Violent conflicts have become more complex and protracted. They are increasingly linked to global challenges and pose serious challenges to both the humanitarian and the development systems.

This High Level Panel will bring together Ministers and senior officials from the g7+ group of countries affected by conflict and fragility, OECD-DAC–INCAF countries, civil society (CSPPS), UN system and World Bank, to discuss how bilateral and multilateral actors can work better together to prevent violent conflict.

Panelists will provide their perspectives on the World Bank-UN report *Pathways for Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict*. Drawing on panelists’ experience of piloting the *New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States* in g7+ countries, the discussion will focus in particular on the challenges of operationalizing the report’s recommendations and will identify what is required to ensure they are effectively translated into practice.

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