governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and spaces.

OBJECTIVES

- A. Conduct Cutting-edge Action Research and Analysis to help inform policymaking and action in the Institute's focus areas
- B. Engage in Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding
- C. Strategic Communication for fighting terrorism, responding to conflicts and emerging threats
- D. Participate in Routine Advocacy on security, conflict resolution, and peace building
- E. Design Courses and Deliver Training on, themes relating to the Institute's focus areas

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE



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The Institute's quantitative and qualitative growth trajectory in personnel and outputs that began in 2017 expanded significantly in 2018. We are happy to report that among the many accomplishments, we held a successful international conference on terrorism and violent extremism whose contributions led to the publication and launch of two book volumes: *The Changing Dynamics of terrorism and Violent Extremism: An Analysis*, and *The Changing Dynamics of Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Policy and Practice*.

We also launched *The HORN Bulletin*, an informative and analytical bimonthly publication of well-researched articles by HORN experts and associates; and increased the production of policy briefs - important up-to-date tools for policy makers. Further, we participated in various local and international conferences and workshops, either as key speakers or presenters.

Our engagements in conducting strategic research and analysis, in addition to our trainings, especially on security, terrorism, and diplomacy, have positioned our Institute as a reliable go-to think tank to our partners and peers. This has only been matched by the many invitations for commentary by local and international media houses on these issues. Indeed, *we have been that little engine that could*, thanks to our committed staff, experts, and Council of Advisors.

As we look forward to 2019, we are firm in our commitment to producing high-quality products, expanding our reach and policy relevance, and growing both our intellectual as well as physical resource base. Thank you for your continued support and engagement with us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hassan Khannenje', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Hassan Khannenje Ph.D.

Director, HORN International Institute for
Strategic Studies

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RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

The HORN Institute takes pride in its research, which is central to its work. The Institute's Research Department employs an eclectic set of qualitative and quantitative methodologies in the interrogation of important issues and problems in the greater Horn of Africa region. More specifically, the Department's work allows the Institute to engage more deeply on issues of conflict, peace, defence, security, governance, terrorism, and diplomacy that affect the region. These engagements are critical in advancing the Institute's overall objectives. The Department is headed by the Associate Director, Research, who works with resident and non-resident Research Fellows, Research Assistants, and Research Interns.

The Institute produces outputs such as: articles, opinion pieces, papers, infographics, and policy briefs, to inform, provoke thought, or anticipate scenarios. These, in turn, allow individuals interested in issues affecting the Horn of Africa to explore, expand, and/or understand their ideas of the region fully.

In 2018, the Institute published two book volumes, a conference handbook, a conference report, policy briefs, and bulletins. It also

developed country-specific analyses that provide insights into developments in the Institute's focus countries as well as the meaning of these developments.

These outputs are distributed, in hard and soft copy formats through the Institute's partners and partners' networks, website, social media platforms, mainstream broadcast media, and reader subscriptions.

The Institute's Research Products



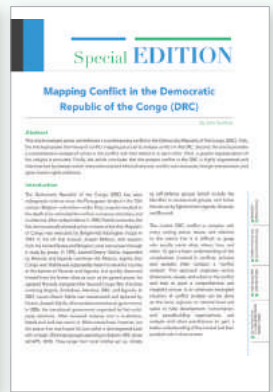
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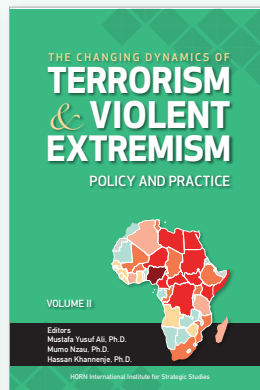
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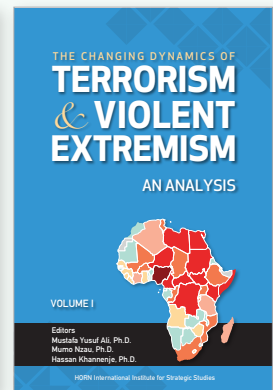
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Country-Specific Analysis



Conference Handbook



Conference Report

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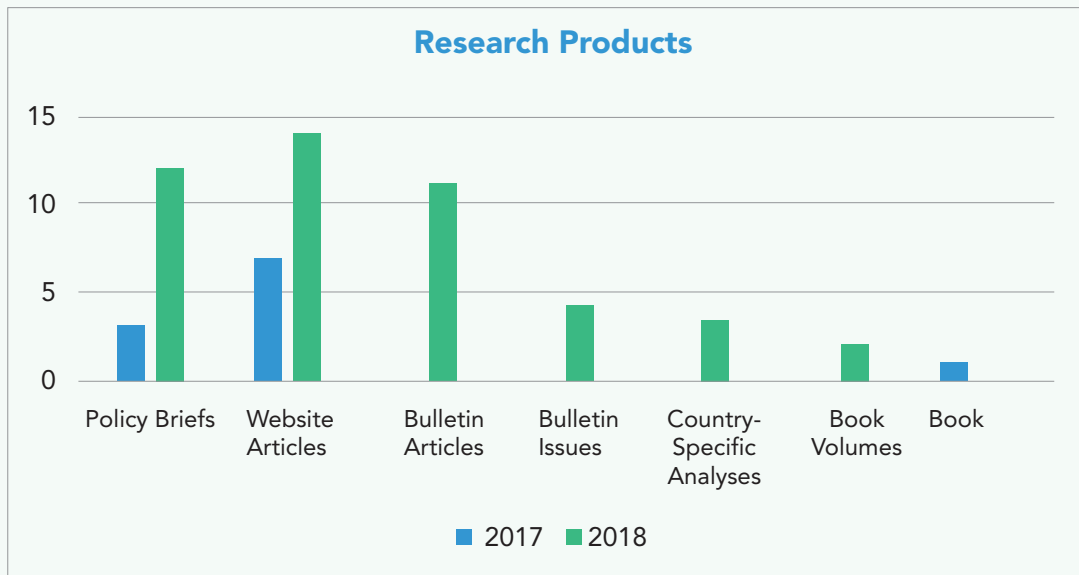


Table 1: Research Products in 2017 and 2018: A Comparison

SUMMARY OF BULLETIN ARTICLES IN 2018

The HORN Bulletin is a bi-monthly publication by the HORN Institute. It contains thematic articles mainly on issues affecting the Horn of Africa region. In 2018, the Institute produced four issues. Below, is a summary of articles from each issue.

