

What Future for Peacebuilding? Needs, Policy, Action

Annual Meeting of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

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Summary

How does peacebuilding practice need to change today in order to be ready to face the future? What are the risks to peace we need to prepare for? What are the underlying principles of peacebuilding to guide policy and action? These questions frame this year's Annual Meeting of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform with the objective to create a better understanding about the nature and scale of peacebuilding practice necessary to foster more prosperous and peaceful societies by 2025. The Annual Meeting opens a space for a frank exchange on key trends in peacebuilding practice, on our present knowledge of future risks to peace, and on the visions and foundations for peacebuilding practice over the next decade. The Annual Meeting is the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform's yearly flagship event. This year, it will showcase and discuss the preliminary findings of the White Paper on Peacebuilding – a multi-stakeholder process facilitated by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform.

Rationale

At a time when characteristics of – and responses to – violent and fragile contexts are changing rapidly, this Annual Meeting intends to help governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations broaden the conversation around how countries themselves can most effectively move towards more prosperous and peaceful societies, with the assistance of the United Nations (UN) and other international actors.

Over the last 20 years, peacebuilding practice has grown in size and professionalism. Much of this practice involves the use of dialogue, trust-building, and consensus-seeking processes to resolve or manage conflict through non-violent means. Practice on, for instance, national dialogue processes, local peace committees, or architectures for peace has stimulated a growing interest from defence, humanitarian, business, or urban planning professionals. But despite this growth, peacebuilding practice remains often poorly understood in policy circles and fades in comparison to the advocacy infrastructures of commercial, defence, or diplomatic sectors.

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In light of the ever more apparent risks to peace, peacebuilding practice must prepare itself to be ready to face the future. Over the next decade, risks to peace are likely to evolve from pressures on systems at all levels – local, national regional, international. These pressures can emerge, for instance, from demographic trends (more people, more old people, more people in cities), economic trends (more uneven growth and inequality), political shifts (diffusion of power, less control by states), climate change (more natural disasters) and a changing nature of armed conflict (more chronic, criminal or non-war violence). There is no time to lose because these pressures are already a present reality in many contexts.

This year's Annual Meeting draws on the preliminary findings of the White Paper on Peacebuilding – a collaborative, multi-stakeholder process initiated by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform and supported by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.

Background

The White Paper has the objective to situate UN peacebuilding within the broader peacebuilding universe and to articulate visions for the future for building peace in violent and fragile contexts. The White Paper places peacebuilding within the changing characteristics of armed violence and security, and within the practical evidence of engagements in peacebuilding contexts emanating from a diversity of fields. Ensuring a better relationship between UN peacebuilding and the broader peacebuilding field is a complementary effort to the existing work surrounding the 10-year review of the UN peacebuilding architecture and an effort to take stock of the nature and evolution of the broader peacebuilding universe. The White Paper on Peacebuilding and all related background documents will be published later in 2014 or early 2015.

The Annual Meeting 2014 is the Platform's 7th yearly gathering of network members since 2008. It is the yearly flagship event and has 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 honest exchange outside of more formal policy forums.

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

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 (QUNO).

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.gppplatform.ch. This year, the Annual Meeting

is also part of *Geneva Peace Week* which is taking place from 17 to 21 November 2014 under the patronage of the United Nations Office at Geneva and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform.

Programme – Friday, 21 November 2014

8.30 Registration and welcome coffee

9.15 Welcome and opening

Jürg Lauber, Ambassador, Director of the United Nations and other International Organizations Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland

Scott Weber, Director-General, Interpeace, on behalf of the Steering Committee of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

9.45 Peacebuilding: What spectrum of perspectives?

This session reflects on the spectrum of views on the nature and evolution of peacebuilding practice. The session focuses on two questions: "Over the last 20 years, what are the key evolutions in the peacebuilding field you are observing?" and "How do you think the building of peace will look like in the future?"

Speakers

Yvette Stevens, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Sierra Leone

Michael von der Schulenburg, former Executive Representative of the UN Secretary General to Sierra Leone

Steve Killelea, Founder and Executive Chairman, Institute for Economics and Peace, Sydney

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

10.45 Break

11.30 What does peacebuilding mean from a regional perspective?

The panel has the objective to illustrate the key trends challenges and opportunities for peacebuilding practice in a specific region.

