



INVITATION

Ensure Peaceful, Just and Resilient Societies in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Side Event at the Special Event of the President of the General Assembly to Follow-Up Efforts Made
Towards Achieving the Millennium Development Goals

Thursday, 26 September 2013, 1:15 PM- 2:45 PM (Venue TBD)

The side-event takes place in the context of global consultations, within and outside the United Nations system, on what comes after the Millennium Development Goals expire in 2015. A major question relates to the specific place of conflict, violence and disaster in the new agenda. A key emerging message is that insecurity, injustice and violence disrupts development progress and destroys people's lives in all societies. Peaceful, just and resilient societies are universal aspirations. There is a historic opportunity to design a more transformative post-2015 framework that builds on the vision of the Millennium Declaration to uphold the rights of all people to enjoy freedom from fear of violence, injustice and insecurity as essential elements of sustainable development. Moreover, consultations to date have highlighted significant progress in the development of tools and techniques to measure the pathway to ensure stable, peaceful and resilient societies through development.

The recommendations of the Report of the High-level Panel of eminent persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda (HLP) further reaffirm the priorities for addressing conflict, violence and disaster. Drawing on the multiple voices calling for this agenda, the HLP report proposed stable and peaceful societies, and good governance and effective institutions as development goals in the drive to end world poverty and reduce inequality. The recently released report of the Secretary-General, "A life of dignity for all: accelerating progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and advancing the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015", also recognizes that peace and stability, human rights and effective governance based on the rule of law and transparent institutions are key outcomes and enablers of development. Strengthening recognition of the importance of this agenda, the Intergovernmental Open Working Group (OWG) will hold a special session on "conflict prevention, post-conflict peacebuilding and the promotion of durable peace, and rule of law and governance" in February 2014.

Purpose and scope

The side event will: (a) highlight key developments and invite the views of Member States and other stakeholders; (b) inform the post-2015 ongoing debates, especially the Open Working Group process; and (c) broaden the space for further dialogue leading up to the design of the post-2015 development framework.

Format, participation and tentative agenda

The side event will take one hour and half and will consist of opening remarks, a short introduction and update on key recommendations of the Global Thematic Consultation on Conflict, Violence and Disaster and UNDG's report, salient elements contained in the HLP Report and in the Secretary-General's Report.

PROGRAMME (Tentative)

Moderator: Mr. Jordan Ryan, Assistant Secretary-General and Director Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, UNDP

- Presentation of the various consultation's findings by H.E. Heidi Hautala, Minister for International Development of Finland
- Global perspectives on how to ensure peaceful, just and resilient societies in the post-2015 agenda
 - Remarks by H.E. José Luís Guterres, Minister of State and of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Timor-Leste
 - Remarks by a representative of the Government of Guatemala
 - Mr. Vasu Gounden, Executive Director, The African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)
- Moderated discussion
- Wrap-up and closure

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations agencies and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Sponsor/Co-Sponsors: Finland, Guatemala, Timor-Leste, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), The African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD), Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), and Saferworld.



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