Volume I Issue I (May - June, 2018)

The Ecology of Al Shabab's Terrorism: Understanding Terrorism in the Horn of Africa

- traces the origin and motivational factors behind al Shabab in the Horn of Africa. It advances proposals for counter-terrorism in the region.

Counter-Terrorism Strategy: The Soft Approach

- juxtaposes the soft and hard approaches to countering terrorism. It emphasizes the importance of non-coercive methods (soft

approaches) for their power to win the hearts and minds of the radicalized.

The Reality of Terroredia in Kenya and Al Shabab's Psychological Warfare

- examines Kenyan media reportage of high profile terror attacks in Kenya and psychological implications on the people.

Politics of Succession in Africa: The Quest for Democratic Peace

- analyzes the succession in post-independence African politics noting that many African political parties suffer

democratic deficiencies. Factors that make succession politics in Africa conflictive and proposals to overcome them are discussed.

Volume I Issue II (Jul - Aug, 2018)

Africa and the Global War on Terrorism and Violent Extremism: An analysis of the next frontier

- describes terrorist and violent extremist groups from Horn of Africa, Northern Africa, the Maghreb region, to West Africa, and parts of Southern Africa. It explicates the new phenomenon of pairing up of terror groups in Africa with those in the Middle East (al Qaida and Islamic State of Iraq and Syria - ISIS).

Between Euphoria and Reality: The Abiy Factor and the Remaking of the Ethiopian State

- highlights political undercurrents in Ethiopia and how the new prime

minister Abiy Ahmed can change the country's fortunes.

R2P's False Start in Burundi: An Inherent Limitation?

- focuses on Responsibility to Protect (R2P) and the Burundi crisis emphasizing the limitations of the global political commitment which was endorsed by all member states of the UN at the 2005 World Summit.

How to Foster Peace in 'New' Intractable Conflicts: Designing Theoretically Informed Path-ways for United Nations' efforts in South Sudan

- discusses the complexities of 'intractable conflicts' and how United Nations can bring about lasting peace in South Sudan.



South Sudanese rebel leader Riek Machar (Left) and South Sudan's President Salva Kiir sign a power-sharing agreement in Khartoum, Sudan on August 5, 2018 (Photo Credit Mohamed Nureldin Abdallah Reuters)

Volume I Issue III (Sep - Oct, 2018)

Volunteering in Jihadi Theatre Next Door: Key Reflections on the Fall of Daesh for Horn of Africa States' Fight against Violent Extremism

- explains historical and contemporary trends related to foreign terrorist fighters phenomena in the Somalia conflict and how regional geopolitical realignment and ongoing war in Yemen may facilitate or hinder the war against violent extremist groups in the Horn of Africa region.

Managing Ethnic Diversity: Federalism and Conflict in Ethiopia by Jules Swinkels.

- explores internal political challenges in Ethiopia converging on ethnicity and federalism, giving recommendations on how to bring about a sustainable solution.

Nairobi City: Urban Planning in the Age of Terror

- points out the vulnerabilities of Nairobi City in the face of increasing terror attacks. It highlights what urban planners should do in the quest to make it safer and harder for terrorists to attack.

Young Women and Terrorism: Towards a Gendered Approach to Prevention and Countering of Violent Extremism in Kenya

- calls attention to the increasing role of women in terrorism, highlighting policy and practice gaps in Counter Terrorism (CT) and Prevention and Countering of Violent Extremism (P/CVE) in Kenya.

Volume I Issue IV (Nov - Dec, 2018)

The East African Community and Threats to Peace: Tensions between Common Purpose and Collective Responses

- unpacks EAC's institutional framework governing responses to threats to peace and security. It suggests the need for an institutional framework to coordinate collective responses.

Terrorism: Ambiguous Definitions are Taking the Edge off Kenya's Key Anti-Terrorism Legislation

- argues that the lack of clear definitions of concepts like 'terrorist' and 'terrorism' in Kenya's Prevention of Terrorism Act (2012) creates grey areas that can be exploited by individuals involved in terrorism.

Women in Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Programs in the Horn of Africa: Northern Uganda and Somalia in Review

- analyses Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) programs focusing on Women in Northern Uganda and Somalia.

The Third Term Crisis in Africa: "the last mile of (de)-democratization?"

- describes the danger of reversal of hard-won democratic rights in Africa through extension or abolition of presidential term limits.

International Meetings

The Institute, through its Associate Director for Research, was represented at a workshop on dialogue organized by the Nansen Dialogue Network, in Lille Hammer, Norway; a meeting with the Special Envoy for Peace at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Oslo, Norway; as well as an International Peace (and Conflict) Conference organized by the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), in Oslo, Norway, all in mid-2018.

