

Annual CSO-UN Dialogue: Building and Sustaining Peace Together

Agenda (draft)

November 30 – December 1, 2023, UN Headquarters Conference Room 12, New York

DAY 1 – November 30

Opening Remarks

9:00 am – 9:30 am, UN Headquarters Conference Room 12

Objective: welcome the participants; explain the modalities of the meeting; emphasize that this is the first dialogue in this format; we aim at having a continued dialogue building on this event and leading to the next.

Facilitator: Awa Dabo, Director and Deputy Head, UN DPPA/PBSO

Speakers:

- H.E. Amb. Elina Kalkku, Permanent Representative of Finland to the UN 5 min
- Elizabeth Spehar, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support (virtual) 5 min
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Objective: In this part of the session, we will hear directly from civil society leaders from each geographic region in the world discussing common challenges, priorities, and opportunities for peacebuilding in their region.

Guiding questions:

- *What are the existing resources and opportunities for peacebuilding in your context?*
- *What are the obstacles that you encounter?*
- *your work?*

Speakers:

- Ninette Umurerwa, National Executive Secretary, Haguruka 5 min
- Naw Hser Hser, Advocacy Director, Karen Women's Organization (KWO) and Advocacy and Political Initiative Delegate and Advisory Board Member, Women's League of Burma (WLB) – 5 min
- Mariam Safi, Founding Executive Director of the Organization for Policy Research and Development Studies (DROPS) 5 min
- Mentor Vrajolli, Executive Director, Kosovar Center for Security Studies 5 min
- Beatriz Elena Mejia Restrepo, CEO and Founder, Grupo Internacional de Paz (GIP) 5 min

Open discussion and intervention from the floor 20 min

Main Session 2: Discussion on the Current State of CSO-UN partnership

10:30 am – 11:45 am, UN Headquarters Conference Room 12

Objective: This session aims to take stock of the opportunities and challenges in strengthening UN-CSO partnerships.

Guiding questions:

- *What should meaningful UN-civil society partnerships look like? What kind of partnerships have been successful and why?*
- *How can conversations and collaborations become more meaningful and inclusive, given the limitations faced by the UN system?*

Facilitator: Sarah Douglas, Deputy Chief of Peace, Security and Resilience, UN Women and Marina Kumskova, Senior UN Policy and Advocacy Advisor, GPPAC

Speakers:

- Patrick Bwire, GPPAC Regional Liaison Officer – Eastern and Central Africa (CECORE) 4 min
- Helena Fraser, Director of Policy and Programme, UN Development Coordination Office 4 min
- Tiziana Clerico, Senior Policy Advisor, UNHCR 4 min
- Salama Njie, National Network Coordinator, WANEP The Gambia (virtual) 4 min
- **Khaled Mohamed Mahmoud Abdelrahim Emam, Executive Director, Justice Call 4 min**

Open discussion and intervention from the floor 55 min

Advance materials: UN Community Engagement Guidelines on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace, Civic Space Initiative and other related documents by agencies, overview of the UN mandates,

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1:00 pm 2:00 pm

Side Session 1: Connecting CSOs with the Peacebuilding Fund

2:00 pm 3:30 pm, UN Headquarters, Secretariat Building, 15th Floor Room S-1520 (English session),
34th Floor Room S-34MM4 (French session), 34th Floor Room S-34MM2 (Spanish session)

Please note that this session is now full – only participants having registered and obtained confirmation will be able to attend

Organizer: GPPAC, Interpeace and the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations

Background document: concept note

Description: The discussion organized by the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) and Interpeace, in partnership with the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations, will provide an informal learning space for the representatives of local peacebuilding organizations, the bilateral and multilateral donor communities, and the private sector to develop a common understanding of peacebuilding funding opportunities and impact, thereby working towards identifying modalities best suited to realistically and sustainably achieving locally-led determination of impact. In this, the discussion will feed into the 2025 Peacebuilding Architecture Review by highlighting some avenues to measure the impact and adjust existing peacebuilding programming by strengthening the global commitments, across different sectors, on financing for peacebuilding.

During the discussion, the participants will be asked to reflect on the following questions:

- How can new financing approaches enable locally-led determination of impact? What significant changes in the modalities of grant-based financing are realistic? How would innovative financial instruments curate better quality peace impacts?
- How do we strengthen a shared understanding of innovative financing structures? How can donors, governments, private sector, civil society adopt a new mindset for more impactful peacebuilding finance? How to ensure that investments are credibly peace-positive?

More Information: [GPPAC.net](https://gppac.net) / financeforpeace.org

12:00 pm 1:00 pm

Lunch or Side Session 4 (see below)

1:00 pm 2:00 pm

Side Session 4: Informal Learning Session: Unpacking a Network Approach: The Role of Networks, Movements and Coalitions in Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace

12:30 pm 2:00 pm, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations 666 3rd Avenue, New York, NY 10017

Light lunch will be served

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Organizer: WANEP, GNWP, GPPAC and the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations

**Side Session 5: PBC Expert Level Meeting on Local Peacebuilding Priorities -
Interaction with the Annual Civil Society-UN Dialogue Initiative on Peacebuilding**

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, UN Headquarters Conference Room 12

Organizer: Peacebuilding Commission

Description: Following the conclusion of the dialogue meeting, the dialogue platform will meet with the Peacebuilding Commission at expert level to present to the Commission the key recommendations from the dialogue, with a focus on messages from the local levels in the five participating regions, exchange with the 31 members of the Commission on local priorities for the Commission to consider, and identify ways in which the dialogue can continue exchanging with the Commission in conjunction to the platform's future annual dialogue meetings.

Agenda

- Opening and facilitation: Ms Irena Zubcevic, Adviser, Chair of the PBC
- Briefings: 5 representatives (TBD) from local CSOs
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