Programme

Lessons Learned and Strategic Operationalization of Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace in the Americas
18 May 2020 – Expert-Level Consultation

Please let us know if you will be able to attend by 15 May 2020 12:00pm EST by sending an email to un liaison@gppac.net. In the email, please indicate the parallel session you would like to join.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

10:00-10:30 Setting the Stage: The peacebuilding context and architecture in the Americas

This session will share the key progress achieved and challenges experienced in the area of peacebuilding and sustaining peace in the context of the Americas.

Expected outcome of the session: a list of contemporary challenges that peacebuilding and sustaining peace face in the Americas, and an outline of the contours of the peacebuilding architecture in the region, with its key stakeholders.

Remarks by:
Andres Rugeles – Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations
Gert Rosenthal - Member of the Independent Eminent Persons on the 2020 Review of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture
Andrei Serbin Pont – Regional Representative, Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) in Latin America

Moderated by: Marina Kumskova - UN Liaison Officer, Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict

Questions for the moderated discussion:
- What are some of the key peacebuilding trends and priorities that have not been mentioned yet?
- Who are the leading actors in peacebuilding and sustaining peace?
- What are some additional good practices that support effective peacebuilding and sustaining peace?
- What capacities are still needed to address conflict trends and capitalize on successes?

***We encourage all participants to add to the points provided by speakers during the moderated discussion via forum or via an intervention.

***Online Survey will be available for those who would be interested to share additional resources and points.

10:30-11:30 Understanding the progress across the four pillars of peacebuilding and sustaining peace:

This session will draw on specific case studies and lessons learned, including around the engagement of women and youth and efforts to strengthen inclusive national ownership, to assess existing efforts to build and sustain peace through partnerships, financial arrangements, operational and policy coherence, and adequate leadership from the United Nations (UN).

***The contribution of every participant in the session is critical. While discussants will start the conversation, every participant is expected to share their perspectives and reflect on the discussion based on the questions below.

***For those participants who wish to contribute to more than one discussion, an online survey will be available after the meeting.

Expected outcome of the session: the joint understanding where the regional peacebuilding architecture is succeeding and where the action remains missing and how this action can be accelerated.

Parallel Session 1: Supporting national and regional peacebuilding needs and priorities (UN Leadership)

- Moderated by: Marie-Laure Poire - Advocacy Manager, the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict
- Discussants:
  - Mirna Cuentas - Senior Conflict Prevention Specialist, UNDP Latin America & the Caribbean
  - Gabriel Murillo – Member of the Founding Group, La Paz Querida
Parallel Session 2: Providing coherent and strategic action to support sustaining peace in the region (Operational and Policy Coherence)
- Moderated by: Kristina Miletic - Regional Officer, the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict
- Discussants:
  - Ewa Werner Dahlin - Head of Mission, Sweden’s Embassy in Colombia
  - Darynell Rodriguez Torres - Executive Director, Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict

Parallel Session 3: Creating inclusive platforms for dialogue and joint analysis (Partnerships for Peacebuilding)
- Moderated by: Daniel Antonio Martin Villar – Director for Sustainable Development, Centro de Colaboracion Civica
- Discussants:
  - Marta Ferrara – Executive Director, Semillas para la Democracia
  - Roberto Menendez – Chief, OAS Mission in Colombia

Parallel Session 4: Supporting donor engagement and strategic resource mobilization (Financing for Peacebuilding).
- Moderated by: Cecile Moul - Research Professor, FLACSO Ecuador
- Discussants:
  - Annika Soder - Member of the Independent Eminent Persons on the 2020 Review of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture

Key questions for each parallel session:
- What role is the UN playing in the region across 4 thematic areas?
- What are some of the best practices in building and sustaining peace through action on 4 thematic areas?
- To what extent the cross-cutting peace agendas, including on Women, Peace and Security and Youth, Peace and Security are integrated in peacebuilding work in the region? What efforts are made to support inclusive ownership of peacebuilding efforts in the region?
- What capacities and processes are still needed and who is best positioned to lead these processes to further strengthen progress across four thematic areas?
- What are some of the roles that the UN should undertake or prioritize moving forward?
11:30-12:00  Priorities and entry points for sustaining peace in the Americas

This session will serve to outline some priorities and entry points for the strengthening of regional normative frameworks, policies and practice on peacebuilding and sustaining peace.


The session will include reporting from the breakout sessions by the facilitators.

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