Annual Meeting 2012
Programme

8.30 Registration

9.15 Welcome

Fred Tanner, Director, Geneva Centre for Security Policy; and Member of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform Steering Committee

Alexandre Fasel, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Switzerland in Geneva, and Member of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform Advisory Board

Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva

9.40 Introduction of the Programme

Jonathan Woolley, Director, Quaker United Nations Office, Geneva; and Member of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform Steering Committee

Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

9.50 Session 1: Conceptual exploration

Keynote address: Ken Menkhaus, Professor of Political Science, Davidson College, Davidson

The key-note speech has the objective to set the stage for the Annual Meeting. It clarifies the terminology of resilience in scholarly terms and its use in different policy communities. It also elaborates the applicability of the concept of resilience to peacebuilding contexts with practical illustrations, and highlights critical policy implications.

Moderation: Scott Weber, Director-General, Interpeace, Geneva; and Member of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform Steering Committee

11.15 Break

11.45 Session 2: Approaches and lessons from other domains

This session present different approaches and experience on strengthening resilience in a variety of contexts. It includes perspectives from the disaster risk reduction, humanitarian action, private sector, and environmental cooperation.

Marcus Oxley, Head of the Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction, London

Rudolf Muller, Deputy Director and Chief, Emergency Services Branch, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Geneva

David Jensen, Head of Programme, Environmental Cooperation for Peacebuilding, United Nations Environment Programme, Geneva; and Member of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform Advisory Board
Brian Ganson, Senior Researcher, The Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement, University of Stellenbosch Business School, Cape Town; and Senior Fellow, Center for Emerging Market Enterprises, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, Medford

Moderation: Sandra Aviles, Senior Liaison Officer, Programme Development and Humanitarian Affairs, Food and Agricultural Organization Office in Geneva

13.15 Lunch

14.30 Session 3: Building resilience in peacebuilding contexts

This session places the discussion on resilience into specific peacebuilding contexts, and explores what actors from the ground have to say about how to build resilience. Specifically, the session explores the practical lessons with regards to maintaining and advancing transformation processes, and ensuring inclusivity of such processes.

Nims Obunge, Chief Executive, The Peace Alliance, The Dream Centre, Tottenham Town Hall, London

Vivien Rueda, Director, Asociación Alianza Joven, Guatemala City

Azmi Thassim, Founding Member, Business for Peace Alliances, Sri Lanka

Moderation: Elissa Golberg, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

16.00 Conclusion: Collection of action points

The concluding session collects a series of action points and final observations.

Moderator: Keith Krause, Director, Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva; and Member of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform Steering Committee

16.45 Closure and reception

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