Women Voices of Reason to Counter Violent Extremism in Tunisia
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Since 2011 Tunisia has known an unstable social climate. Violence and extremism have been present in the citizen’s lives almost constantly. Fighting all forms of radicalization and terrorism has been a priority within the Tunisian civil society; everyone have to collaborate to eliminate all forms of activities and ideas that threaten the social, economic development and political security as the first victims are women and youth. Tunisia adopted a national strategy including women and youth, that needs to be developed by all partners.

Given this background, The Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR) is including fighting violence and violent extremism in its strategy related to women empowerment. Dr Soukeina Bouraoui, CAWTAR’s Executive Director points out that “Most of the time, for the media, women and youth are first victims of violent extremism, and not present them enough as active actors preventing this threat”.

In this context, The Center of Arab Women for Training and research, in collaboration with The National Tunisian Anti-terrorism Commission and the US Embassy in Tunis is organizing a workshop on “Women Voices of Reason to Counter Violent Extremism in Tunisia” on December 21\textsuperscript{st} and 22\textsuperscript{nd}. Five sessions over 2 days’ Workshop discuss topics based on scientific evidences, experiences and lessons learned from the field on how to counter violent extremism.

In addition to the Workshop, CAWTAR launched a call for scientific papers to highlight and improve tools and mechanisms guiding the civil society to change and counter violent extremism.

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