

Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism seeks Executive Director



Terrorism is an attack on open societies and one of the truly urgent issues of our time. Addressing threats presented by terrorists and violent extremists both online and off present critical challenges for all of us.

Launched in 2017, the mission of the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT) is to prevent terrorists and violent extremists from exploiting digital platforms. The original Forum was led by its four founding member companies—Facebook, Microsoft, Twitter and YouTube—and focused on knowledge-sharing, technical collaboration and shared research.

Building on that early success and cognizant of terrorists' determined and increasingly sophisticated efforts to abuse digital platforms, the GIFCT was recently established as an independent, not-for-profit organization. The GIFCT now seeks an Executive Director to take the organization into the new decade, focused on the Forum's core mission, global membership expansion and multi-stakeholder engagement.

The Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT) seeks an experienced Executive Director to advance its mission to prevent terrorists and violent extremists from exploiting digital platforms. The Executive Director will be responsible for all aspects of GIFCT's substantive and operational work, involving a wide range of stakeholders, including:

- Fostering collaboration among existing industry members and growing and delivering programs for them
- Recruiting and involving new corporate members
- Soliciting and incorporating input and feedback from civil society and government advisors, including the GIFCT's Independent Advisory Committee
- Engaging foundations and philanthropic organizations, and
- Raising awareness among key stakeholders.

GIFCT was formally established in July 2017 as a group of companies dedicated to disrupting terrorists' abuse of members' digital platforms. GIFCT is being re-established as an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization capable of

sustaining and deepening industry collaboration and capacity, while incorporating the advice of key civil society and government stakeholders. In addition to managing existing GIFCT programs, the new Executive Director will be responsible for hiring staff and developing foundational operations and business practices for a newly independent organization with global scope, including logistical, staffing and administrative requirements.

GIFCT's core operational budget will be sustained by its members—particularly the founding companies of Facebook, Microsoft, Twitter, and YouTube. In addition, the Executive Director will be expected to engage foundations and the philanthropic community when joint funding for bespoke projects may be appropriate to enhance GIFCT's impact.

The ideal candidate will be expert at organizational management, have a background in national security issues and a clear understanding of how terrorist and violent extremist organizations use digital platforms, as well as the ability to juggle divergent interests and

perspectives from multiple stakeholders. Applicants should understand the challenges that technology companies of all sizes have in addressing terrorists' and violent extremists' misuse of member platforms and be capable of integrating divergent needs into a coherent and sustainable organizational program. The ideal candidate will recognize and be able to balance the importance of reducing the harm associated with content and behavior on technology platforms with society's expectations for privacy, as well as principles of free expression and other fundamental rights.

Qualifications

- 15+ years in senior leadership roles within national security, technology, non-profit, or start-up organizations
- A stellar leadership track record, ideally in government, the private sector, or civil society
- Significant knowledge of or operational experience with counterterrorism, countering violent extremism, cyber security and/or technology policy issues and how they interact with human rights standards and institutions
- Proven track record in operations, communications, and complex stakeholder management
- Experience engaging with boards of directors, senior technology company leaders, government officials, civil society and academia in national and international fora, and
- Bachelors' degree or equivalent is required, post-graduate study welcomed.

Background on the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism

A white paper describing the new structure and strategic focus of the GIFCT is available [HERE](#).



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