

5th GLOBAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE

Addressing Fragility and Building Peace in a Changing World

Stockholm, Sweden – 5 April 2016

Concept Note

Refugee flows, violent forms of extremism, rising violence and conflicts, as well as climate related disasters, have all reshaped the global landscape. As a consequence, extreme poverty is taking root in fragile and conflict affected countries. A collective commitment to addressing the root causes of conflict, fragility and violence is now more vital than ever, particularly if the ambitious goals of the universal 2030 agenda are to be delivered in fragile and conflict affected environments.

In this context, the 5th Global meeting of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding in Stockholm, led by the co-chairs, H.E. Isabella Lövin, Minister of International Development Cooperation of Sweden, and H.E. Dr. Kaifala Marah, Minister of Finance and Development of Sierra Leone, will bring together high level participants from countries affected by conflict and fragility, development partners, civil society and observers.

The meeting will reaffirm our commitment to prevention of conflict and relapse into conflict by addressing the drivers of conflict and creating clear pathways out of fragility and towards greater resilience.

BACKGROUND

The International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding is a unique partnership for political dialogue which brings together countries affected by conflict and fragility, development partners and civil society. In December 2011, at the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, the International Dialogue launched the *New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States*. This was endorsed by over forty countries and organisations. The New Deal contains two core agendas: a) what to prioritise when engaging in fragile situations; and b) how to engage most effectively.

Since the launch of the New Deal, we have learnt that without greater political leadership, a stronger role for women in building peace, and capable institutions, the goal of eradicating poverty and achieving sustainable development will remain far off. The New Deal framework provides the best pathway out of conflict and fragility and for delivering the 2030 Agenda in fragile and conflict affected environments.

OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES OF THE MEETING

The 5th Global Meeting of the International Dialogue will seek agreement and cooperation in the following areas:

- i. Addressing the root causes of violence, conflict and fragility;
- ii. Accelerating and improving the implementation of the New Deal at the country level and forging broader, stronger and more effective partnerships for peace;
- iii. Smarter, more targeted development support for peacebuilding, statebuilding, and implementation of the SDGs in fragile and conflict-affected situations, especially in g7+ countries;
- iv. A statement from the International Dialogue to the World Humanitarian Summit outlining a partnership with humanitarian actors; and
- v. Commitment to greater responsibility and leadership on the part of political leaders.

Format

This High Level forum will include Ministers, senior officials and civil society. It will be comprised of statements followed by a joint declaration. The meeting will also agree on a new direction for the International Dialogue.