Conference, Workshop, and Symposium Participation

The Institute took part in:

- an International Conference on 'Achieving Victory Against Al Qaeda Groups,' organized by the National Counter Terrorism Centre (Nanyuki, Kenya).
- a Gender Research Symposium organized by the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC), in Nairobi (Kenya).
- a Workshop on political developments in Somalia, organized by the Rift Valley Institute (Nairobi, Kenya).
- the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony (Oslo, Norway), to acknowledge the efforts of Dr. Denis Mukwege (DR Congo) and Nadia Murad (Iraq) in addressing the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war.
- Nobel Peace Prize Forum (Oslo, Norway), on the negative effects of climate change on livelihoods.

Focus Group Discussions

The Institute held fruitful Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) on Ethiopia to inform research and analysis on the changing Ethiopian politics. Specifically, the FGDs examined and analysed the implication of recent political reforms on various ethnicities and communities in the light of emerging several inter-ethnic clashes in the Ethiopia. Roundtable discussions on Somalia were also held for the same reasons as applies to Ethiopia.

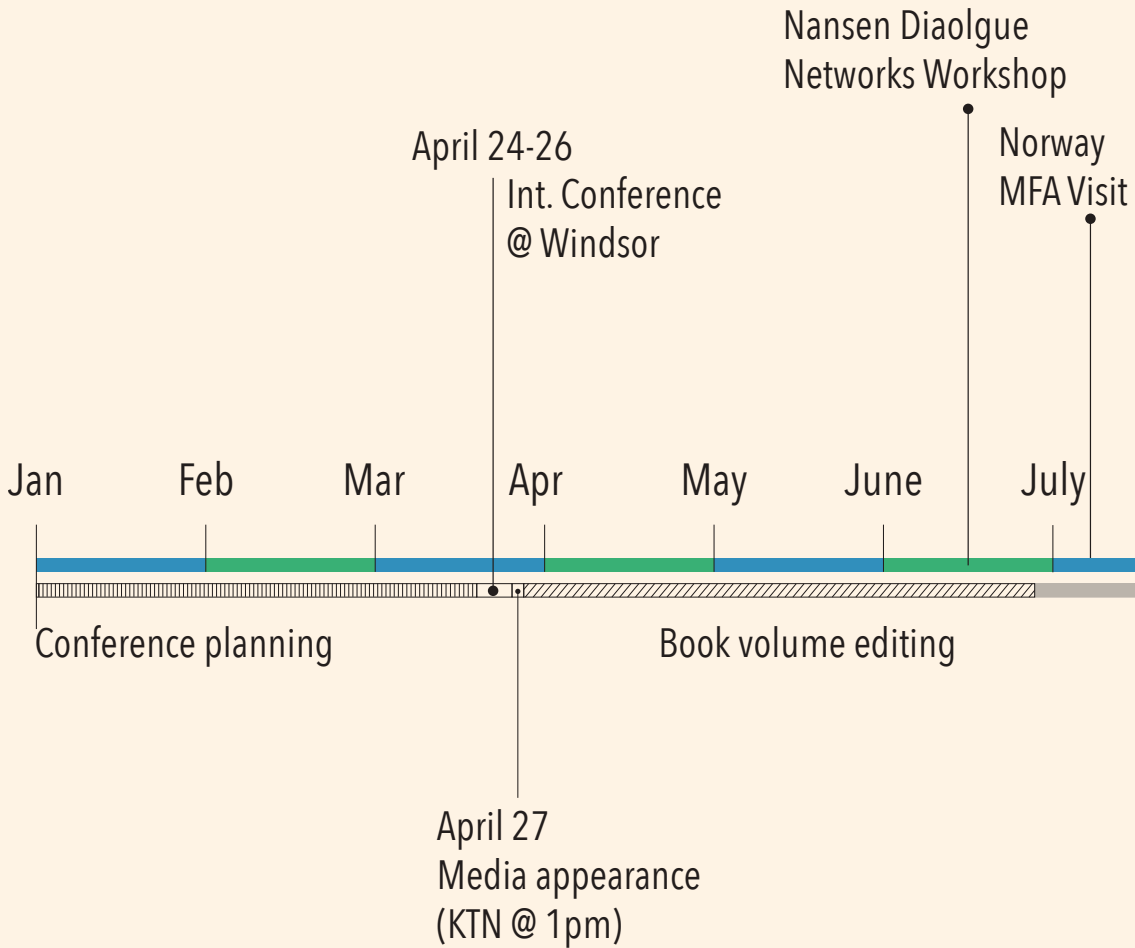
Film Screening

The Institute screened 'This is Congo,' a documentary on the impact of armed conflicts one of its focus countries – DR Congo. Guests from DR Congo, and the respective Embassy in Kenya were invited. They joined staff in discussing topics such as the problems plaguing the DRC, the December 2018 presidential elections, and the future of that country.



Video case for the movie 'This is Congo'

TIMELINE OF SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS IN RESEARCH IN 2018







MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

Communication remains an important component to the HORN Institute's goal of having informed, objective, and domestically produced evidence-based policy research and analysis. Consequently, HORN products are aimed at scholars and practitioners who assist in drafting this objective.

Milestones by numbers

15,554

Website Page Views

2,340

Visits to HORN website

1,294

Newsletter Subscribers

101

Podcast Views

51

HORN Weekly Newsletter Issues

82

TV Appearances

500+

Twitter Followers

323

Facebook

Website

The HORN Institute’s website remains the primary source of critical information for the external audience. In 2018, the website was restructured and adjusted accordingly to reflect the growing demand for HORN products such as commentaries, information on events, reports, books, analyses, as well as videos and podcasts,

all which can be downloaded free of charge. It suffices to say that, the website is an important content source for the public at large registering 15,554 page views and 2,340 website visits in 2018. This is a marked growth from 2017 which registered less than 5,000 page views.



