

# Technical Working Group on the Confluence of Urban Safety and Peacebuilding Practice

Stock-taking document  
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## What is the Technical Working Group?

- The Technical Working Group (TWG) brings together focal points on urban safety of cities with peacebuilding, peace mediation and conflict prevention practitioners in order to help craft solutions to the rapidly increasing risk of conflict & insecurity in urban settings.
- The objectives of the TWG are to network urban safety and peacebuilding practitioners, to develop a better understanding of practice at the nexus of urban safety and peacebuilding, and to contribute to developing an integrated approach on urban safety and peacebuilding.
- The TWG is a collective impact exercise without dedicated funding. It is primarily convened as an e-conversation but also intends to bring its members together for meetings in different locations to advance key objectives.
- The TWG occurs in the context of the preparations of the HABITAT III summit as well as the implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda. By creating more awareness about innovative practice across institutions and sectors, the TWG creates synergies within the UN System on urban safety and peacebuilding issues and the Sustainable Development Agenda, especially for the implementation of Goal 11 and 16.
- The TWG is co-facilitated by the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), UN-Habitat's Safer Cities Programme (SCP) and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform.<sup>1</sup> It has existed since January 2015.

## Stock-taking

- **Inception phase:** The launch of the TWG was based on the results of an inception phase from October to December 2014. This inception phase confirmed the need and interest in a TWG which was evidenced by the response of 31 cities and organizations to an expression of interest by the discussion of an inception meeting.
- **The 1<sup>st</sup> TWG meeting** took place in Corregidora (Quéretaro, Mexico) 23-25 March 2015 and brought together 33 senior experts on urban safety and peacebuilding practice.
- **The 2<sup>nd</sup> TWG meeting** took place in Bogota (Colombia) 21 September 2015 as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Steering Committee Meeting of the Global Network on Safer Cities (GNSC). The meeting focused on the exchange of promising practices and the discussion of entry points for an integrated approach of urban safety and peacebuilding. The sessions were attended by approximately 50 participants.
- **Gathering of promising practices:** The TWG has made available several submissions to the TWG available online at <http://www.gpplatform.ch/pb-city> (see also Annex 1).

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<sup>1</sup> The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform is 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 (QUONO).

Overall, the focus on promising practices was able to gather several published documents but also allowed new material to be elaborated on Ouagadougou and Guadalajara. A more systematic application of a questionnaire will require dedicated resources.

- **Paper series:** The TWG published 8 new papers that draw on the work of TWG network participants and well as a research collaboration between the Graduate Institute and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform (Applied Research Seminar).
- **Network building:** The TWG comprises focal points of around 100 representatives of city administrations, peacebuilding organizations or experts from academia or international organizations.
- **Integrated approach:** Initial TWG observations indicate that entry points for an integrated approach to urban safety and peacebuilding are on the one hand about the 'how' of urban safety and peacebuilding approaches, and on the other hand about specific themes that can illustrate the intersection and difference of urban safety and peacebuilding approaches.
- **Milestone:** A key milestone for the TWG is the conference *Reviewing the State of Safety in World Cities: Urban Solutions for Crime and Conflict*. Geneva 6-8 July 2016. See <http://www.gpplatform.ch/reviewing-states-safety-world-cities-geneva-6-8-july-2016>.

## Outlook

- Present preliminary findings of the TWG during the conference *Reviewing the State of Safety in World Cities* in Geneva, 6-8 June 2016.
- Present findings and entry points and the key elements of an integrated approach in a networking event session at HABITAT III, Quito, 17-20 October 2016.
- Systematize the TWG network in Geneva for easy access for city level officials to the peace, humanitarian, human rights and disaster management expertise and contacts readily available in Geneva. It can build on Geneva's value added as a 'docking station' for expertise and contacts, and on a theory of change that is more related to collective impact processes driven through a coalition of different actors than traditional institutional and official top-down implementation models. In this sense, a more systematized network can directly contribute to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

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## Annex 1: Overview of submission

For access to these resources see <http://www.gpplatform.ch/peacebuilding-resources>.

