

# Press Releases: Conference on Mobilizing Law Enforcement Efforts to Defeat ISIS

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The Department of State, in cooperation with INTERPOL and the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law, will host an International Conference on Mobilizing Law Enforcement Efforts to Defeat ISIS in Washington, DC, on February 27-28, 2018. The conference will bring together senior-level justice and law enforcement officials, and their diplomatic counterparts responsible for counterterrorism, from approximately 90 countries and organizations.

Although ISIS has lost nearly all of its former territory in Iraq and Syria, we cannot underestimate the evolving threat ISIS networks and local adherents pose elsewhere. While we will continue our efforts to ensure that ISIS is militarily defeated, it is increasingly important that we also mobilize justice and law enforcement agencies around the world to neutralize ISIS's other incarnations.

Conference participants will seek to establish a common understanding of the depth and breadth of the evolving ISIS global threat, and discuss how we can enhance law enforcement and other civilian tools to counter ISIS, including watchlists, information sharing, biometrics, criminal laws, and the tracking of terrorist finances. The conference will also identify specific actions to help countries disrupt potential attacks, and further strengthen unity of purpose.

The discussions over the two-day conference will build on our existing strategy and lay the foundation for the next phase in our effort as we work to confront the evolving ISIS threat.

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