

# Building Peace 2030: Facing a new strategic landscape of conflict

Annual Meeting of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform 20 November 2015, 8.30-16.15 Geneva, Maison de la Paix, Auditorium Ivan Pictet

The Annual Meeting is part of Geneva Peace Week



What is the outlook on conflict and risk trends for the next 15 years? What do peacebuilders have to offer as solutions to these conflict trends? What current innovation in peacebuilding practice can these solutions build on? What do different actors need to do now to strengthen peacebuilding practice in the future? These questions frame this year's Annual Meeting of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform. They underscore the urgency to prepare better responses for a new strategic landscape of conflict. The Annual Meeting also builds on several UN reviews – including on women, peace and security, on peace operations and on peacebuilding – as well as the UN's new Sustainable Development Agenda. As the international community shifts gear from review to implementation, the Annual Meeting underscores the strategic opportunities of peacebuilding practice to strengthen development and security agendas.

The Annual Meeting 2015 is the Platform's 8<sup>th</sup> annual gathering of network members since 2008. It is an opportunity for all network members to come together and connect on peacebuilding issues across sectors and institutions. It brings together a variety of actors and representatives from civil society, government, international organizations, business, and academia and opens a space for frank and open exchange outside of more formal policy forums. The Annual Meeting is a public event and proceedings are 'on the record'. The event is free of charge but registration is mandatory at www.gpplatform.ch.

The Annual Meeting is also part of Geneva Peace Week which is taking place from 16 to 20 November 2015. Geneva Peace Week expands the space for dialogue about building peace and resolving conflict and offers a unique networking opportunity for organizations working at the nexus of peace, security, and development.

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform is an inter-agency network and knowledge hub that connects the critical mass of peacebuilding actors, resources, and expertise in Geneva and worldwide. Founded in 2008, the Platform has a mandate to facilitate interaction on peacebuilding between different institutions and sectors, and to advance new knowledge and understanding of peacebuilding issues and contexts. It also plays a creative role in building bridges between International Geneva, New York, and peacebuilding activities in

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the field. The Platform's network comprises more than 3,000 peacebuilding professionals and over 60 institutions working on peacebuilding or in peacebuilding contexts.

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## Programme – Friday, 20 November

#### 8.30 Registration

#### 9.15 Welcome and opening

- **Mirjana Spoljaric**, Ambassador, Head of the United Nations and International Organizations Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland
- Carl Ungerer, Head of the Leadership, Crisis and Conflict Management Programme, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, on behalf of the Steering Committee of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform
- Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

#### 9.45 Charting future conflict and risk trends

<u>Lead questions</u>: What are the main conflict and risk trends over the next 10-15 years? What do peacebuilders have to offer as solutions?

- Caroline Galvin, Practice Lead, Competitiveness and Risks, World Economic Forum, Geneva
- Hugo Slim, Head of Policy, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva
- Anna Leissing, Project Officer, Centre for Peacebuilding (KOFF), Swisspeace, Bern

Moderator: **Diane Hendrick**, Representative for Peace and Disarmament, Quaker United Nations Office Geneva

**10.45 Break** (Participants are welcome to use the cafeteria of the Graduate Institute)

#### 11.15 Marketplace: Innovation in peacebuilding practice

<u>Lead question</u>: What peacebuilding practice can become a solution for future conflict tends?

- Rashad Ali, Senior Fellow, Institute for Strategic Dialogue, London
- Jason Tower, Quaker International Affairs Representative Beijing, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Beijing
- Katia Papagianni, Director for Policy and Mediation Support, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Geneva

Moderator: **Achim Wennmann**, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

#### 11.45 Market place sessions

#### 1. Dealing with chronic violence and extremism

Session facilitator: Anna Alvazzi, Research Director, Small Arms Survey, Geneva

2. Conflict-sensitive business practice for large-scale investment contexts

Session facilitator: Brian Ganson, Head, Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement at the University of Stellenbosch Business School, Cape Town, South Africa; Research Associate, Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP), The Graduate Institute

### 3. Inclusiveness and participation in peacebuilding processes

Session facilitator: Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

Rooms: Auditorium Ivan Pictet (largest group), A2 (90), S8 (40).

13.00 Lunch break (Participants are welcome to use the cafeteria of the Graduate Institute)

#### Building Peace 2030: Getting ready to face future conflict trends

- **14.00** Debrief of the marketplace discussions with session facilitators
- **14.15** <u>Lead questions</u>: What practice is necessary to face future conflict and risk trends? What roles to build peace for what actors?
  - Claude Bruderlein, Advisor to the President, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva
  - Irene Santiago, Lead Convener, Global Campaign on Women, Peace and Security, Davao, Philippines, Davao, The Philippines
  - Henk-Jan Brinkman, Chief, Policy, Planning and Application Branch Peacebuilding Support Office, United Nations, New York
  - Ozong Agborsangaya-Fiteu, Senior Operations Officer, Fragility, Conflict and Violence, The World Bank, Washington DC
  - Michael Brown, Professor of Practice in Natural Resources Conflict Mediation, McGill University, Montreal
  - Thomas G. Weiss, Presidential Professor of Political Science, Director Emeritus, Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York
  - Moderators: Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform. Caty Clément, Senior Programme Advisor and Senior Fellow, Leadership, Crisis and Conflict Management Programme; Course Co-Director, Master of Advanced Studies in International and European Security, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)
- **16.00 Michael Møller**, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva Concluding reflections and closure of Geneva Peace Week 2015
- 16.15 Closure of the Annual Meeting and Geneva Peace Week 2015 followed by a 'verre d'amitié' with the generous support of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Mission of Canada.

# About the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform is a partnership of four institutions with rich and diversified peacebuilding-related experience, which together constitute a unique combination of skills and a long record of excellence in their specific sector.

The Platform is managed as a joint project by a Steering and a Management Committee. The day-to-day activities of the Platform are managed by a small staff team.

## **Steering Committee**

- Keith Krause, Director, Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP),
  The Graduate Institute
- Carl Ungerer, Head of the Leadership, Crisis and Conflict Management Programme, Geneva Centre for Security Policy
- Scott Weber, Director-General, Interpeace
- **Jonathan Woolley**, Director, Quaker United Nations Office

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