### TWG papers

- Jütersonke and Austin 2016 - Understanding the Grammar of the City: Urban Safety and Peacebuilding Practice through a Semiotic Lens
- Wennmann and Ganson 2016 - Responses to Conflict that Work
- Grob, Papadovassilakis, and Ribeiro Fadon Vicente 2016 - Entry Points for Programming across Urban Safety and Peacebuilding
- Homel and Masson 2016 - Partnerships for Urban Safety in Fragile Contexts - The Intersection of Community Crime Prevention and Security Sector Reform
- van den Eertwegh 2016 - Negotiating with Criminal Groups - From Prejudice to Pragmatism
- Grob, Papadovassilakis, and Ribeiro Fadon Vicente 2016 - Case Studies on Urban Safety and Peacebuilding - Lagos, Beirut, Mitrovica, Treichville and Johannesburg
- Parent 2016 - The Programme Conjoint de Renforcement de la Sécurité Urbaine in Ouagadougou
- Wennmann 2016 - Building Peace - An Annotated Resource Pack

### Peacebuilding and urban safety resources

- Making Cities Safer: Citizen Security Innovations from Latin America (Muggah, Szabó de Carvalho, Marmolejo and Wang 2016)
- Sustaining Peace in the City - Perspectives on Urban Safety.pdf (Wennmann 2016)
- Governing Safer Cities in a Globalized World (Draft for Discussion - March 2016)
- Visualizing Urban Fragility (Muggah 2016)
- Perspectives from Cities in Crises (IMPACT and UCLG 2016)
- Non-state Security Providers and Political Formation in Somalia (Mankhaus 2016)
- White Paper on Peacebuilding (Geneva Peacebuilding Platform 2015)
- Searching for Common Approaches to Deal with Unconventional Conflicts and Violence in the Americas (Organization for American States 2015)
- Gestión territorial de la seguridad ciudadana en el marco de la transición hacia la paz en Colombia (Pérez Salazar 2015)
- Closing the Knowledge Gaps: Toward Evidence-based Crime Prevention Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean (Jaitman and Guerrero Compeán 2015)
- The Welfare Cost of Crime and Violence in Latin America and the Caribbean (Jaitman 2015)
- Trapped in the City – Communities, Insecurity and Urban Life in Fragile States (Knowledge Platform on Security and Rule of Law 2015)
- Towards and integrated approach to training in peacebuilding and crime prevention (ideaborn 2015)
- Building Peace in Urban Setting: Lessons from the Ground and Recommendations for Collaboration (Milliken 2014)
- If Mayors Ruled in Somalia (Menkhaus 2014)
- Managing Urbanization: Towards Sustainable Cities (German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development 2014)
- Peacebuilding and the City: Setting the Scene (Krause and Jütersonke 2013)
- Mapping Citizen Security Interventions in Latin America: Reviewing the Evidence (Muggah and Aguirre 2013)
- Building Urban Safety through Slum Upgrading (UN-Habitat 2011)

- Working Against Violence: Promising Practices in Armed Violence Reduction and Prevention (Eavis 2011)
- Armed Violence Reduction and Prevention: What Works? (UNDP 2010)
- Guns in the City: Urban Landscapes of Armed Violence (Jütersonke, Krause, Muggah 2007)
- Human Security for an Urban Century: Local Challenges, Global Perspectives (Canadian Consortium on Human Security 2006)

#### Case studies

- Corregidora: La buena práctica el Garambulo en Corregidora como modelo de prevención social del delito (Rincón-García, Soto-Obregón and Molina-Zamora 2015)
- Guadalajara: El Tianguis de Guadalajara (Colegio de Jalisco)
- Ciudad Juárez: Espacio urbano y prevención de la violencia basada en el género (Alanís and Alvarado 2015)
- Bogota: Human Safety Practice
- Johannesburg: Evaluation of the Implementation of the Johannesburg City Safety Strategy (JCSS)
- Lagos: Remaking a Neglected Megacity, 1999-2012 (Kuris 2014)
- Palermo: Rebuilding Civic Identity and Reclaiming a City from the Mafia in Italy, 1993-2000 (Bacon and Majeed 2012)

## Annex 2: List of network participants

Network participants include senior representatives from the following city administrations, peacebuilding organizations, academic institutions and international organizations.

