

Provisional Annual Programme of Work of the Peacebuilding Commission 2023

Guidelines of the Programme.

1. The present Programme of Work is prepared pursuant to recommendation of the annex to the annual report of the Peacebuilding Commission, which asks the Commission to adopt an annual workplan based on the forward-looking agenda contained in the Commission -specific, regional and thematic priorities. It

A/RES/60/180 and S/RES/1645 (2005); A/RES/70/262 and S/RES/2282(2016); as well as A/RES/75/201 and S/RES/2558 (2020). It also follows the first ambassadorial level formal meeting of the 17th session of the Commission held on 2 February 2023, where the representatives of the Commission and countries and regions who engage with the Commission, presented their priorities for 2023.

2. In 2023, the Commission will build on good practices and lessons learned in carrying forward its activities. Its work will be guided by primarily by the mandate as reflected in the twin resolutions and taking into account feedback and requests from the countries who seek

Secretary- It will also consider relevant recommendations contained in the they pertain to the requests received from countries and regions who engage with the Commission.

3. Recognizing that peacebuilding is an inherently political process aimed at preventing the outbreak, escalation, recurrence or continuation of conflict, and further recognizing that peacebuilding encompasses a wide range of political, development, and human rights programmes and mechanisms, the Commission will adopt a demand-driven approach, which in accordance with its mandate and based upon national ownership, requires continuing consultations with the countries who consider sharing their peacebuilding experiences.

4. The Commission will also continue to explore opportunities to continue strengthening its visibility and showcasing its work as appropriate in accordance with its mandate including in the context of discussions to inform the Secretary- initiative to develop a New Agenda for Peace.

5. To further reinforce its work, the Commission will hold working methods meetings as outlined in the Annex of its annual report, to consider action areas whose implementation can contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of the Commission.

Focus on broadening geographical scope of work.

6. Consultations are ongoing for continuation of engagements on at least 14 different countries in 2023, including Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, The Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Papua New Guinea, Sierra Leone, South Sudan and Timor Leste. The focus will range from mobilizing political, financial and technical support for

context-specific and nationally owned peacebuilding priorities, to sharing results and lessons learned from peacebuilding trajectories. Consultations are also ongoing in follow-up to past commitments and seek new ones in support of regional peacebuilding activities, including in Central Asia, Great Lakes region, Gulf of Guinea, Lake Chad Basin, Sahel, and the Pacific Islands.

All these and other possible engagements will take into account and contribute to the following principles and commitments as defined in the twin resolutions pertaining to the mandate of PBC:

Focus on national ownership and inclusivity.

7. In pursuing country, regional and cross-cutting engagements in accordance with its mandate and based upon national

PBF Advisory Group and the countries that engage with the PBF to ensure that it is informed of the activities of the Fund.

11. The Commission will leverage positive footprints of peacekeepers, where the peacekeeping missions exist, and support the implementation of the peacebuilding dimensions of peacekeeping.

Effective partnerships.

12. In consultation with countries and regions under its consideration, the Commission will pursue more effective partnerships with regional and subregional organizations with a focus on coherent support to conflict-affected countries based on shared analysis. In doing so, it will also build on suggestions made during past consultative meetings with the African Union Peace and Security Council. The Commission will organize the annual meeting with the African Union Peace and Security Council and promote cooperation with other regional and sub-regional organizations, as appropriate. By fostering closer cooperation with all relevant state, local, regional and global, the Commission should ensure a more efficient and coherent approach to peacebuilding. The Commission will also seek to foster closer partnerships with civil society organizations from countries and regions under its consideration, including those at the grassroots level in order to support their participation in peacebuilding and in meetings of the Commission including their role in the implementation of the targets of the PBC

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23. During and after the meetings of the Commission, it will seek to highlight recommendations for the way forward and areas for follow-up to the discussions in order to further strengthen its effectiveness.

24. In its meetings, the Commission will mainstream the Women, Peace and Security agenda and the Youth, Peace and Security agenda, including through the implementation of the , Gender Action Plan (2021) and Strategic Action Plan on youth and peacebuilding. The Commission also requests DPPA/PBSO to continue bringing