

PBC Annual Session 2017
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Concept paper and programme

Partnerships for Financing for Peace

Recent resolutions on the review of the peacebuilding architecture (A/RES/70/262 and S/RES/2282 (2016)) reaffirmed the role of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) as a dedicated intergovernmental advisory body to bring a strategic approach and coherence to international peacebuilding efforts and stressed the importance to serve as a platform to convene all relevant actors within and outside the United Nations,¹ including Member States, national authorities, UN missions and country teams, international financial institutions (IFIs), civil society, and, where relevant, the private sector in order to provide recommendations and information to improve their coordination, to develop and share good practices in peacebuilding, including on institution building, and to ensure predictable financing to peacebuilding. The resolutions also recognized the need for United Nations peacebuilding efforts to have adequate, predictable, and sustained financing to effectively assist countries to build and sustain peace, and simultaneously underscored the value of collaboration and strategic partnerships to this end. The Secretary-General is also asked to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session on efforts to implement the resolutions in such areas as strengthening partnerships between the UN and key stakeholders, providing options on funding to UN peacebuilding activities, including through assessed and voluntary contributions, and providing options for adequate resourcing of the peacebuilding activities of UN country teams, peacekeeping operations and special political missions.

The PBC Annual Session in 2017 is an opportunity for the PBC to convene Member States and partners, including the UN system, IFIs, regional organizations, civil society organizations, and the private sector, to discuss ways of working together in support of peacebuilding and sustaining peace. This timely Session aims to share information on good practices, lessons learned, and experiences in efforts to build and sustain peace. The Session will also provide an opportunity to build strategic partnerships among a wide range of stakeholders, both within and outside the UN system, to mobilize financial resources for peace.

Peacebuilding is primarily a national responsibility requiring long-term investment in peace. When these foundations are challenged, however, rapid, adequate, predictable, and sustained

¹ A/RES/70/262 and S/RES/2282 (2016), OP4(d).

funding is a critical element of international efforts.² This requires short-term flexibility to address urgent needs as well as stable support often over decades. The combination of needs and the increasing complexity of financing options have highlighted the importance of sustained-international support from a broad set of partners.

In fact,

Sub-theme 2: Redefining partnership: The potential for increased collaboration in effective resource mobilization between the United Nations and other stakeholders.

Recent policy developments and new tools for expanded collaboration with key stakeholders, facilitating regular dialogue between the United Nations and its Member States, IFIs, where relevant, the private sector, and other stakeholders in ensuring predictable financing for peacebuilding and sustaining peace.

Format

Opening and closing sessions

These sessions will be held in plenary and designed around opening remarks by invited dignitaries and a keynote address.

Interactive working sessions on sub-themes

Two interactive working sessions on the sub-themes will take place in between the opening and closing sessions. These sessions will bring together Member States, representatives of institutional partners (particularly IFIs), UN officials, private sector representatives, regional and local actors, and relevant experts (practitioners/academia). Each interactive working session will include a panel of invited discussants, a designated moderator and, possibly, designated respondents from the floor.

Objective

Consider the options and opportunities for a possible roadmap for establishing stronger partnerships in effective resource mobilization between the PBC and other key partners, including IFIs.

Outcome

Possible constructive recommendations which might be expressed during the Annual Session, if any, will be considered by the Organizational Committee of the PBC and reflected in the PBC annual report as necessary. The Chair will submit an informal Chair's summary of the discussions which will also be considered during the deliberations.