

Peacebuilding processes in African countries on the PBC agenda

The Chairs of the PBC Country-specific Configurations provided brief overviews on the peacebuilding processes in the four countries on the PBC agenda.

The Chair of the Central African Republic Configuration identified DDR process and the forthcoming presidential and parliamentary elections as the current priorities for peacebuilding in that country. In these and other peacebuilding priorities, the PBC was supporting the national authorities and fostering increased coordination among national and international partners, as well as with regional and sub-regional organizations.

The Chair of the Guinea-Bissau Configuration noted that the PBC was working closely with national partners to address the key priorities for that country: the fight against drug trafficking, the reform of the security sector, economic revitalization and in supporting the social dimensions of peacebuilding. The Chair noted that, particularly in these difficult moments, the political and financial support of the international community, as well as the role of regional organizations, are of crucial importance to the country.

The Chair of the Sierra Leone Configuration noted that Sierra Leone represents a success story for peacebuilding but that the country. Yet, the country still needs international support to improve its governance and rule of law sector, address the issue of youth visit

consolidation of peace, implementation of reforms and the undertaking of socio-economic development in the context of political inclusiveness and good governance.

The Commissioner's perspective on the four country configurations on the UN PBC agenda tallied with those provided by the four Chairpersons of the configurations. He called for the extension of the mandate and activities of the UNPBC to other African countries, including to Sudan, Somalia and DRC, and also to Liberia, of which the request for inclusion should have been expeditiously fulfilled.