Andrew Ladley, Adjunct Professor, School of Government, Institute for Governance and Policy Studies, University of Wellington, New Zealand

Xue Lei, Research Fellow, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, Shanghai, China

Louis Hoffmann, Head, Transition and Recovery Division, Department of Operations and Emergencies, International Organization for Migration, Geneva

Moderator: **Renée Larivière**, Deputy Director General (Development and Learning), Interpeace

12.45 Lunch

14.00 Main take-aways from the morning sessions

Conversation around the graphic recordings of the Annual Meeting 2014

Gabriele Schlipf, MOMIK – Graphic Recording, Berlin

14.15 What future for peacebuilding practice?

This session focuses on the visions and foundations for peacebuilding practice over the next decade. It reflects on the underlying peacebuilding principles that could guide policy and action in a variety of contexts.

Michael Møller, Acting Director General, United Nations Office at Geneva

Helena Puig Larrauri, Co-organizer of Build Peace (an international conference on technology and peacebuilding) and Co-founder of Build Up (a social enterprise working at the intersection of technology, civic engagement and peacebuilding)

Youssef Mahmoud, Senior Adviser, International Peace Institute, New York

Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou, Deputy Director and Academic Dean of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy and Visiting Professor at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva and at Sciences Po Paris

Moderator: Susanna Campbell, Senior Researcher, Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) of the Graduate institute, Geneva

16.00 Closure of the Annual Meeting followed by a 'verre d'amitié' offered by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent Mission of Canada.

Biographies

Susanna Campbell

Susanna Campbell is a Post-Doctoral Researcher at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) in Geneva. Dr. Campbell has published widely on peacebuilding, statebuilding, and conflict prevention, and has conducted related studies for and of a range of international actors, including: the Center for Preventive Action of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Forum on Early Warning and Early Response (FEWER), UNICEF, International Crisis Group, International Alert, the World Bank Post-Conflict Fund, The World Bank Conflict-Affected States Group, the National Defense University, Catholic Relief Services, the UK Department for International Development (DfID), the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the UN Peacebuilding Support Office, and the UN Development Program (UNDP). She is currently leading or co-leading several large research projects on the dynamics of violent state formation and international aid, and engaged in fieldwork in Sudan, South Sudan, Nepal, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Louis Hoffmann

Louis Hoffmann is based in Geneva, Switzerland with the International Organization for Migration, where he leads the Transition and Recovery Division within the Department of Operations and Emergencies, focusing on issues of post-crisis recovery, durable solutions, community stabilization and peacebuilding. He previously served as a liaison with the United States Government for the Organization's emergency and post-conflict operations worldwide. He has an extensive field background, having served in Sudan, in the capacity of Darfur Coordinator prior to becoming Head of Office to South Sudan in 2005, where he directed the Organization's IDP and community recovery programmes. Since joining IOM in 1999, Louis has also held posts in Serbia, Afghanistan, Austria, East Timor, and Macedonia covering a range of programming activities including return and reintegration programming for Internally Displaced Persons and Refugees, assistance to demobilized ex-combatants, community reconstruction and rehabilitation projects, as well as 'out-of-country' voting. Louis joined IOM with a background in the resettlement of refugees.

Steve Killelea

Steve Killelea is an accomplished entrepreneur in high technology business development and at the forefront of philanthropic activities focused on sustainable development and peace. After successfully building two international software companies, he decided to dedicate most of his time and fortune to sustainable development and peace. In 2007 Steve founded the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), an international think tank dedicated to building a greater understanding of the interconnection between business, peace and economics with particular emphasis on the economic benefits of peace. IEP's ground-breaking research includes the Global Peace Index, the world's leading measure of peacefulness. Steve currently serves on a number of influential Company Boards, Advisory Boards and President Councils. In 2010 he was honoured as Member of the Order of Australia for his service to the global peace movement and the provision of humanitarian aid to the developing world. In 2013 Steve was nominated one of the "Top 100 Most Influential People in Armed Violence Reduction" by the UK group Action on Armed Violence.

Andrew Ladley

Andrew Ladley is currently an Adjunct Professor in the School of Government at the Institute for Governance and Policy Studies of the University of Wellington in New Zealand. From March 2008 to June 2009, he was a Senior Expert Mediator in the newly created Standby Team of mediation experts for the United Nations. In this capacity, he provided independent advice on constitutional and electoral matters to alleviate the risk of conflict. Prior to this, Andrew completed a five-year term (2003 to 2008) as Director of the School of Government's Institute for Governance and Policy Studies. He was also Chief of Staff and Coalition Manager in the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand. He joined the Faculty of Law at Victoria in 1987. In addition, he served with the UN in Cambodia, East Timor and Jamaica, worked for the Commonwealth in South Africa and Gambia, and assisted Amnesty International as a field researcher in Bosnia and Hercegovina, amongst other places.

