



**KENYA COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTRE**  
**COAST REGIONAL ANTI-RADICALIZATION MEETING**  
**25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2010**

**Introduction:**

Kenya Community Support Centre (KECOSCE) with support from the British High Commission has been implementing a Coast Youth Mentoring Project in Lamu, Malindi, Mombasa, Kwale and Msambweni districts of the Coast of Kenya. The project's purpose is strengthening youth resilience towards radicalisation for peace and security in the region. Over the past one year the project has created awareness on the negative impact of violent radicalisation, extremism and developed the capacity of the youth in the above districts to prevent and reject attempts, theories and narratives by radical extremists. Our key success has been increased awareness on the negative impact of radicalisation and extremism among young people, , increased participation of youth in the ongoing reforms especially the reforms under Agenda 4 including the ongoing constitutional reforms, reduction in the number of youth participating in violence and the increase in the number of youth participating in peace building events in the four districts and participation of young people in policy dialogues with public offices, leaders and provincial administration. Consultative dialogues with key religious leaders and anti-radicalization talks spearheaded by religious experts have facilitated deeper understanding of young people on religious tenets and enabled them to identify extremist propaganda calculated along religious lines to win the youth to joint violent radical groups.

KECOSCE is organizing a regional meeting to bring together about 300 youth drawn from the participating districts, political leaders, religious leaders, top government officials and diplomats to share information, build partnerships and develop joint strategies to prevent radicalisation in our region and to address factors and causes of radicalisation for sustained peace and stability not just in the Coast region but also in Kenya.

The event will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 and plans are underway to invite the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister and H. E. The British High Commissioner to grace the event and address young people on their respective government's policies and programmes to address causes of radicalization and support programmes.

Prior to the regional meeting, there will be public awareness and education build up road show starting in Kwale to Mombasa and its environs (with anti-radicalisation messages and stop-over at identified areas for a debate on anti-radicalisation facilitated by known and respected religious leaders and scholars.

Please register your activity for the build up events with the undersigned by 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2010

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