

**IDPS Informal Breakfast Meeting
7th March 2018 - Washington DC**

Report

1. Introduction

On the margins of the World Bank Fragility Forum (5-7 March), the IDPS INCAF co-Chair¹ called a breakfast meeting, which was hosted by the Nordic Baltic Office of the World Bank (see annex for list of participants). The purpose was **to provide members present with an update of achievements in 2017 and for the first quarter of 2018, and to get their thoughts** on the implications of the content of World Bank Fragility Forum, on the future work of the Dialogue. Much of the discussion centred on how the IDPS should position itself to play a role in **operationalising recommendations of the World Bank-UN *Pathways for Peace* (PFP) report.**

2. Summary

- The meeting was **well attended**: 27 participants (19 from INCAF, 4 from civil society, 1 from g7+, 3 from the IDPS secretariat).
- Members welcomed the updates and IDPS secretariat's compilation of **evidence base about the New Deal in practice**, and forthcoming publications (from April onwards). These publications provide an opportunity to cement linkages and for strategic positioning.
- Members acknowledged the **influence of New Deal principles** on the **WB-UN PFP Report** and space this opens up for IDPS to play an important role in leveraging lessons from experience of what works, what does not work and challenges in implementing the New Deal - to shape discussions about implementing recommendations. A policy paper was suggested that underlines the relevance of the New Deal principles.
- WB and UN cannot do this alone, they need partners. This is an opportunity for the IDPS to prepare an offer to respond the call for partners.
- Members believe the IDPS should become a platform to facilitate discussions on progress and accountability regarding the Sustaining Peace Agenda, and on Mainstreaming prevention / breaking silos within members' administrations.
- Discussion paper prepared by Anne-Lise Klausen, former WB New Deal focal point, now independent consultant helping IDPS co-Chairs to lead IDPS wide discussions, sees 4 roles for the IDPS – i) Convenor for inclusive partnerships at country level; ii) Convenor backed by three constituencies at global level; iii) Monitoring for accountability of new processes and curating experiences of implementation; iv) Adapting New Deal tools to speak to new agenda – to engage with 'joint assessment' coalitions and community of practitioners / researchers involved in PFP report.
- Members acknowledged both global and country focus was needed – with UNDP supported by Germany as well placed to play country level role.
- Members welcomed and supported **IDPS efforts to strengthen partnerships with other influential coalitions e.g. CIC/NYU Pathfinders** and to pro-actively seek convergence and collaboration.
- France, Germany, EU and the Netherlands spoke up in support of the direction of the Dialogue and **France confirmed its willingness to support the IDPS secretariat financially.**

¹ g7+ co-chair of IDPS sent apologies for absence due to Sierra Leone Presidential election on same day.

- Discussions on **when next the Dialogue meeting / side event could be**, highlighted UN High Level Meeting (April in New York) and need to defend UNSG report on sustaining peace; SIPRI Forum (May); UN High Level Political Forum (July) as possibilities.

3. Full Report

3.1. IDPS Secretariat update

The IDPS Secretariat updated members on the joint work undertaken by the three constituencies, in 2017 and the first quarter of 2018, supported by the IDPS secretariat (PPT available). i) Drafting and agreement on IDPS joint strategy; ii) Drafting and agreement on IDPS Joint Work Programme; iii) Gender Inclusivity Workshop on Somalia – CSPPS-UNDP-g7+ (Somalia), December 2017; iv) Towards a Country Dialogue process in Sierra Leone; v) Joint IDPS High Level Panel ‘IDPS perspectives on Operationalising the UN-WB *Pathways for Peace* Report’. The Secretariat also reported back on three additional pieces of work completed in 2017: i) Report on ‘State of Play: Use of Country Systems’; ii) ‘New Deal Insights Report’ collating evidence on New Deal progress in practice and iii) How to scale up responsible investment and promote sustainable peace in fragile environments. Report summaries are currently available on the IDPS website, with full reports scheduled for publication later in the year.

3.2. Member Takeaways from the Fragility Forum – Next Steps for the International Dialogue: Discussion

Identifying what aspects of the New Deal principles can be useful in operationalising the new agenda

The IDPS (INCAF) co-Chair, Ambassador Joran Bjällerstedt highlighted the need for the IDPS to reflect on how to pull together learning from 10 years’ experience to shape policies for operationalising the recommendations on Prevention outlined in the PFP report and more broadly, on the prevention and sustaining peace agenda, SDG16+ and 17 in g7+ countries and beyond. This must include guidance on ‘action planning’ in member countries. The co-Chair also acknowledged similarities with the New Deal in PFP report, but underlined the need also to, in line with the sustaining peace-resolutions, include non-conflict-affected contexts when thinking about prevention. Germany (INCAF co-Chair) suggested that the IDPS should produce a policy document that underlines the continuing relevance of the New Deal principles in light of the last years’ developments and the PFP report. This received broad support by the meeting.

