



## **SUMMARY NOTE**

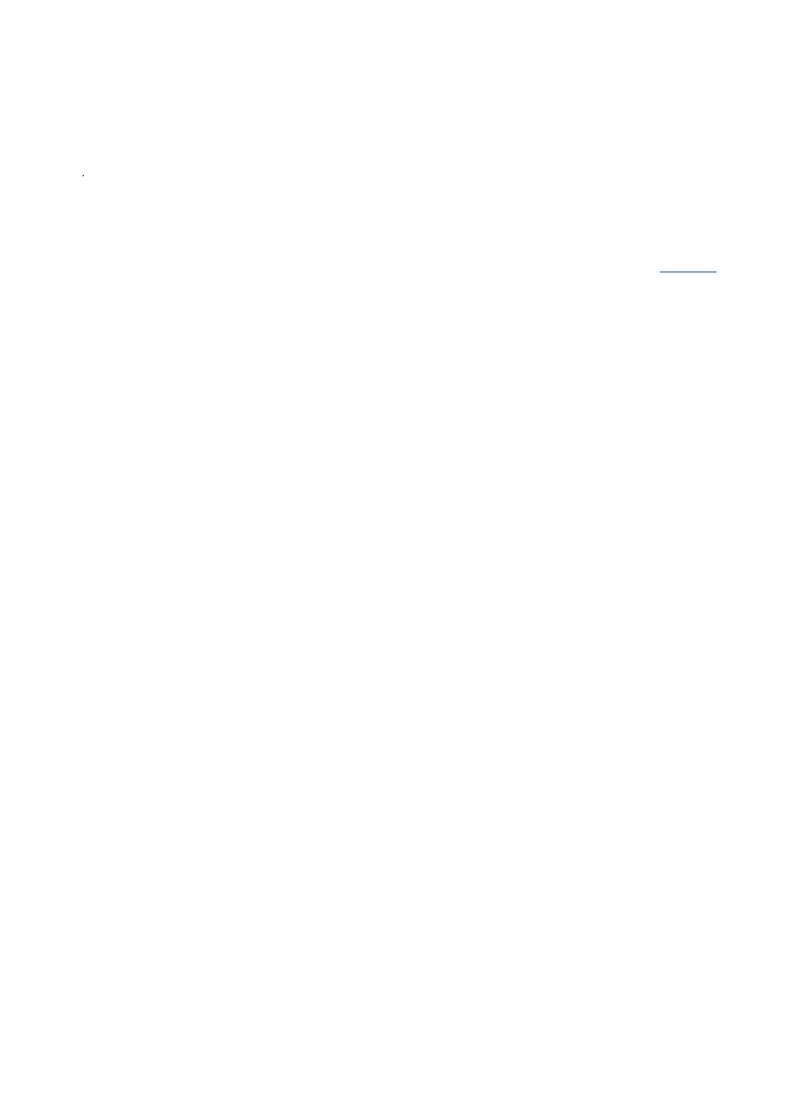
This summary note provides an overview of the perspectives of local women peacebuilders on the effectiveness and impact of the UN System and the donor community in advancing peacebuilding and sustaining peace at the field level. The perspectives were shared by local women peacebuilders participating at ICAN's 10th Annual Forum titled 'Peacebuilding in a Time of Pessimism'.



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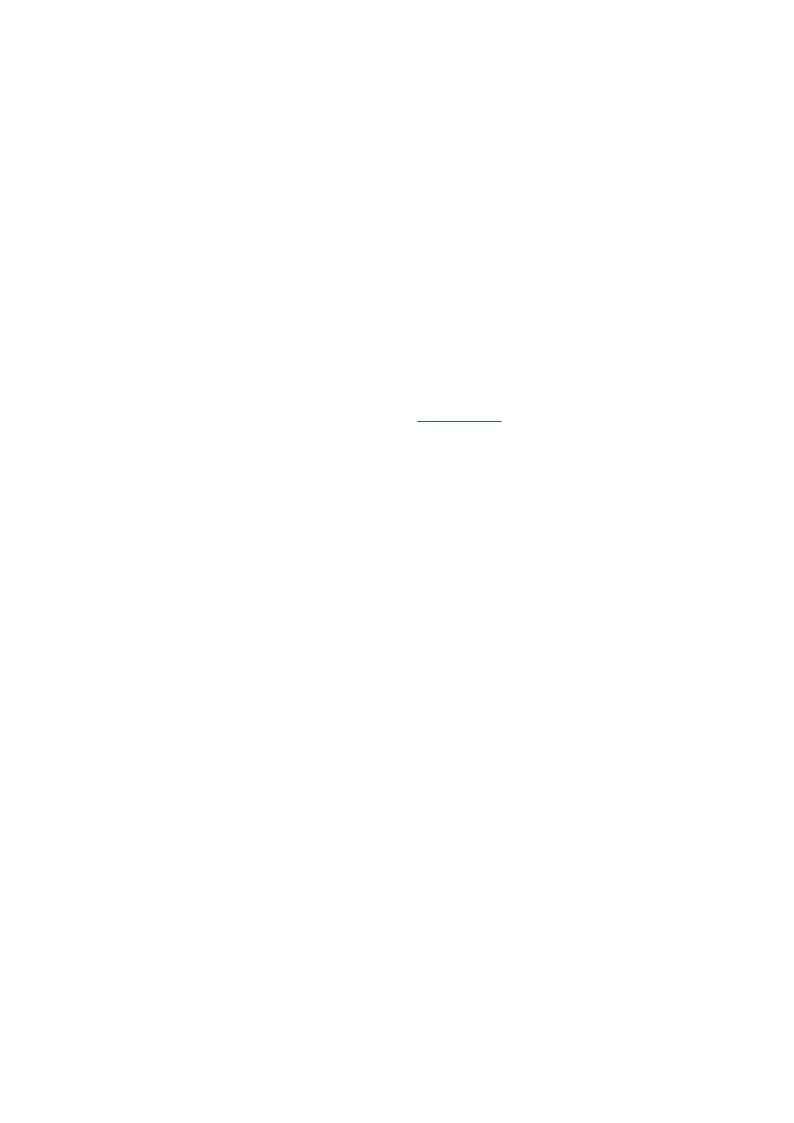
## 3. Financing for peacebuilding requires structural change towards quality fnancing.

Meaningfully supporting women peacebuilders entails scaling up existing resources for women-led peace-
building work and ensuring that women peacebuilders can actually utilise these resources to advance
locally-determined priorities.

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There are several opportunites to provide more		у	I	sever	6.	.act

- Local women peacebuilders report that consistent demand for delivery on selected, of en predetermined, project outputs creates anxiety and limits their creat vity and ability to react to ad-hoc changes on the ground. Donors should break with the presumpt on of an inherent risk in working with local organisations, and endorse women peacebuilders' own assessment of risks and mitigat on measures as these are likely to be the most efficient solutions. Donors should also consider loosening restrictive logframes that of en diminish creativity and, instead, embrace the unknown to test local capacities to enhance the possibility for impact of local action.
- In many contexts, women peacebuilders are unable to access funding due to the registrat on requirement and/or the requirements of an approval by the government, which is simply not possible in authoritarian contexts. Donors should support innovative funding mechanisms with lighter compliance requirements, whether established internally or through intermediary organisations, to test options for advancing meaningful support to women peacebuilders.

Many grants available



5. The understanding of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture needs to extend beyond New York-based entities.

Currently, the UN Peacebuilding Architecture is primarily understood to include the Peacebuilding