

A Knowledge Hub for Better Peacebuilding: Introducing the 2012-2014 Programme

The 2012-2014 Programme sets out the new strategy of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform following a series of consultations between April and September 2011. Specifically, the Programme has the goal to:

- Advance new knowledge and practice in five focus themes;
- Strengthen the networking of peacebuilding resources in Geneva and worldwide; and
- Diversify funding sources.

Advance knowledge and practice in five themes

The 2012-2014 Programme frames its activities in, but does not limit these to, five selected focus themes. The five themes are:

- Peacebuilding, peacemaking, and political transitions;
- Peacebuilding and prevention;
- Peacebuilding and the environment;
- Monitoring, evaluation and learning in peacebuilding; and
- Sustainable peace and justice.

Within these themes, the Platform will initiate a series of outcome-oriented activities and processes. The processes take an iterative approach, work towards uniting political and funding interests around a focus theme, and adopt a multi-sector and interdisciplinary perspective. Beyond these activities, the Platform remains alert to service short-notice requests for events or informal exchanges on critical peacebuilding issues.

Strengthen the networking of peacebuilding resources

The Platform ensures continuous interaction on peacebuilding issues and contexts through formal and informal events, an annual meeting, and targeted outreach activities. It is as a connector between International Geneva, the United Nations peacebuilding architecture in New York, and the peacebuilding experience and expertise in the field. In support of its networking mandate, the Platform will be expanding its membership, including through the Geneva Peacebuilding Guide, and social media.

Diversify funding sources

The Platform invites additional expressions of funding interest to enact the full breadth of the 2012-2014 Programme as part of a broader effort to

Convening outcome-oriented peacebuilding processes at the cross-section of institutions, sectors, and disciplines

Connecting Geneva, New York and the field

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diversify its funding base. The Platform builds its 2012-2014 Programme on core contributions from the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, and Interpeace. The Platform's annual core costs are approximately 250,000 CHF with an additional 80,000-120,000 CHF per outcome-oriented process per year depending on the work intensity required for its implementation.

Mandate

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform is an inter-agency network with a mandate to facilitate the interaction on peacebuilding between different institutions and sectors, and to advance new knowledge and understanding of peacebuilding issues and contexts.

The overall goal of this mandate is to nurture the networking of peacebuilding resources in Geneva and worldwide; and to build bridges between International Geneva, the United Nations peacebuilding architecture in New York, and peacebuilding activities in the field.

The Platform maintains a network of about 700 peacebuilding professionals and 60 institutions. It also provides policy-relevant advice and services, and ensures a continuous exchange of information through seminars, consultations, and conferences.

Background

Created in 2008 to identify Geneva's contribution to the then emerging United Nations peacebuilding architecture, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform evolved into a joint project of four institutions:

- The Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies,
- the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP),
- Interpeace, and
- the Quaker United Nations Office, Geneva (QUNO).

These institutions combine a rich and diversified peacebuilding-related experience with a unique set of skills and a long record of excellence in their specific sector.

The Platform is overseen by a Steering Committee that includes the Directors of the above institutions, and a working-level Management Committee ensures inputs of the four partners into activities, planning, and strategy development. The Platform also has an Advisory Board that is composed of a representative group of peacebuilding stakeholders in International Geneva.

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