The Institute is privy to the ever-changing communications environment. Unlike videos, the beauty of podcasts lies in the fact that audio content can be more conveniently accessed on the go. In 2018, the Institute launched its first podcast. The centrality of podcasts in

communicating key information by HORN experts and fellows cannot be overemphasized. So far, there are eight podcasts on various subjects on the website. All HORN podcasts are free and downloadable.

Lenga Ugaidi na Talanta Competition

Lenga Ugaidi na Talanta is an initiative that seeks to channel youth creativity towards countering violent extremism narratives. This is a short film, poetry, and music competition targeting Kenyan youth under 35 years in the fight against radicalization, violent extremism and terrorism. The first edition of the competition was held in July 2017.

Fighting Terrorism Through Art

Lox Ponde won the Young Entrant award in the Lenga Ugaidi Na Talanta Competition, 2018

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On December 5, Lox Ponde, 9, a budding poetry artist emerged the winner in a local competition of artists using their talents to fight terrorism.

Lox, a standard three pupil at Lang'ata West Primary School comes from an artistic family. He writes and performs his own poetry and has even won awards for his work.

He was the top in the young entrant category of the 'Lenga Ugaidi Na Talanta' competition, that was held between October 1 and November 16 this year. The competition was sponsored by the Ministry of Defence, Horn International Institute of Strategic Studies and Community Resilience against Violent Extremism.

His poem 'Terrorism' won him a prize of a smartphone during the award ceremony that was

held in Nairobi. He also got to meet top government and security officials.

This year's competition had two new categories; music and poetry, a step made to accommodate different types of art in the fight against terrorism.

The nine-year-old standard three pupil at Lang'ata West Primary School is passionate to fight against terrorism in the country, he told Juniorspot.

"My father is my inspiration. He helps me in my spoken word poetry," Lox said after the award ceremony on December 5.

His father, Mr Kennedy Odongo is also a poet. He helps manage Lox's busy schedule of school and poetry. It was through his father that he ventured into poetry.

"I have been doing this since I was five years old. It is not always easy managing school

work and my art. But thanks to my dad, I am able to cope and balance my life," Lox said in an interview with Juniorspot.

Lox, who had performed at the beginning of the event, caught the eye of the Government Spokesman Mr Eric Kiraithe, who was impressed by his performance as well as the message to fight against terrorism.

Mr Kiraithe said that it is young people such as Lox and the other performers that have a role in fighting terror in the country.

"We have a responsibility to mend the country not just for the youth but for the entire

future of Kenya," the Government Spokesman said during the event.

"I would also like to thank my mother Akinyi for her support. I say thank you to all mothers in Kenya for the good work that you do," Lox said during his acceptance speech after receiving the prize.

His mother is not a poet, but she helps him come up with ideas.

Lox is also a rapper, with a single titled, 'Happening Now', which is available for viewing on YouTube.

He also has performances with his sister Queen Samsi.

Lox Ponde during the Lenga Ugaidi na Talanta competition awards on December 5.

SILA KIPLAGATI (NATION)

Dr. Hassan Khannenje, Director, HORN Institute presents an award to the youngest entrant, Lox Ponde, during the Lenga Ugaidi na Talanta Winners Gala at Norfolk Hotel on December 5, 2018

Lenga Ugaidi Na Talanta Competition Season Two was launched on October 1, 2018 at the HORN Institute. A total of 300 submissions drawn from music, poetry, and short film categories

were received. On December 5, 2018, the Institute, in partnership with the Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR), Global Network of Religion for Children (GNRC), Epuka

Ugaidi, and Nuvision held the Lenga Ugaidi Na Talanta Winners Gala. Some of the key guests in attendance were the government spokesman. Eric Kiraithe, Lt. Col. Njuguna (KDF spokesman), Dr. Mustafa Y. Ali (HORN Institute Chairman), Dr. Hassan Khannenje (HORN Institute Director), and Ustadha Batuli Nassir (Committee Member, BRAVE). NTV and *Daily Nation* newspaper covered the event

The HORN Weekly Newsletter

In 2018, the Institute’s newsletter, ‘The HORN Weekly’, was sent 51 times to more than 1,200 subscribers. The newsletter contains articles, commentaries and information on wide range

of themes but mainly terrorism and violent extremism; defence and security; diplomacy and foreign policy; politics, governance and statecraft; and peacemaking and conflict management – the Institute’s key focus areas

Media Appearances

Throughout 2018, the HORN Institute continued to increase its visibility through media appearances. The Institute made advances in terms of outreach in both new and traditional media in the quest to inform policy. Dr. Mustafa Y. Ali, Dr. Hassan Khannenje, Dr. Mumo Nzau and Amb. Erastus Mwencha, (both members of HORN Council of Advisors), Sh. Ramadhan Aula (former Associate Director, Center for Study of Terrorism, Violent Extremism and Radicalization), and Roselyne Omondi, (Associate Director, Research), appeared on different leading local and international media discussing various issues.

Dr. Mustafa Y. Ali, Dr. Mumo Nzau and Dr. Hassan Khannenje appeared regularly on AmLive NTV and Africa Live on CGTN Africa to discuss emerging issues in the areas of terrorism and violent extremism, defence and security, diplomacy and foreign policy, politics, governance and statecraft, and peace-making and conflict management in the Horn of Africa.

