

# GPP Workshop on Peacebuilding and Civil Society

## Programme

29 June 2009, 15h-17h

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform (GPP) has the pleasure of inviting you to a workshop on "Peacebuilding and Civil Society".

The workshop will discuss the results and policy implications of a three-year international research project coordinated by the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) in Geneva. The project is a comparative analysis across thirteen countries on the specific roles of civil society in peacebuilding (see attached CCDP Working Paper No.4).

Although donors and the peacebuilding community have paid increasing attention to civil society activities during, and in the aftermath of, armed conflicts, there has been no systematic empirical analysis of civil society's actual contribution to peacebuilding. The GPP workshop on "Peacebuilding and Civil Society" will share the findings of this innovative research project and engage the Geneva-based peacebuilding and human rights communities in a discussion about the implications for donors and practitioners.

### 15:00 Welcome and Introduction

**David Atwood (chair)**, Director, Representative, Disarmament and Peace, Quaker United Nations Office, Member of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform Steering Committee

### 15.10 Presentation of the results of the research,

**Thania Paffenholz**, Director of the Research Project, Researcher at the CCDP, Graduate Institute of International Studies

### 15.30 Panel of discussants:

**Roland Salvisberg**, Deputy Head, Peace Policy, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Directorate of Political Affairs DP IV

**Colette Samoya**, Director, Peace Organisation « Bangwe et Dialogue », former Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations in Geneva

**Eugenia Piza-Lopez**, Senior Advisor, Conflict Prevention and Recovery Team, UNDP - Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery

### 16:00 Questions to the panel and discussion with the audience

### 17:00 Cocktail

Location:  
GCSP, WMO/OMM building (7 bis Av. de la Paix)  
Kruzel Hall (second floor)

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