Members support for IDPS Secretariat reaffirmed

Participants gave positive feedback on the Dialogue High level panel held the day before at the Fragility Forum and reaffirmed support to the convening role of the Dialogue Secretariat which brings together the three constituencies for discussions. INCAF co-Chair (Germany) took this opportunity to inform participants that INCAF co-Chairs sent out a letter to INCAF members stating the strengths of the Dialogue’s work at both global and country level. France announced that they are currently involved in discussions with the Secretariat to provide financial support.

Implementation of Agenda 2030 and SDG16+

Moving towards implementing Agenda 2030 and especially SDG16+ should be a focus area of work of the Dialogue, and collaborations with other influential coalitions (e.g. CIC/NYU Pathfinders) should be pro-actively sought, to increase coherence and impact. This includes collaboration between the Dialogue Secretariat and the UNDP New Deal facility regarding support to SDG

implementation at country level. Some participants also expressed interest in updating the tools in light of the new agenda. CSPPS insisted that the IDPS should not be shy of its assets e.g. The Fragility Assessment. Some expressed interest in seeing greater inclusion of national security considerations in conversations about SGD16 and the new agenda.

Operationalising recommendations of the *Pathways for Peace* report

Members noted the similarities between the ideas outlined in the PFP report (addressing the root causes of grievance) and the New Deal principles. They also acknowledged that implementation of the recommendations would be difficult and highlighted that this is an opportunity for the IDPS to play an important role in supporting the WB, UN but also bi-laterals, governments, and civil society, think through how to operationalise the recommendations, by sharing experience and lessons learnt from the perspective of the Dialogue's three constituencies, on New Deal implementation.

IDPS must be more visible within INCAF members' administrations

Making the IDPS more fit for purpose, members acknowledged would require greater visibility for IDPS products and usefulness within member agencies / administrations. This is key to ensuring support to the IDPS and the principles of the New Deal. Members discussed using the platform to facilitate the process of socialising the report's recommendations internally within bilateral agencies to enable them to develop a holistic whole of government approach to prevention.

Monitoring and accountability

IDPS as a platform for accountability and tracking progress amongst members on prevention especially with regard to breaking down silos in policies and programmes (e.g. addressing donors' disconnects in their administration, MFAs and agencies) was discussed.

Consultant highlights

Consultant and Former WB New Deal Focal Point, Anne-Lise Klausen, shared highlights from a discussion paper prepared for the IDPS Secretariat (to be shared) – insisting that the IDPS, like any marriage after 10 years, needs rejuvenating and strengthening. She outlined 4 main roles for the Dialogue on eve of its 10th anniversary:

1. **Builder of partnerships at local level** to translate global agenda.
2. **Independent convenor backed by three constituencies** to inform policy direction.
3. **To reassess and redesign New Deal and aid effectiveness tools – for use in prevention not just post-conflict.** IDPS could engage experts who have been involved in the UN-WB study to continue in this area – especially on joint tools – rather than proliferation of tools.
4. **To monitor and curate experience:** monitoring and accountability mechanisms are needed for prevention and sustaining peace agenda – with accountability to g7+ governments and people – work with expert group to move this agenda forward.

3.3. Resourcing Reminder

Co-Chair closed the meeting, acknowledging interest expressed by France in contributing funds to the IDPS secretariat, and reminding members that resources available would **expire at the end of June**, meaning that any funding commitments were needed before then, and that a **more sustainable funding arrangement needed to be envisaged**.

3.4. Next steps/follow up

In light of the urgent need to land the New Deal in the new era – and self-confidently say what its value and connections are with the emerging new agenda, members called to the Secretariat to:

- ▶ **Launch a consultation** as the earliest to have a first draft of a **policy paper / common IDPS position**, highlighting what aspects of the New Deal principles can be leveraged for use to operationalise the prevention and sustaining peace agenda, based on the constituency positions presented on the PFP report.
- ▶ Develop an **action plan in the policy paper outlining what IDPS will do in relation to taking forward the Prevention agenda.**
- ▶ Prepare the draft of the Policy paper by **end of April.**
- ▶ **Set date for next IDPS meeting** to discuss the results from the consultation. Opportunities for reconvening include: 7-9 May: 2018 Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development (Stockholm, Sweden); 9-18 July: HLPF on Sustainable Development (NYC). Secretariat to identify with members best moment to convene. Other important moment for the IDPS include: 24-25 April: UNGA High-level Meeting on Sustaining Peace (NYC).
- ▶ Ensure IDPS members get their political leadership, attending the UNGA High Level Meeting in April, **to support and secure UN Sustaining Peace Resolutions / UNSG report.**

Annex 1: List of participants

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