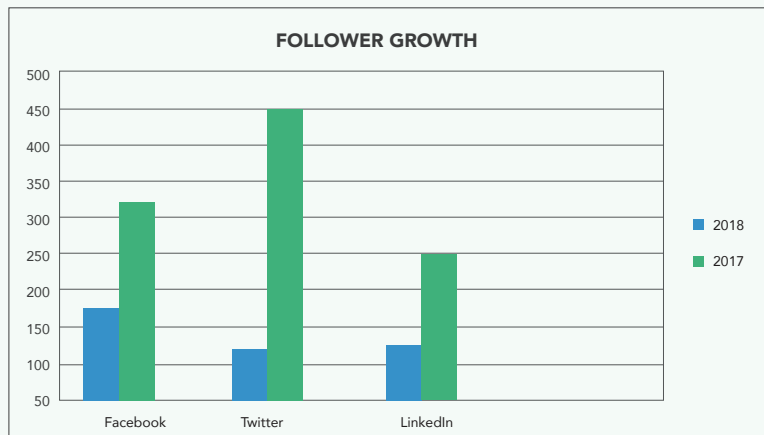
The experts also used these platforms to share the Institute’s ideas with the public. The Institute also expanded its presence in other television stations such as Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC), Kenya Television Network (KTN), Horizon TV, South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC), Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen (ZDF), and Kenyatta University TV (KUTV). Total TV appearances for the year 2018 were 82.

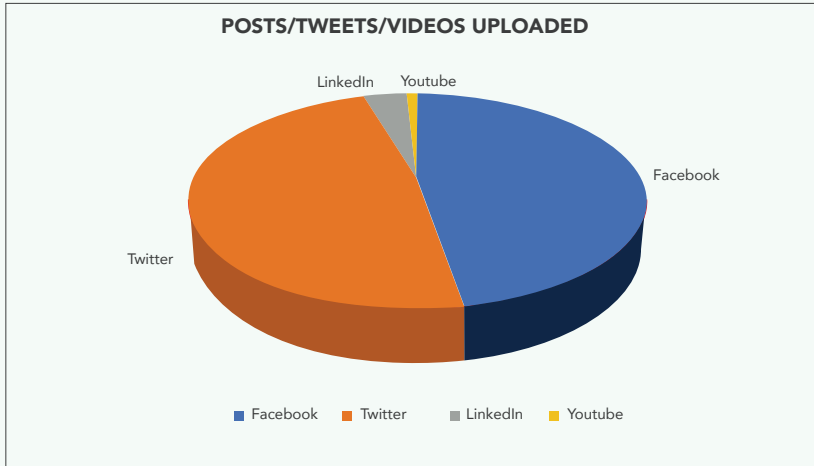




Social Media

The Institute increased its social media presence for its online audience. There was a marked follower growth and posts across all the platforms.





Book Volumes Launch

On November 23, 2018, the Institute launched two book volumes: *The Changing Dynamics of Terrorism and Violent Extremism: An Analysis (Volume I)* and *The Changing Dynamics of Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Policy and Practice (Volume II)*. The launch, which was held at Nairobi Serena Hotel, was attended by chapter contributors, diplomats, members of the civil society, media, and the HORN community.



A section of the audience during the launch of the two book volumes on November 23, 2018







IMPACT

International Conference on Terrorism and Violent Extremism

The HORN Institute held an international conference on terrorism and violent extremism held in Nairobi (Kenya). The theme of the conference was *The Changing Dynamics of Terrorism and Violent Extremism in Africa: Towards Effective Prevention and Counter-Terrorism Strategies*. The core objectives of this conference included to: provide a platform for exchange of ideas and experiences in countering terrorism and violent extremism in Africa; discuss changing trends in conflict and terrorist activities in the Middle East and its impact on the security of countries in the Horn of Africa region, Africa and the world at large; interrogate successes, failures, and shortcomings in the war against terrorism as well as develop policy reference frameworks and make

recommendations for fighting radicalization, terrorism, and violent extremism; and evaluate successful case studies on de-radicalization and countering violent extremism for purposes of adopting best practices.

The three-day conference brought together 130 participants comprising of scholars, practitioners in the Prevention and/or Counter-Terrorism (P/CVE) from over 25 countries around the world including representatives of governments, diplomats representing Australia, Oman, Egypt, Botswana, Serbia, Sudan, European Union, Qatar, Zimbabwe, Algeria, and Nigeria; media professionals, students, and members of the civil society.



Participants pose for a group photo during the International Conference on Terrorism and Violent Extremism organized by the HORN Institute on April 24-26, 2018

NCTC Conference Planning

The HORN Institute assisted in the preparation of an international conference titled 'Achieving Victory in the War against Al Qaeda Groups' held at a hotel in Nanyuki by National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC), Kenya. The HORN Institute was one of the key players in organizing the conference which was attended by representatives local and international, government agencies, donor communities, diplomatic corps and Kenyan and international researchers.

MFA Strategy Paper

The HORN Institute, represented by Dr. Hassan Khannenje, was invited by the Middle East Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) to present a strategy paper during the Directorate's retreat in Naivasha. The Ministry subsequently asked the HORN Institute to assist in developing a strategy 'White Paper' toward the Middle East region, a task that was successfully completed.

Development of County Action Plans

The Associate Director, Center for Study of Terrorism, Violent Extremism and Radicalization was granted an opportunity to be the Lead Consultant for the development Marsabit County Action Plan (CAP) to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism in October. The CAP is funded by the United Nation Development Programme (UNDP) and supported by the National Counter Terrorism Centre. In this regard, a detailed Inception Report, Work Plan and Expenditure Matrix and an Elaborate Desktop Review on Conflict dynamics in Upper Eastern was submitted to the funders of the project.

