

QUARTERLY BULLETIN ON PEACEBUILDING & STATEBUILDING
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Dear IDPS members,

Welcome to the October 2019 edition of the IDPS Bulletin! We have made steady progress since our last edition in May. Since then we welcomed Dr Francis Kaikai, Minister of Planning and Economic Development in Sierra Leone, as our new co-chair in June 2019. We finalised the *IDPS 2019-21 Peace Vision*, which provides a framework for joint action for the three IDPS constituencies for the next two years. The *Peace Vision* was officially endorsed during our Steering Group meeting in Lisbon on 28 June and launched on the margins of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in New York on 15 July, with the assistance of six ministers. With a renewed commitment from the three IDPS constituencies to work together, we look forward to hearing about progress made and lessons learned while members put the *Peace Vision* into action. In the meantime, please stay in touch on your constituency-level plans and activities!

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IDPS STEERING GROUP, 28 June 2019



Minister Francis Kaikai, co-chair of the IDPS and chair of the g7+ with Abie Kamara (Sierra Leone) and Ajit Singh (Canada)

The IDPS Steering Group meeting was preceded by the g7+ Ministerial Meeting on 26-27 June in Lisbon, Portugal. Under the leadership of the g7+ chair, [Minister Francis Kaikai](#), the g7+ Lisbon [Communique](#) welcomed the *IDPS 2019-21 Peace Vision* and committed the group to working with its partners to realising the objectives therein. The following day, on 28 June, the three IDPS constituencies recommitted to the IDPS partnership by officially endorsing the *Peace Vision*. The *Peace Vision* provides a clear framework for joint action towards the delivery of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16+ in conflict-affected situations and the furtherance of the Sustaining Peace and Conflict Prevention Agendas. It includes ten **IDPS-wide commitments** to furthering the three thematic priorities in the vision.

These are: enhancing national cohesion; advancing gender equality and the Women, Peace and Security agenda; and supporting a peace-promoting private sector. In addition, each of the three IDPS constituencies put forward **constituency commitments** at the Steering Group meeting. These were included in the final version of the *Peace Vision*, which was officially closed and published on the IDPS website in [English](#) and [French](#) on 9 July.



Members of the IDPS Steering Group, 28 June 2019

MINISTERIAL LAUNCH OF IDPS PEACE VISION, 15 July 2019



Following the success of the Steering Group, Minister Kaikai led the official launch of the *Peace Vision* at the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York on 15 July, on the margins of the HLPF. The [event](#) was a huge success with no fewer than six ministers supporting from Somalia (via a video link), Central African Republic and Sierra Leone. Ms. Elissa Golberg, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy, Global Affairs Canada, opened and moderated the launch on behalf of the Canadian government, which also included representatives from the g7+, CSPPS, and the OECD. During a panel discussion speakers placed emphasis on the continued importance of the IDPS community and the need for political support for the *Peace Vision*, IDPS activities at country-level, and global advocacy on the *Peace Vision's* themes.



Ministerial launch of the IDPS Peace Vision on the margins of the HLPF, Canada's Permanent Mission to the UN, 15 July 2019

CONSTITUENCY NEWS

g7+: On 19 June, the g7+ secretariat held a Justice Ministerial Meeting in The Hague, which yielded a Declaration and Joint Action Plan, followed by an [International Conference on Natural Resources](#) on 25 June in Lisbon, and its 5th Ministerial Meeting, also in Lisbon, on 26-27 June. The final [communiqué](#) from the Ministerial Meeting called on the international community to address root causes of conflicts, and to support conflict-affected countries to achieve peace through genuine dialogue and reconciliation, in accordance with the wishes of their citizens. It also called on development partners and the private sector to engage in job creation in g7+ countries, committed to establishing a g7+ ministerial-level platform on natural resource management to facilitate knowledge sharing, and reaffirmed the g7+ commitment to the principles of the *New Deal*, the IDPS, Agenda 2030, and the Sustaining Peace agenda. Five g7+ countries (Central African Republic, Chad, Cote D'Ivoire, Sierra Leone and Timor-Leste) presented Voluntary National Reviews (VNR) at the HLPF 2019, which included a review of SDG 16, following which the g7+ secretariat co-hosted a side event on [SDG16 in conflict-affected situations: ambitions vs reality](#) on 17 July.

