

Preliminary agenda**INTERNATIONAL EXPERT CONFERENCE****Reviewing the State of Safety in Cities:
Partnerships and Solutions for Localized Implementation****Maison de la Paix – Geneva, 26-27 June 2017**

Crime, violence, and social exclusion are three of the most important problems for contemporary cities, given the trends of rapid urbanization and continuous increase of global inequalities and marginalization. This strategic landscape requires new solutions for city leaders that combine and cut across knowledge and best practices, and strengthen partnerships for sustainable development and safe inclusive urbanization.

The constant quest of urban leaders to find solutions is now paralleled by a new international consensus to prioritize safe and inclusive cities. The international community has endorsed the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda (NUA). The implementation of these global agendas will depend on “localization”, implying that solutions should be implemented as close as possible to the specific settings they are intended to affect. Building on the call for leadership at the city level to implement the Sustainable Development Goals and the NUA by United Cities and Local Government (UCLG), the conference will bring together operational actors that can contribute to the reduction of crime, violence, and social exclusion by 2030.

The conference *Reviewing the State of Safety in Cities: Partnerships and Solutions for Localized Implementation* has the overall aim of matching knowledge and experience about “what works” with identified needs to foster safe and inclusive cities. The Conference specifically focuses on the situation of state of safety in small and medium cities and has been structured to elaborate a working agenda for inter-sessional processes in preparation of the next biannual conference in June 2019. The agenda focuses specifically on four working themes that are structured also several guiding questions (see preliminary agenda below).

The event is the first of a biennial conference series and is part of UN-Habitat’s Global Partnership Initiative on Urban Safety. These activities aim to facilitate stronger partnerships, including towards the establishment of a Geneva Cities Forum, and between local and national governments, international organizations, academia and other relevant stakeholders to ensure commitment to sustainable development and urbanization over the next 15 years. For more information see <http://www.gpplatform.ch/pb-city>.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Preliminary consultations as part of the organization of the conference “Reviewing the State of Safety in Cities” (Geneva 26-28 June 2017) have shown interest by a variety of institutions to lead specific work streams in the period 2017-2019 – also understood as “inter-sessional processes” between the Geneva conferences in June 2017 and June 2019. In order to advance the work streams, the conference blocked time for working groups that will be agenda-setting opportunities for interested parties to identify goals, milestones and deliverables for a two-year inter-sessional process.

The overall idea is that working groups are co-chaired by at least two individuals (senior expert level) and stimulate exchange on city-level issues between New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi and other policy capitals. Results of this process will be presented in the second biennial conference on *Reviewing the States of Safety in Cities* in June 2019. The Working Groups are also intended to generate synergies between city-level programming and strategies of bi-lateral or multi-lateral development agencies.

Suggestions for working group topics and guiding questions include:

- 1. Working Group Theme 1: Enabling peaceful, inclusive and just cities** (led by Small Arms Survey)
 - How to reduce crime, violence and insecurity in cities?
 - What data gathering and monitoring mechanisms are necessary to track progress?
- 2. Working Group Theme 2: Exploring the humanitarian, development and peacebuilding nexus in the city** (led by ICRC)
 - What does the humanitarian, development and peacebuilding nexus mean in practice at the city level?
 - How humanitarian, development and peacebuilding actors better link up during and after conflict in cities? What measures need to be taken by each to better complement one another?
- 3. Governance and security sector reform at the municipal level** (led by DCAF)
 - What is effective governance and security sector reform at the municipal level?
 - What are challenges to the effective and accountable provision of security at the municipal level?
 - Which are security sector reform approaches that work and provide solutions for urban safety challenges?
- 4. Building partnerships to co-produce safety and security: Guidelines on Safer Cities** (led by UN-Habitat)
 - How can we build more effective cross-cutting partnerships to co-produce safe and inclusive cities?
 - Do the guidelines on safer cities provide the normative foundation to enable the co-production of safety and security?

