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LAUNCH OF “STEPPING UP SOLUTIONS TO ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ASIA AND PACIFIC” IN VIET NAM

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In September 2017, UN Women and the United Nations Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate co-hosted two regional workshops for South Asia and South-East Asia to share experiences and good practices in identifying terrorist narratives and countering incitement and violent extremism, with an emphasis on community-based approaches and strategies in both on-line and off-line spaces... Read more ▶

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UN Women, ASEAN Secretariat, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and Ministry of Manpower of the Republic of Indonesia hosted a Policy Dialogue focused on how the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) affects women migrant workers. The dialogue was based on the key findings of the study on Women Migrant Workers in the AEC by UN Women, ASEAN Secretariat, FES and the Ministry which finds that when women are able to participate as equal beneficiaries of sustainable development, ASEAN society and economy will grow stronger... Read more ▶

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