
On 17 October 2012, the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) convened an informal meeting. The meeting was chaired by the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh, Chair of the PBC, and, subsequently, by the Permanent Representative of Croatia, Vice Chair of the PBC. The meeting addressed the following agenda items: (1) Briefing by the Chair of the Peacebuilding Fund Advisory Group on the meeting of the Group; (2) Resource mobilization: Follow up to the Committee's discussion of 9 July 2012; a) Partnership with the International Financial Institutions, b) Mapping and national donor coordination; (3) Other matters.

The Chairperson opened the meeting by expressing gratitude for all those member states who participated in the High Level Event on "Peacebuilding: way towards sustainable peace and security" (which took place on 25 September 2012) and who contributed to its success. He underlined that the Event has certainly brought peacebuilding into focus and has helped generate the much needed attention at a high level. He also stressed that the contributions made by the Honourable Heads of State and Government, by Ministers and by the Secretary General confirmed the need to keep policy and decision makers regularly engaged in discussing the future direction of United Nations peacebuilding agenda. Finally, the Chairperson expressed his gratitude to those delegations who constructively engaged during the development of the substantive declaration which was adopted at the High Level Event.

1. The Chairperson welcomed Ambassador Jan Knutsson, Chair of the AG which took place on 8 and 9 October.

2. Ambassador Knutsson

to improve the Fund's monitoring and reporting, and to improve the Fund's strategic positioning. He noted that the AG underlined the need to improve the Fund's work. Referring to the case of Liberia, the

12. Member states stressed the need to continue to strengthen the relations between the PBC and AfDB and called for concrete steps to follow up on the areas of potential collaboration presented by PBSO.

13. The Chairperson recalled that mapping and national donor coordination was among the key areas which the Committee found to be of particular interest as a potential contribution of the PBC within the context of its mandate of resource mobilization. In this regard, and also recalling the meeting of the Working Group on Lessons Learned of 3 July which addressed this topic, the Chair invited the Chair of the WGLL to brief the Committee on the findings from that discussion.

14. The Chair of the WGLL informed that the Working Group is working on a new way of collecting aid reporting that could be used to identify funding gaps in a timely manner compared to what

17. ASG Cheng Hopkins stressed that the goal of AIMS is critical and expressed her gratitude to the EU for its decision to provide funding for the project. She noted that, this exercise will bring coherence and could enhance the efforts of the PBC in the marshalling of resources. She concluded that the success of AIMS will rely on the commitment of government and donors to collect and share information.

18. The representative of Liberia confirmed that AIMS is an important instrument which reinforces his government's ownership of the peacebuilding process, which also corresponds to the country's commitment in the context of the "New Deal" and as a member of the g7+. The representative of the European Union highlighted that this project has a great importance for donors' coordination. The EU welcomed the work of PBSO and called for increased efforts to conclude the project in a timely manner, and inquired about the status of a similar project for the Central African Republic. PBSO explained that there were delays in the case of the second pilot country, the Central African Republic, which is being addressed with the relevant officials in the country. The representative of CAR informed the committee that his government is fully committed to this project.

19. The Chairperson thanked member states for their important contributions to the various items discussed in the meeting. He informed that the third topic identified in the 2012 Roadmap of action under the category of resource mobilisation, namely the engagement with philanthropic organizations, foundation and private sector, would be addressed by the Committee in due course.
