

Concept Note
Global Focal Point on Police, Justice and Correction side event in the margins of the High Level
Thematic Debate on Peace and Security

Thursday 12 May 2016

15:00-16:00, UN Secretariat, Conference Room 10

Background:

The year 2015 was marked by three major reviews of United Nations peace and security efforts and operations - its peace operations¹, the peacebuilding architecture², and progress in implementing Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security³. These processes collectively put prevention and peacebuilding at the center of United Nations efforts, stressing the primacy of political solutions and sustainable peaceful settlements and the interlinkages with efforts to advance sustainable development articulated in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In his response to the recommendations of the High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations in September 2015, the Secretary-General highlighted the importance of integrated approaches and announced his intention to accelerate the establishment of platforms for coordinated work in cross-cutting areas. One model for such coordination is the *Global Focal Point (GFP) for the police, justice and corrections areas in the rule of law in post-conflict and other crisis situations*, which brings together the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, UN Women, UNODC and others to respond efficiently and predictably to country-level requests for guidance, skill sets and financial resources.

Objective:

Against this background, Australia, DPKO and UNDP are organizing a side event in the margins of the High-Level Thematic Debate on Peace and Security, to reflect on how models such as the GFP arrangement enhance the predictability, coherence, accountability and effectiveness of UN assistance. The event will bring together representatives from DPKO, UNDP, other GFP partners, Member States, civil society and think tanks to discuss how the UNCT contributes to implementing mission mandates in the areas of rule of law, security and human rights.

Agenda:

- Introductions Dr. Almut Wieland-Karimi (Director ZIF) (Chair)
- Statement H.E. Ambassador Gillian Bird, Permanent Representative of Australia
- Statement by Assistant Secretary-General Magdy Martinez-Soliman (UNDP)
- Statement by Assistant Secretary-General Dmitry Titov (DPKO)
- Discussion (Q&A)
- Closing statement by Chair

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¹ Challenge of Sustaining Peace: Report of the Advisory Group of Experts on the Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture (AGE), 29 June 2015, A/69/968-S/2015/490

² Report of the High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations on uniting our strengths for peace: politics, partnership and people (HIPPO), 16 June 2015, A/70/95-S/2015/446 (para. 152)

³ S/RES/1325 (2000) adopted on 31 October 2000.