CSPPS: A Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS) delegation from Côte d'Ivoire, Chad, Central African Republic, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Cameroon attended the HLPF, in addition to members of the CSPPS secretariat. Its [Ready for Review project](#) and [Voices of SDG16+: Stories for Global Action](#) campaign were central to its engagement. It also held a joint workshop showcasing best practices on how civil society is driving progress on SDG 16+ and contributed to a report on [Empowering Civil Society for National Reporting and Action on SDG16](#). During the [Thematic Review of SDG16](#) Marina de Paiva spoke on behalf of civil society globally, addressing the need for accelerated action on achieving the vision of SDG 16 and on leaving no one behind. She delivered a powerful [speech](#) in the form of a call-to-action to urge Member States to accelerate commitments on SDG16+, alluding to the [Rome Civil Society Declaration](#). Click [here](#) for a full review of CSPPS activities at the HLPF.



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INCAF: In July, members of the International Network on Crises and Fragility (INCAF) nominated the Republic of Korea as the new co-chair of INCAF's technical-level Task Team, alongside Belgium. Korea, which succeeds the African Development Bank, has a long history of leadership and support for improving aid effectiveness, including as host of the regular Busan Forum. Over the past months, INCAF Members' activities have focused on disseminating and operationalizing the [DAC Recommendation on the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus](#). Other key activities and projects of INCAF have focused on refugee financing, strengthening operational fitness in situations of crisis and fragility, the launch of the "Lives in Crisis" report (see below), and the development of a web platform with key data from the [States of Fragility](#) report.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

["Lives in Crises: What Do People Tell Us About the Humanitarian Aid They Receive?"](#), published by the OECD, provides an overview of survey data from recipients of aid in seven countries. UNDP's [snapshot](#) of emerging findings from g7+ countries' VNRs, discusses common bottlenecks in SDG implementation, highlighting promising practices and making recommendations regarding persistent challenges. The SDG Knowledge Platform issued an update on [Progress of Goal 16 in 2019](#). Saferworld published a useful infographic on [Putting SDG16+ into practice: 11 steps to promote peace, justice and inclusion](#). Pathfinders issued a report from the [Task Force on Justice](#) about putting people at the centre of justice systems and justice at the heart of sustainable development, in line with SDG 16. In July, the G7 (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK and the US) issued a [declaration](#) committing the group to promoting local ownership and solutions when tackling fragility and declaring its support for the IDPS and the g7+ Fragile-to-Fragile Cooperation structure. [CSPPS](#) and the g7+ also issued newsletters in August 2019.



Check out the [Business for Peace Foundation](#) and the [SDG16 Hub](#) websites for useful information on IDPS themes! Also available is the [Global Compact Progress Report 2019](#). CSPPS is also looking forward to publishing a paper entitled "Ready to engage? The private sector in fragile and conflict-affected settings, conflict-sensitive business and peace promoting business" in October 2019. The paper, a collaboration with Oxfam Novib and the Center for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO), is for civil society organisations wishing to engage with private sector actors on the unintended negative impact of their activities in fragile settings.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- INCAF will be holding its next Director Level and Task Team Meetings on 6-8 November in Paris.
- The [SDG 16+ Forum](#) will be held in Dili, Timor Leste on 11-14 November to promote [learning and exchange](#).
- CSPPS will hold its annual Executive Committee Meeting on 4 December and its Core Group Meeting on 5-6 December in Addis Ababa, where attendees will develop a strategy on implementation of the *Peace Vision*. An invitation will be extended to constituency partners.

Please stay in touch on your *Peace Vision* activities by emailing secretariat@pbsbdialogue.org