

Empowering Communities to Prevent

Radicalization Among Youth

**A Single Country Program: Spain**

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PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVES

The Department of State has outlined the following specific objectives for the project:

* Discuss how different sectors of American society work together to resist and counter violent extremism, including the media, government, academia, civil society, religious communities, secular organizations, and the private sector.
* Provide participants with a deeper understanding of how the U.S. addresses issues of identity-building, tolerance, civic participation, and radicalization prevention as well as its approach to integrating marginalized populations.
* Facilitate discussions with community, business, and government leaders regarding their efforts to engage key influential leaders such as women, religious leaders, and youth in changing the narrative of violence.
* Provide participants with an understanding of CVE-related law enforcement and community engagement strategies.

PARTICIPANTS LIST

**Ms. Nawal Al LUCH MOHATAR**

Member, Executive Board of Islamic Commission of Melilla

**Mr. Abdelkamil MOHAMED**

President, El Principe Alfonso Neighborhood Association

**Mr. Karim MOHAMED**

Social Mediator for the City of Ceuta, Principe Alfonso Neighborhood

**Ms. Anna TEIXIDOR COLOMER**

Editor, Televisio de Catalunya (TV3)

*Name:* **Ms. Nawal Al LUCH MOHATAR**

*Present Position:* Member, Executive Board of Islamic Commission of Melilla

*Concurrent Position:* Certified Nurse

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*Languages:*  Spanish (native), English

*Professional Background:*   Ms. Nawal Al Luch is a certified nurse continuing post-graduate education and also an Executive Board Member of the Islamic Commission of Melilla. Here she is responsible for coordinating a volunteer team paying special attention to the needs of youth in the marginalized neighborhoods such as La Canada of the Spanish enclave of Melilla. In addition, Ms. Al Luch conducts administrative work related to seminars and congresses sponsored by the Commission.

*Name:* **Mr. Abdelkamil MOHAMED**

*Present Position:* Customer Service Technician, Amgevicesa

Ceuta, Public Parking Authority

*Concurrent Position:* President, Association of El Principe Alfonso

*Previous Positions:* Other positions with Amgevicesa Ceuta

*Education and training:* Emergency Response training from Ceuta’s Emergency Response Center, 2012

Telephone Emergency Response training, Ceuta’s Emergency Response Center, 2009

 AMGEVICESA Effective Communication training, 2009

 Vocational training as Administrative and Commercial Specialist, 2004

*Memberships:* President, Association of El Principe Alfonso Neighborhood, 2009 -- 2017

Association in Support of Unemployed in El Principe, 2013 -- 2015

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*Languages:*  Spanish (native), Darija (native)

*Professional Background:*   Mr. Abdelkamil Mohamed serves as a community liaison to government and law enforcement for the *El Principe* neighborhood where he lives. He lobbies for social services, infrastructure, and education. With a high crime rate and limited employment opportunities, El *Principe’s* youth have been vulnerable to radicalization.

*Name:* **Mr. Karim MOHAMED**

*Present Position:* Social Mediator, El Principe Alfonso Neighborhood

*Previous Positions:* Administrative Assistant, Alumninr, SL

 Administrative Assistant, Ceuta Office of Ethnic Affairs

 Administrative Assistant, A.S. Company

*Education and Training:* Sports Trainer accreditation, Ceuta Football Federation, 2000

 Multicultural Diversification Awareness, Federation of Religious Entities of Spain, 1999

 Secondary Education, Siete Colinas High School, 1995

*Memberships:* President, La Union youth group

 Secretary, Association of Principe Alfonso Neighborhood

Secretary, Youth and Social Movement of the Izquierda Unida, party in Ceuta

*Languages:*  Spanish (native), Darija (native) Basic English

*Professional Background:*   Mr. Karim Mohamed is a community leader in Ceuta, where he advocates for community members before social services and acts as an intermediary with government and service providers. As a community leader, he works with public service employees in his neighborhood, educators, parents, and NGOs. .

*Name:* **Ms. Anna Teixidor Colomer**

*Present Position:* Editor, Televisio de Catalunya (TV3)

*Previous Position:* History and geography teacher, Regional Department of Education, 2007 -- 2013

*Education and Training:* Ph.D., Social Communications, Pompeu Fabra University, 2013

B.A., Journalism, Pompeu Fabra University, 2002

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*U.S. Travel:* New York, Washington, D.C.

*Other Travel:* Argentina, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Gambia, India, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Myanmar, Nigeria, Palestinian Territories, Peru, Syria, Thailand, Vietnam,

*Professional Background:*   Ms. Ann Teixidor Colomer works both as a daily news reporter for a Catalonian TV station, specializing in social issues, and also as an investigative journalist. Since 2010, she has examined the situation of Muslim communities in Spain and how radical Islam expanded. Her work is included in daily news programs and has also been featured in a 30-minute documentary called, *In Search of Paradise.* Her investigative work also led to writing a book entitled, *Warriors in the Name of Allah: From Catalonia to Jihad.*