Renée Larivière

Renée Larivière oversees the Development and Learning division at Interpeace. Her main responsibilities are focused on providing the vision and leadership for Programme Development, Learning and Policy and IPAT. She oversees the teams responsible for the inception of new operational programmes, the implementation of the organization's knowledge management cycle, and development of partnerships with other organizations. Operating in fragile societies, she has extensive experience in working with the different stakeholders that have an interest in building sustainable peace. Renée came to Interpeace in 2007 with field experience from Peru, Pakistan and Indonesia. While her focus has always been related to supporting fragile societies, her past work has been connected to conflicts relating to natural resources. While in Peru, Renée was also visiting Professor La Molina National University, lecturing on how to prevent conflict around management of natural resources. Prior to her mission in Pakistan, Renée worked for the Canadian International Development Agency. Renée is Canadian and holds a Masters in Environmental Sciences from the University of Sherbrooke and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Ottawa.

Jürg Lauber

Jürg Lauber is Assistant State Secretary for United Nations and other International Organizations in the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. He was on peacekeeping missions in Namibia (UNTAG) and Korea (Panmunjom) before he joined the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in 1993 and was posted in Bangkok, Bern, Beijing and to the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York. Between 2007 and 2009 he served as Chef de Cabinet to the President of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands. Between 2009 and 2011, he was the Deputy Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, and the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament. Mr. Lauber has a law degree from the University of Zurich. He was born in 1963 in Horgen, Switzerland.

Youssef Mahmoud

Youssef Mahmoud is Senior Adviser at the New York-based International Peace Institute (IPI), supporting the Africa, Middle East, and peace operations programs and serves as focal point on mediation policies and practices. Before retiring from the United Nations in January 2011, Dr. Mahmoud was the Secretary-General's Special Representative and Head of the Peacekeeping Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT). From 2007 to

2009 he served as Executive Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the UN Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Burundi (BINUB). He also assumed the responsibilities of Deputy Special Representative with the peacekeeping mission that preceded BINUB. Prior to these assignments, he held several other senior positions, notably as United Nations Resident Coordinator in Guyana and Director in the UN Department of Political Affairs. Before joining the United Nations in 1981, Dr. Mahmoud was Assistant Professor at the University of Tunis. He received his PhD in Linguistics from Georgetown University in 1979. He has written or co-authored a number of articles on peacebuilding and teaches a graduate course at New York University on peacebuilding and post conflict policies in fragile settings.

Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou

Mohammad- Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou is Deputy-Director and Academic Dean of the Geneva Center for Security Policy and Adjunct professor at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. He is also Visiting Professor at Sciences Po Paris. He was previously the Associate Director of the Harvard University Programme on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research in Cambridge, Massachusetts, former Foreign Minister of Mauritania, Director of Research of the International Council on Human Rights Policy, and Research Associate at the Ralph Bunche Institute on the United Nations in New York. He is the author of several books including *Understanding Al Qaeda – Changing War and Global Politics* (Macmillan, 2011), *Contre-Croisade – Le 11 Septembre et le Retournement du Monde* (L'Harmattan, 2011), and contributed chapters to several edited volumes, including *An International History of Terrorism* (Routledge, 2013).

Michael Møller

Michael Møller (Denmark) has served as Acting Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva since November 2013, concurrently serving as Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General to the Conference. Starting with the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees in 1979, Mr. Møller has worked for more than 30 years with the United Nations in Iran, Mexico, Haiti, New York and Geneva, including as the Secretary-General's Special Representative for Cyprus, Deputy Chief of Staff in the Office of the Secretary-General and Head of Office to the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs. Most recently, he served as Executive Director of the Kofi Annan Foundation.

