

Introducing GIFCT Year 3 Working Group Outputs

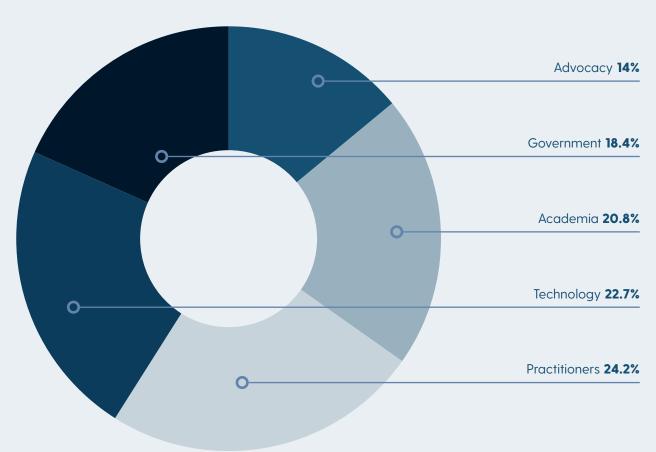
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In November 2022, GIFCT launched its Year 3 Working Groups to facilitate dialogue, foster understanding, and produce outputs to directly support our mission of preventing terrorists and violent extremists from exploiting digital platforms across a range of sectors, geographies, and disciplines. Started in 2020, GIFCT Working Groups contribute to growing our organizational capacity to deliver guidance and solutions to technology companies and practitioners working to counter terrorism and violent extremism.

Overall, this year's five thematic Working Groups convened 207 participants from 43 countries across six continents with 59% drawn from civil society (14% advocacy organizations, 20.8% academia, and 24.2% practitioners),18.4% representing governments, and 22.7% in tech.

WG Participants

Sectoral Breakdown



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Beginning in November 2022, GIFCT Year 3 Working Groups focused on the following themes and outputs:

- Refining Incident Response: Building Nuance and Evaluation Frameworks: This Working Group
 explored incident response processes and protocols of tech companies and the GIFCT resulting
 in a handbook. The handbook provides guidance on how to better measure and evaluate
 incident response around questions of transparency, communication, evaluation metrics, and
 human rights considerations.
- 2. Blue Teaming: Alternative Platforms for Positive Intervention: After recognizing a gap in the online intervention space, this GIFCT Working Group focused on highlighting alternative platforms through a tailored playbook of approaches to further PVE/CVE efforts on a wider diversity of platforms. This included reviewing intervention tactics for approaching alternative social media platforms, gaming spaces, online marketplaces, and adversarial platforms.
- 3. Red Teaming: Assessing Threat and Safety by Design: Looking at how the tech landscape is evolving in the next two to five years, this GIFCT Working Group worked to identify, and scrutinizes risk mitigation aspects of newer parts of the tech stack through a number of short blog posts, highlighting where safety-by-design efforts should evolve.
- 4. Legal Frameworks: Animated Explainers on Definitions of Terrorism and Violent Extremism: This Working Group tackled questions around definitions of terrorism along with the impact that they have on minority communities through the production of two complementary animated videos. The videos are aimed to support the global counterterrorism and counter violent extremism community in understanding, developing, and considering how they may apply definitions of terrorism and violent extremism.
- 5. Frameworks for Meaningful Transparency: In an effort to further the tech industry's continued commitment to transparency, this Working Group composed a report outlining the current state of play, various perspectives on barriers and risks around transparency reporting. While acknowledging the challenges, the Working Group provided cross sectoral views on what an ideal end state of meaningful transparency would be, along with guidance on ways to reach it.

We at GIFCT are grateful for all of the participants' hard work, time, and energy given to this year's Working Groups and look forward to what our next iteration will bring.

To see how Working Groups have evolved you can access Year One themes and outputs **HERE** and Year Two **HERE**

2022-2023 Participant Affiliations

Government and	Tech Companies	Advocacy Organizations	 Academia	Practitioners and Researchers
Intergovernmental Organizations	recir companies	Advocacy Organizations	Academia	Trucinioners una Researchers
Aqaba Process	Airbnb	Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	American International University	Accelerationism Research Consortium (ARC)
Australian Department of Home Affairs	Amazon	ARTICLE 19	Georgia State University	Africa Peace Building Club
Australian eSafety Commissioner	BitChute	Australian Muslim Advocacy Network	Harvard University	Alliance Nationale des Consommateurs et de l'Environnement (ANCE-Togo)
Australian Government (Department of Home Affairs)	Checkstep Ltd	Center for Democracy and Technology	International Institute for Counter Terrorism (ICT)	Brookings Institute
Australian Home Affairs	Clubhouse	Digital Grassroots	Kenyatta University (Center for Al and Digital Policy)	Building Blocks for Peace Foundation
Australian Parliament	Discord	Digital Medusa	Leiden University	Center for Monitoring
Canadian Government	Dropbox	Dignity in Difference	Northwestern University	CIVIPOL
Commonwealth Secretariat	Google	Education Endowment Foundation	Ozyegin University	Cyber Security Experts Association of Nigeria
Council of Europe (Criminal Law and Counter-Terrorism Division)	JustPaste.it	European Center for Not-for- Profit Law (ECNL)	Presbyterian University Ghana	CyberPeace Institute
NZ Government (Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet)	MEGA	Security and Crisis Centre by EJC	Rongo University	Digital Industry Group Inc
European Union Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs	Meta	Extremely Together	Royal United Services Institute	European Forum for Urban Security
Europol	Microsoft	Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand (FINAZ)	Sapienza University	Extremism and Gaming Research Network (EGRN)
Government of Slovakia (Counter Terrorism Unit)	Niantic	Future of India Foundation	South Asian University	Glitterpill
Iraqi Prime Minister Office	TikTok	Global Network Initiative	Swansea University	Global Center on Cooperative Security
Kenyan Police	Tremau	IKM Advocates	The University of Edinburgh	Global Network on Extremism and Technology (GNET)
PEReN - French Government	Twitch	Internet Society (ISOC)	University of Auckland	GoodBot
Public Safety Canada	Twitter	Internet Society of Nigeria	University of California, Berkeley	Helsinki Deaconess Foundation
Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs	Uber	Netsafe	University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)	Helsinki Deaconess Foundation
Royal Canadian Mounted Police	YouTube	Platform for Peace and Humanity	University of Cape Coast	Human Digital

U.K. Government Ofcom	Zoom	Southern Poverty Law Center	University of Ghana	Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD)
U.S. Agency for International Development		Take This	University of Leeds	International Center for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT)
U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Science & Technology Directorate)		The Action Coalition on Meaningful Transparency	University of Limoges	KizBasnia
U.S. Department of State		WMM Advocates	University of Maryland (START)	La Conviviencia
U.S. House of Representatives			University of Neapolis Pafos-Cyprus	Lafayette Group
UNCTED			University of Paris	Love Frankie
UNHCR			University of Professional Studies Ghana	M&C Saatchi
UNODC			University of South Wales	Memetica
			University of Waterloo	Moonshot
			University of Waterloo Peace Research Institute Frankfurt	Mythos Labs
			Victoria University of Wellington	Online Safety Exchange
				Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE FoM)
				Peace Geeks
				Peace Research Institute Frankfurt
				Point72
				Policy Center for the New South
				Suli Insights
				Tech Against Terrorism
				The Global Disinformation Index
				The International Center for the Study of Radicalization
				The Peacemaker Corps Foundation Kenya
				Tiaki Akoako
				Tony Blaire Institute
				Wahid Institute
				Wasafiri
				Xcyber Group