Validation Workshop

The Center for the Study of Terrorism, Violent Extremism and Radicalization and its affiliate organization - Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR) were represented in a research report validation workshop that was commissioned by Arigatou International,

Nairobi in a workshop of Muslim NGOs convened by Al Khair Foundation at Jamia Mosque. The aim of the meeting was to create a network of Muslim organizations to reduce duplication and promote collaboration.

CVE Champions Training

The Institute's affiliate, CSCR, implemented CVE Champions Training workshop for North Eastern on May 7 - 11, 2018. Two workshops were held in Garissa with targeted audience from Wajir and Garissa counties. The workshops were sponsored by NIWETU to pilot the training tool developed. There was also a report presentation meeting at NIWETU office on May 14, 2018.

Childcare Protection Symposium

The HORN Institute affiliate, CSCR, was represented at a symposium organized by the Association of Charitable Children Institutions in Kenya held at Multimedia University. The aim of the symposium was to provide a forum for all stakeholders involved in child protection to share their experiences, challenges and successes. The Chief Justice and the President

of the Judicial Commission of Kenya, Justice David Maraga, was the chief guest.

Researchers Roundtable

The Institute, represented by the director, participated in a researchers' roundtable on countering violent extremism held at the Rift Valley Institute, Nairobi (Kenya), in which researchers explored gaps in, and modalities for more practical CVE research.

TBI Consortium Workshop

The HORN Institute took part in the Tony Blair Institute Consortium Workshop in Nairobi to co-design a multi-year project titled 'Supporting Female Leaders'. TBI will co-fund the project pilot (year-one) and work with partners to secure appropriate funding for years two and three. Other invited organizations included UN Women, Woman Kind, Life and Peace Institute, ACT!, SUPKEM, and Coast Interfaith Council of Clerics. HORN Institute was represented by the Director, Dr. Hassan Khannenje, Associate Director of Terrorism, Violent Extremism, and Radicalization,



Participants during the Tony Blair Institute Consortium Workshop in Nairobi in May

Sh. Ramadhan Aula, and Ustadha Batuli Nassir, BRAVE Steering Committee member.

CSO Stakeholders Workshop

Under the auspices of Center for the Study of Terrorism, Violent Extremism and Radicalization, CSCR, in collaboration with Yaden, held CSO stakeholders workshop in June at the HORN Institute offices. The purpose was to engage CVE oriented CSOs from different areas to discuss brainstorm ahead of the two-day conference scheduled for July, 2018.



Sh. Ibrahim Lethome, a Sharia Law expert, makes a presentation during the CSO Stakeholders Workshop held at HORN Institute in June

In July, the HORN Institute's Center for Study of Terrorism, Violent Extremism and Radicalization participated in a meeting of Civil Society Organization's (CSOs) workshop at the InterContinental hotel in Nairobi. The meeting which brought together 67 CSOs sought to find ways that CSOs would fit within the national CT strategy. The IGAD sponsored meeting was organized by BRAVE and Yaden.

Zimbabwe Conference on Peace and Security

The Institute was represented at an International conference on Peace, Security and International Studies at the invitation of Zimbabwe National Defense University, in which the Director gave a Keynote address titled *Afro-Asian Peace and Security: Addressing Illegal Migration, Human Trafficking and Transnational Terrorism*. The conference was held in Zimbabwe on October 17 – 19, 2018. The conference, jointly organized

by University of Utara, Malaysia and Zimbabwe National Defense Forces (ZNDF), was attended by among others, Zimbabwe Minister of defence and, Chief of Staff of Zimbabwe Defense Forces.

Somalia Communication Strategy

The Institute participated in the validation of Somalia National Communication Mainstreaming Strategy on PCVE Workshop held at Sarova Stanley in Nairobi (Kenya). The



A group photo of participants during the validation workshop of Somalia National Mainstreaming Communication Strategy on PCVE in Nairobi

aim of the workshop was to familiarize stakeholders with the Somalia National Communication Mainstreaming Strategy, understand the steps involved in the development of the strategy, and critically evaluate the strategy before its implementation.

Think Tank Workshop

The HORN Institute, through its director, attended a workshop organized by the Kenya Institute of Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) on the *Role of Think Tanks in Advancing Kenya's Big Four Agenda*. The workshop discussed the possibility of think tank consortium, collaboration, and enhancing exchange and capacity building.

TBI P/CVE Proposed Design Workshop

The Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, HORN Institute and ACT! engaged in deliberations in anticipation for the grant

award on P/CVE research and intervention for a Proposed Design Workshop II in January, 2019. Themes discussed included selected community geographies; community CVE needs analysis; participant selection criteria; partners capability building/training needs analysis; participant training needs analysis; delivery schedule; delivery responsibilities and associated grant agreement and contractual arrangements.

Prevention of Violence in Madrassas

The Institute took part in the Prevention of Violence in Madrassas meeting to draw up a plan of activities geared toward elimination and prevention of violence against children in madrasa. Committee members had been identified in a workshop held in November 2017. The committee analyzed the resolutions arrived at in the previous workshop and agreed to develop a concrete concept that will form a basis for action.



OUTREACH AND PARTNERSHIPS

NIWETU Kick-off Meeting

The Institute, through its Center for Study of Terrorism, Violent Extremism and Radicalization, attended a kick-off meeting at NIWETU offices to discuss partnership in the upcoming activities in training community champions. Agreements to cement the partnership were signed during the meeting.

Closure of VE Project

In May, the Project Management Board convened at NCTC to discuss the closure of Strengthening Community's Resilience Against Radicalization and Violent Extremism project. The 2016/2017 project, which was funded by the Japanese Government, and concluded in June 2017 was officially closed during the meeting. As a member of the Board, HORN's affiliate, CSCR was represented by Sh. Ramadhan Aula.