Monday, 26 June 2017

Maison de la Paix – Conference room A1B

Target group: Senior expert level

- 8:30 **Registration**
- 9:00 **Welcome and introduction**
- Juma Assiago, Safer Cities Programme, UN-HABITAT. Nairobi, Kenya.
 - Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform. Geneva, Switzerland.
- 9:15 **Working Group Theme 1: Enabling peaceful, inclusive and just cities**
- Guiding questions:
- How can we reduce crime, violence and insecurity in cities?
 - What data gathering and monitoring mechanisms are necessary to track progress?
- Kick-off presentations:
- Yann-Cédric Quero, University of Montreal. Canada.
 - Guy Lamb, Director, Safety and Violence Initiative. Cape Town, South Africa.
 - Ken Menkhaus, Professor of Political Science, Davidson College, Davidson. North Carolina, USA.
- Followed by town-hall discussion. Facilitation: Anna Alvazzi, Director of Programmes, Small Arms Survey, Geneva, Switzerland
- 10.45 **Break (Coffee & refreshments available in front of the Maison de la Paix Cafeteria – sponsored by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform)**
- 11:15 **Working Group Theme 2: Exploring the humanitarian, development and peacebuilding nexus in the city**
- Guiding questions:
- What does the humanitarian, development and peacebuilding nexus mean in practice at the city level?
 - How humanitarian, development and peacebuilding actors better link up during and after conflict in cities? What measures need to be taken by each to better complement one another?
- Kick-off presentations:
- Evaristo de Pinho Oliveira, Head of Water and Habitat, ICRC. Geneva, Switzerland.
 - Enrique Betancourt, Director, Citizen Security Initiative, Chemonics International. Washington D.C., USA.
 - Claudia Seymour, Research Associate. Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP), the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. Geneva, Switzerland.
- Followed by town-hall discussion. Facilitation: Hugo Slim, Head of Policy, ICRC. Geneva, Switzerland
- 12:45 **Lunch (self-paid lunch available in the Maison de la Paix Cafeteria)**

14:00

Working group discussions

Working group 1 on ‘Enabling peaceful, inclusive and just cities’
Facilitator: Yann-Cédric Quero, University of Montreal, Canada

Working group 2 on ‘The HDP nexus in the city’
Facilitator: Sara Sekkenes, Adviser, Conflict Prevention – Partnerships, Governance and Peacebuilding Cluster, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme, Geneva, Switzerland

16:15

Cross-cutting theme: Scaling – Experiences from Latin America

Kick-off presentation:

- Cristina Hoyos, Latin America and Caribbean Unit, DCAF, Geneva Switzerland
- Mirko Daniel Fernandez, SSR Officer, International Security Sector Advisory Team (ISSAT), DCAF, Geneva, Switzerland

Facilitation: Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform. Geneva, Switzerland.

17.15

Documentary “La oportunidad”

- Follow-up by comments from Rafael Zevallos, Executive Director Fundación Jesús Luz de Oportunidades. Panama City, Panama.

18.00

Wrap-up and end of day 1

Tuesday, 27 June 2017

Maison de la Paix

Target group: Senior expert level

9:00

Reports from working groups 1 and 2

9:15

Working Group Theme 3: Governance and security sector reform at the municipal level

Guiding questions:

- What is effective governance and security sector reform at the municipal level?
- What are challenges to the effective and accountable provision of security at the municipal level?
- Which are security sector reform approaches that work and provide solutions for urban safety challenges?

Kick-off presentations:

- Mario Aguja, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance in Southeast Asia, former member of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, Commissioner of the Independent Decommissioning Body of the Philippines, Professor of Sociology at Mindanao State University. Philippines.
- Rachada Dhanadirek, former Member of Parliament of Thailand, Member of the Central Executive Committee of the Democratic Party. Thailand.
- Tuesday Reitano, Deputy Director, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime. Geneva, Switzerland.

Followed by town-hall discussion (Facilitation: Hans Born Head of Policy and Research, DCAF. Geneva, Switzerland).

10:45 Break (Coffee & refreshments available in front of the Maison de la Paix Cafeteria – sponsored by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform)

11:15 **Working Group Theme 4: Building partnerships to co-produce safety and security: Guidelines on Safer Cities (led by UN-Habitat)**

Guiding questions:

How can we build more effective cross-cutting partnerships to co-produce safe and inclusive cities? Do the guidelines on safer cities provide the normative foundation to enable such co-production?

Kick-off presentations:

- Juma Assiago, Safer Cities Programme, UN-HABITAT. Nairobi, Kenya.
- Donna Smith-Moncrieffe, Research Division, Public Safety Canada. Ottawa, Canada.
- Caroline Putman-Cramer, Focal point on Urban Violence and Head of Sector for the Americas, Protection Division, ICRC. Geneva, Switzerland.
- Jean-Luc Lemahieu, Director, Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs (DPA), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Vienna, Austria.

Followed by town-hall discussion (Facilitation: Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform. Geneva, Switzerland)

12:30 **Lunch** (self-paid lunch available in the Maison de la Paix Cafeteria)

14:00 **Working group discussion**

Working group 3: Governance & security sector reform at the municipal level
Facilitator: Albrecht Schnabel, Senior Fellow, Research Division, DCAF. Geneva, Switzerland.

Working group 4: Building partnerships to co-produce safety and security
Facilitator: Juma Assiago, Safer Cities Programme, UN-HABITAT. Nairobi, Kenya.

16.15 **Reports from working groups 3 and 4**

16:30 **Concluding discussion: Aims, milestones, and ways of working of inter-sessional processes**

Juma Assiago, Safer Cities Programme, UN-HABITAT. Nairobi, Kenya.
Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform. Geneva, Switzerland.

17.15 Transfer to reception venue by public transport.

18:00 **Reception at Palais Eynard** offered by the Administrative Council of the City of Geneva.