

Abstract

Counter Terrorism Strategic Early Warning: The JCTC Journey **Yeong Gah Hou, Director, Joint Counter Terrorism Centre, Prime Minister's Office, Singapore**

This presentation provides an overview of the development of JCTC's Strategic Early Warning (SEW) Programme since 2005. It highlights the challenges in setting up an early warning programme, the lessons learnt as well as the way forward for JCTC.

Driven by its mandate to provide senior decision makers with early warning of emergent terrorism-related issues, JCTC has built up an SEW Programme from 2005. In its efforts, JCTC has leveraged off the Risk Assessment and Horizon Scanning (RAHS) programme run by its sister agency, the National Security Coordination Centre, drawing on RAHS conceptual approaches, analytical tools as well as information management applications. A core principle of JCTC's SEW programme is to constantly engage its stakeholders in interpreting developments in a domain of security interest, as well as in helping to establish the likelihood of an emergent issue developing into a security concern.