PREVENT Pilot Project

HORN's affiliate, CSCR, attended a meeting with UNDP in their offices to discuss a new pilot project known as PREVENT. This is a



A group photo of participants during the PREVENT meeting at UNDP, Nairobi in May

regional program on PVE managed from Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), and will run in north eastern, upper eastern and coastal counties. The project had two activities: Support for Imam Summits to share experiences and develop strategies for countering violent extremism from the pulpit, and Training for Imams and Religious Leaders on the identification of potential ‘terror-cell recruiters’ who may use mosques and other places of worship as avenues for radicalization.

Courtesy Call by ICSVE and BBC

Dr. Anne Speckard, Director, and Dr. Ardian Shajkocvi, Senior Research Fellow and Director of Research at the International Centre for Study of Violent Extremism, and Tomi Oladipo, BBC Africa Security Correspondent visited the Institute in October 2018. They made deliberations with the HORN Institute staff on their research engagements, especially interviews and videos on counter-narratives done with imprisoned and captured *Daesh* fighters and their families in Iraq and Syria.



Dr. Anne Speckhard explains a point during a courtesy call visit by ICSVE and BBC at the HORN Institute in October

Oman and Qatar Embassy Partnership



Dr. Hassan Khannenje and officials from the Oman embassy during the Omani Exhibition at KICC, Nairobi in October

In October, the director of the HORN Institute met and discussed enhancing the relationship with both the Oman and Qatar through their ambassadors in Kenya during the Omani Exhibition at Kenyatta International Convention Centre, Nairobi.

Somalia Roundtable

In November 2018, the Institute held a low-key, but productive roundtable discussion on Somalia. The objective of the meeting was to convene a team of experts and practitioners on Somalia and share knowledge and experiences on the security situation in Somalia. Additionally, it was meant to foster a stronger network of experts on Somalia. Four key guests took part in the discussion which also included HORN Institute staff: Judith Gotz from United Nations in Somalia; Gayatri Sahgal from RUSI; Abdullahi Hassan from Amnesty International and Abdiwahab Sheikh from SouthLink.



Abdiwahab (Left), Director and Senior Consultant at SouthLink makes his contribution during a discussion on Somalia at the HORN Institute in November

Scholars Visit



A group photo with Dr. Essam El-Bashir and Dr. Ibrahim Tijany at the HORN Institute in January

Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR) and BRAVE network engaged influential Muslim scholars – Dr. Essam Ahmad El-Bashir, Prof. Ibrahim Noorain Ibrahim, and Dr. Tijany Ibrahim – from Sudan in an effort to bolster counter-violent extremism initiatives in Kenya. The lectures and discussions took place in Nairobi and Mombasa counties and the scholars engaged local prominent sheikhs,

Muslim organizations, government officials, interfaith religious leaders, youth, and women. The scholars paid a courtesy call to the HORN Institute’s Center for the Study of Terrorism, Violent Extremism and Radicalization.

Life and Peace Institute Visit

In March, the HORN Institute met with Dr. Dereje Feyissa, Director of Research, Life and Peace Institute, Addis Ababa, at the HORN Institute in Nairobi, to discuss successes of the BRAVE program in countering violent extremism.

NIWETU Community Champions

The Institute, through its affiliate, CSCR, applied for a grant from NIWETU to carry out a pilot project - training of community champions.

Selected champions from Isiolo, Nairobi, and members of staff from NIWETU and BRICS, participated in the training. The objectives of the training were to review Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism at the global, regional and national levels; violent extremism

in Kenya; challenges and opportunities in PCVE; and, finally, explain and propose application of the “Kotter Model” within the CVE landscape.

The Institute also took part in NIWETU Partners’ Learning in April. This training was organized by NIWETU on behalf of HORN’S implementing affiliates and took place on April 18 and 19, 2018. It aimed at broadening NIWETU partners’ knowledge about NIWETU, and engaging NIWETU partners in critically looking at the issues around CVE. The issue of CVE organizations working as a team within various counties was emphasized.

As a partner of NIWETU, HORN’s affiliate CSCR, was invited to meet the USAID CVE Senior Advisor from Washington, Mr. Mark Mayor, on May 9, 2018 at NIWETU office during a fact-finding mission to assess effectiveness of the CVE programs in Kenya.

NCTC Tanzania Lecture

The director of the HORN Institute gave a lecture on the role of research in countering violent extremism to NCTC Tanzania. The Institute also used this opportunity to showcase the activities by Center for Study of Terrorism, Violent Extremism and Radicalization through its affiliate CSCR in countering violent extremism. Consequently, the Institute was asked to extend its training expertise to Tanzania.

Japanese Officials Visit

Mr. Yuichi Uchida, a Japanese Embassy official in charge of countering violent extremism efforts, visited the HORN Institute in which they

discussed areas of potential collaborations and partnerships with the HORN’s relevant centers with the Institute’s director.

HORN/TBI Meeting

The HORN Institute met with the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change (TBI) in May. This was a follow up to the meeting held previously regarding possible partnerships. A project, focusing on women empowerment in countering violent extremism to be jointly conceived and implemented by the HORN Institute and TBI was proposed. It will begin with a workshop to be conducted in Kenya by TBI in late July.

A Brief for Australia Delegation

Under the invitation of the Australian Ambassador Madam Allison Charters, the director of the HORN Institute met a delegation of visiting Australian MPs at the InterContinental Hotel where he briefed them on the political and security situation in the Horn of Africa. The Ambassador lauded the partnership between the HORN Institute and the Australian Mission in East Africa.