Helena Puig

Helena Puig is a peacebuilding practitioner, focusing on innovation design and technology-enabled programs to promote peace, support civic engagement and prevent conflict. She works on projects with non-governmental and United Nations agencies in conflict and post-conflict environments including Sudan, Libya, Cyprus, Zimbabwe, Nepal, Somalia and Iraq. She is a co-organizer of Build Peace (an international conference on technology and peacebuilding) and co-founder of Build Up (a social enterprise working at the intersection of technology, civic engagement and peacebuilding). Ms Puig is also on the Board of Advisors of the Standby Task Force, an online volunteer technical community for crisis response that she co-founded in 2010. Prior to 2007, she worked as a project manager for the Mayor of London and as a risk manager for Standard Chartered Bank. She holds a Master in Public Affairs (Economics) from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School and a Bachelor's degree from Oxford University (where she also served as Student Union president for one year)

Gabriele Schlipf

Gabriele Schlipf sees herself as an artistic live interpreter, turning spoken words into accessible images. As a graphic recorder, also called scribe, she will visually summarize any topic in business, science, politics or culture. She is working at congresses, debates, workshops as well as lectures. Gabriele Schlipf studied Visual Communication at HfG Schwäbisch Gmünd College of Design and at the University of Applied Sciences Düsseldorf and graduated from there with an MA equivalent diploma in design studies. She has since worked as a freelance Creative Director for more than a decade and has applied her idea of "design based upon concepts" mainly to Corporate Design and Information Design. She lives in Berlin and works everywhere ... all over Germany, Europe and the rest of the world.

Michael von der Schulenburg

Michael von der Schulenburg accumulates 30 years of experience with the United Nations and four years with the OSCE that included assignments in mostly fragile and conflict-ridden countries such as Haiti, Pakistan, several assignments in both, Afghanistan and Iran, Iraq, Syria, Somalia and Sierra Leone. Schulenburg has extensively written for the UN about political developments in the Middle East but also about UN reforms and peacebuilding. IPI just published his policy paper "Rethinking Peacebuilding – Transforming the UN Approach" and he is working on a new book "On Peacebuilding – Saving the UN's Credibility" that will be published in 2015.

Yvette Stevens

Ambassador Yvette Stevens has had a wide experience within the United Nations System, having worked on humanitarian and development issues in six different UN entities, over a period of 28 years. Between 1999 and 2004, Ms. Stevens served as the substantive secretary for all deliberations on Africa in the General Assembly and ECOSOC, first as Special Coordinator of the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries in DESA, and later as Director of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa. In these two capacities, she was responsible for monitoring and implementing the recommendations of the 1998 Secretary General's report to the Security Council entitled "The Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa". It was also during that period, that ECOSOC created a framework for advisory group(s) on African countries emerging from conflict, the precursor of the Peacebuilding Commission. In UNHCR, she worked on issues relating to durable solutions for refugees and the link between relief and development.

Scott Weber

Scott Weber was appointed Director-General in 2005 by the then-Chairman (2000 – 2009) of the Interpeace Governing Council, 2008 Nobel Peace Prize laureate and former President Martti Ahtisaari. In recognition of his record of professional accomplishments, his commitment to society and his potential to contribute to shaping the future of the world through his inspiring leadership, Scott was selected as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2009. Each year the Forum recognizes "the 200 most distinguished young leaders below the age of 40 from around the world". In 2010 Scott was nominated by the Governing Council, chaired by former President of Ghana, John A. Kufuor, for a second 5-year term as Director-General. Scott began his career in the United Nations, first in disaster reduction and then political affairs. Scott is a member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO), The Chatham House (UK) and the Steering Committee of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform. He

is also a member of the Advisory Boards of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) and the Center for the Democratic Control of the Armed Forces (DCAF). He holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations, Economics and Russian from Georgetown University. Scott is French and American.

Achim Wennmann

Achim Wennmann is Executive Coordinator of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, and Researcher at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) of the Graduate Institute. He is author of *The Political Economy of Peacemaking* (London: Routledge, 2011), co-editor (with Mats Berdal) of *Ending Wars, Consolidating Peace: Economic Perspectives* (London: IISS and Routledge, 2010), and has published widely for scholarly and policy audiences. He has also provided different advisory services for international and non-governmental organizations, governments, private foundations, and business. He holds a Doctorate in International Relations from the Graduate Institute in Geneva.

Lei Xue

Lei Xue is a research fellow of the Center for Maritime and Polar Studies, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS). He got a Ph.D. degree for international law at the East China University of Political Science and Law in 2010. His main research fields include peacekeeping, peacebuilding, global order and international law, etc. His recent articles include "China as a permanent member of the UN Security Council", "The global network for preventive diplomacy and China's persuasive diplomacy", "China's development-oriented peacekeeping strategy in Africa".

About the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform is a partnership between four institutions with rich and diversified peacebuilding-related experience, which represent altogether 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 Management Committee. The day-to-day activities of the Platform are managed by a small team of staff.

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