### A. CO-FACILITATORS

1. Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Switzerland
2. United Nations Office at Geneva, Switzerland
3. UNHABITAT, Nairobi, Kenya

### B. CITIES

4. City of Bogota, Colombia
5. City of Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo
6. City of Cali, Colombia
7. City of Cape Town, South Africa
8. City of Johannesburg, South Africa
9. City of Medellin, Colombia
10. City of Palermo, Italy
11. City of São Paulo, Brazil
12. Commune de Treichville, Abidjan, Ivory Coast
13. Directorate of the Municipal Police of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
14. Ebril, Iraq
15. Municipality of Corregidora, Queretaro, Mexico
16. Municipality of Durban, South Africa
17. Municipality of Guadalajara, Mexico
18. Municipality of Peñalolén, Santiago de Chile, Chile
19. Municipality of Quito, Ecuador
20. Municipality of Rosario, Argentina
21. Municipality of Seoul, South Korea
22. Province of Antioquia, Colombia
23. Province of Santa Fe, Argentina
24. Tottenham, London, United Kingdom

### C. URBAN SAFETY

25. California Gang Prevention Programme, USA
26. Centro de Seguridad Urbana y Prevencion (CESUP), Mexico City, Mexico

27. Cities Alliance
28. Cure Violence, Chicago, USA
29. Educación Popular y Capacitación (EPOCA), Mexico City, Mexico
30. European Forum for Urban Security, Paris, France
31. Fundación Convive Feliz, Aguascalientes, Mexico
32. Fundación Jesús Luz de Oportunidades, Panamá
33. Fundación Paz Ciudadana, Santiago, Chile
34. Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development, Geneva
35. Global Alliance on Armed Violence (GAAV)
36. *ideaborn*-foundation, Bogota, Colombia
37. International Centre and Network for Information on Crime (ICNIC), Tanzania
38. International Centre for the Prevention of Crime, Montreal, Canada
39. Issue Urban, Cambridge, United Kingdom
40. Joe Aktech Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya
41. Laboratorio de Cohesión Social México - Unión Europea, Mexico City, Mexico
42. London First and the Institute for Statecraft, London, United Kingdom
43. Montgomery County Gang Prevention Initiative, USA
44. Mujeres Iberoamericanas en Red por la Igualdad Presupuestal, la Transparencia y la Rendición de Cuentas, Mexico City
45. Pereira Passos Institute of the Municipal Government of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
46. Proyectos Estratégicos Consultoría, Mexico City
47. Red de Ciudades Suramericanas, Bogotá, Colombia
48. Rockefeller Foundation, New York, USA
49. United Cities and Local Administration (UCLG)
50. Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading (VPUU), Cape Town, South Africa
51. Women in Cities International, Montreal, Canada

### D. PEACEBUILDING

52. Afghanistan Human Rights and Democracy Organization (AHRDO), Kabul, Afghanistan

53. Alliance for Peacebuilding, Washington D.C., USA
54. Berghof Foundation, Berlin, Germany
55. Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Geneva, Switzerland
56. CDA Collaborative Learning Projects, Boston, USA
57. Conciliation Resources, London, UK
58. European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO), Brussels
59. Fondation Hirondelle, Lausanne, Switzerland
60. Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Bogota, Colombia
61. Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC)
62. International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), The Hague/Stockholm
63. Interpeace, Geneva, Switzerland
64. Kofi Annan Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland
65. Quaker United Nations Office, Geneva/New York
66. World Vision, Geneva/New York

#### E. ACADEMIA AND RESEARCH

67. Asia Pacific Centre for the Prevention of Crime, Griffith University, Australia
68. Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) constitutes the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland
69. Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico City
70. Colegio de Jalisco, Guadalajara, Mexico
71. Davidson College, Charlotte, USA
72. Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Geneva, Switzerland
73. Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development, Geneva
74. Igarapé Institute, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
75. Institute of Criminal Justice and Security (ICJS) of The University of the West Indies (UWI), Kingston, Jamaica
76. International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Ottawa, Canada
77. Instituto de Estudos da Religião, Rio de Janeiro Brazil
78. National Autonomous University of México (UNAM), Mexico City
79. Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
80. Small Arms Survey, Geneva, Switzerland
81. The Hague Institute for Global Justice, The Hague, Netherlands
82. Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago, Chile
83. University of Pretoria, South Africa

#### 84. University of West Indies F. MULTILATERAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

85. African Union, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
86. Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris, France
87. European Union, External Action Service, Brussels
88. International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva, Switzerland
89. International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF)
90. Organization of American States (OAS), Washington DC
91. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
92. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
93. United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Geneva
94. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Mexico/Vienna
95. United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)
96. World Bank, Washington DC
97. World Health Organization, Geneva

#### G. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

98. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
99. Ministry of Security (SEGOB), Subsecretaria de Prevención y Participación Ciudadana, Mexico City
100. U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Washington DC