FSA Partnership

The Institute was invited by the Foreign Service Academy (FSA) to assist in drafting guidelines for foreign policy research and analysis. The Institute and the Foreign Service Academy discussed strengthening the relationship through a Memorandum of Understanding to guide future engagements. The five-day exercise was represented by Dr. Khannenje.

Supporting Leaders Programme

In August, the Institute discussed the progress made toward realizing the Supporting Leaders Programme with the Tony Blair Institute (TBI).

In the same month, the Institute's research department met with Lea Tired, a representative of the EU Delegation. They introduced the Institute and discussed possible partnership or co-operation pathways.

Lenga Ugaidi na Talanta

The HORN Institute, Building Resilience Against Violent Extremism (BRAVE), Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR), Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC), in collaboration with Nuvision and Epuka Ugaidi officially launched the season two of Lenga Ugaidi na Talanta 2018 under the theme 'Fighting Terrorism Through Art'.

Visit by Strategy for Northern Development

In October, Mr. Dida Ibrahim Ali, Programme Coordinator for the Strategy for Northern Development, a Non-Governmental Organization headquartered in Moyale, and active in the County of Marsabit, paid a courtesy call to the Institute. Deliberations on the state of trans-border conflicts and prevalence of Violent Extremism in the County were made and possibilities of collaboration in near future discussed.

CVE Expert Visit

Dr. Steve Ouma Akoth, a seasoned CVE County Action Plan developer, visited the Institute in October. He will partner with Dr. Halkano Wario, the Lead Consultant, to the Marsabit P/CVE County Action Plan.



Eric Kiraithe, Kenya government spokesman, giving his remarks during the Lenga ugaidi na Talanta Gala in December

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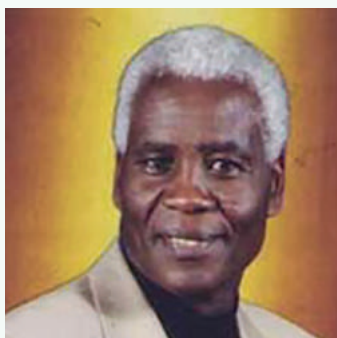
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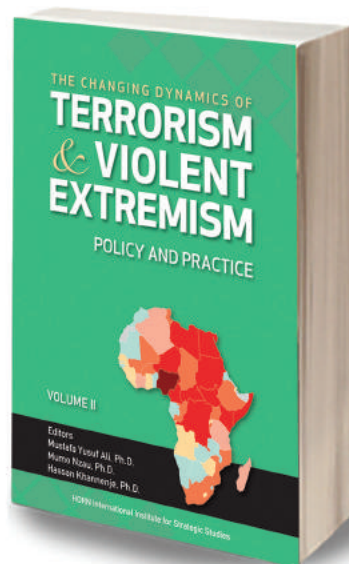
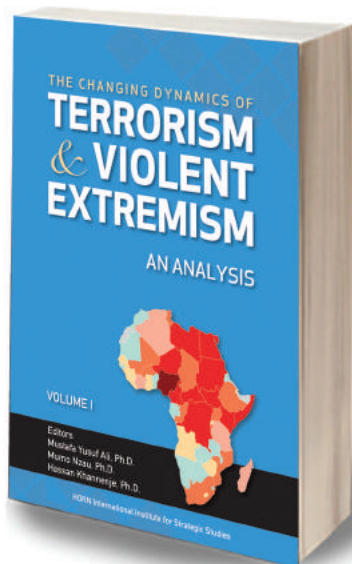
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2018 in Pictures





New Book Release



THE CHANGING DYNAMICS OF TERRORISM AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM: AN ANALYSIS (VOLUME I)

Terrorism and violent extremism remain pervasive and massively lethal to humanity. Their dynamism and numerous inflection points have made it problematic to employ a one-size-fits-all approach or strategy. Scholars and practitioners have, however, continued to enrich this discourse, and The Changing Dynamics of Terrorism and Violent Extremism: An Analysis (Volume I) is the first of the two-book volumes series conceived from an international conference on terrorism and violent extremism organized by the HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies in April 2018 in Nairobi (Kenya) in an attempt to address this problem.

The volume contains ten chapters and it presents a comprehensive analysis of terrorism through a broader perspective that includes digital explosion and rise of youth radicalization; radicalization into violent extremism; human rights violations and international terrorism; effectiveness of counter-terrorism strategies; and informal early warning systems. It concludes with a critical reflection on key themes in the volume and their implications for policy and practice. This book will be of interest to scholars, policymakers, and students of terrorism and violent extremism, security, and conflict.

Editors: Mustafa Y. Ali, Ph.D., Mumo Nzau, Ph.D., and Hassan Khannenje, Ph.D.

THE CHANGING DYNAMICS OF TERRORISM AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM: POLICY AND PRACTICE (VOLUME II)

The debate on how to effectively counter terrorism has been pushed into the forefront of policymaking deliberations, and Africa, and the world at large, would greatly benefit from the continued conversation on this subject. Prevention of terrorism requires careful, meticulous, and dispassionate evaluation of current strategies and approaches to inform the design and implementation of new policies. This volume is the second of a two-book volumes series conceived from an international conference on terrorism and violent extremism organized by the HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies in April 2018 in Nairobi (Kenya).

This ten-chapter volume speaks to policy issues ranging from evolution of violent extremism in Islam; the role of the youth in the prevention of violent extremism; protection of critical infrastructure; analysis of state responses to terrorism and violent extremism; to case studies on countering violent extremism. Its conclusion underscores the import of evidence-based and context-specific policy formulation. This volume provides a comprehensive reference reservoir for practitioners, scholars, students, and others working in the realm of terrorism and violent extremism.

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