Overview


The overarching objectives for the Commission in 2012 will continue to be: enhancing its impact in the field and strengthening its relations with key actors at the Headquarters. In this context, there is also need to place particular emphasis on improving the effectiveness of its configurations. The following represents a roadmap of actions aimed at meeting these objectives.

I. Impact in the field

A. Resource mobilization and partnerships

1. Develop partnerships around limited, clearly defined projects with relevant stakeholders in the field including through South-South and Triangular Cooperation, the World Bank and African Development Bank in support of socio-economic programmes in countries under PBC consideration, including for (a) the reintegration of groups that were marginalized by conflict; and (b) employment generation particularly youth employment. (Action: CSCs and OC for strategic direction)

2. Explore ways to support countries on the agenda develop its capacity to attract new resources and build partnerships with international actors, including through development of resource mobilisation toolkits/guides for engaging with these actors. (Action: CSCs)

3. Explore channels for new partnerships with philanthropic organizations and the private sector and exchange lessons learned and best practices. (Action: OC, CSCs, WGLL)

4. Improve the synergies between the PBC and the PBF in relevant areas while implementing the priority tasks (Action: CSC, OC)

B. Support to national ownership and capacity-building

5. Monitor and make recommendations on the implementation of the Secretary-General’s Civilian Capacity Review and assess its practical implications for national capacity-
building in critical peacebuilding priority areas and explore and follow up on opportunities for joint country-level engagement. While doing so, ensure that the basic principles of national ownership are strictly followed (Action: OC, CSCs).

6. Identify and support mechanisms for South-South cooperation and experience-sharing, including between countries on the agenda. (Action: OC, CSCs, WGLL)

II. At Headquarters

A. Relationships with principal organs

1. Security Council members of the Organizational Committee to make recommendations on opportunities for engagement building on the outcome and recommendations of the WGLL meeting of 14 December 2011 on partnership between the PBC and the Council. (Action: OC)

2. General Assembly members of the Organizational Committee to make recommendations on opportunities for engagement. (Action: OC)

3. Continue to strengthen thematic and cross-cutting interactions with ECOSOC with increased focus on the socio-economic dimension of peacebuilding. (Action: OC)

B. Enhancing coordination

4. Participate periodically in relevant Integrated Task Forces (ITFs) or other existing country-specific mechanisms involving UN operational actors. (Action: Chairs of CSCs)

5. Convene periodic meetings with the Senior Peacebuilding Group to address broader policy issues affecting coherence in the field. (Action: PBC Chairs’ Group)

6. Explore other channels for engagement with UN Secretariat and agencies. (Action: OC)

III. Working Methods

A. Rules of Procedure

1. Revisit the Provisional Rules of Procedure, as necessary, in order to enhance and measure PBC’s efficiency and success in carrying out its mandates. (Action: OC)

2. Address the procedure for selection of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairs and Chairs of CSCs and WGLL. (Action: OC)

B. Instruments of Engagement

3. Explore options and criteria for transition of the instruments and forms of engagements on the basis of assessed progress and evolving needs. (Action: CSCs, OC, WGLL)

4. Develop clear benchmarks/indicators to assess progress against specific commitments in the instruments of engagement and agree on a work-plan to take this forward. (Action: CSCs, WGLL)

5. Assess the impact of new modalities for synergy with PBF, including the Expanded Priority Plans. (Action: CSCs)

C. Relationship with the UN in the field

6. Develop close, continuous, and transparent working relationships with the S/ERSGs and UNCTs in the field, including being prepared to provide political back-stopping. (Action: CSCs)
D. Communications

7. Develop a communications strategy aimed at branding the PBC, disseminating knowledge about its engagement and manage expectations about its role and value added. This will include web-based solutions for exchanging and engaging a wider interested community in PBC-related issues. (Action: OC, CSCs)

IV. Policy development

A. Complementarity with global initiatives

1. Examine the implications of the outcome of the Fourth High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, in Busan (the New Deal), in particular with respect to the broader implications of the adopted Peace and State-building Goals; and the relationship between the suggested “compacts” and the existing PBC instruments of engagements (SFs and SMCs). (Action: OC, CSCs)

B. Regional approach

2. Promote the co-ordination and harmonisation of regional initiatives and strategies for tackling transnational organised crime and illicit drug trafficking and discuss the process of national implementation. (Action: West African CSCs)

3. Identify a few additional and relevant peacebuilding issues for the West African region that may be addressed from a regional perspective, such as youth and women empowerment. (Action: OC, West African CSCs)

V. Implementation and tracking

A. Role of PBSO

1. Ensure that actions agreed upon are reflected in its workplan for 2012, as well as the workplans of the PBC configurations.

2. Provide substantive and logistics support to and advice on the implementation of all actions, including by identifying relevant expertise and partners within and outside the UN system and by assisting in the development of a light-touch mechanism to track progress towards roadmap commitments.

3. Serve as the link between the PBC configurations, UN and non-UN actors involved in the implementation of actions, including by facilitating direct interaction through existing mechanisms.

B. Role of the Organizational Committee:

4. Convene a mid-year review meeting of the progress made in the implementation of the present Roadmap.

5. Reflect in the context of the next annual report an overall assessment of PBC and UN system-wide related progress made so far in the implementation of relevant recommendations from the 2010 Review.

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