

# FriEnt Peacebuilding Forum

## BUILDING AND SUSTAINING PEACE THROUGH INCLUSIVE COUNTRY DIALOGUES: THE CASE OF SIERRA LEONE

Wednesday, 13 June, 13:30-15:00,  
Room 6.01, FriEnt Peacebuilding  
Forum, Berlin



© 2015 James Meiring,

This panel will bring together members of the IDPS with CIC/NYU Pathfinders for SDG16+, to provide their perspectives on the role of inclusive dialogue processes between donors, governments and civil society, in supporting the Agenda 2030 in Sierra Leone. They will also consider the country's experience of applying the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States' principles, and on the lessons this experience has to offer for future national planning and implementation processes in the country.

### Panelists

**Lucy Brewah**, Economist, Development Assistance Coordination Office (DACO), Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, Government of Sierra Leone (g7+)

**Valnora Edwin**, Director, Campaign for Good Governance, Sierra Leone (Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding)

**David Steven**, Senior Fellow and Associate Director, New York University's Center on International Cooperation (CIC/NYU)

**Kathryn Nwajiaku**, Head of Secretariat, International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (IDPS)

**Mark Mattner** (moderator), Director, Sector Program Peace and Security, Disaster Risk Management, GIZ, Germany

The **International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding** is a partnership between the governments of 20 countries affected by conflict and fragility (g7+), development partners (OECD-DAC INCAF) and civil society (CSPPS). The IDPS is the architect behind the *New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States* – a call to action for different ways of operating in fragile and conflict-affected environments, which prioritises effective peacebuilding and statebuilding and country ownership and leadership.

For the last 10 years, the IDPS has served as a platform for mutual accountability, frank and open exchange, lesson-learning and sharing to promote effective support to country owned and country led, inclusive peacebuilding and statebuilding. Replicating at country level, the regular and sustained global level dialogue, has been a challenge. To overcome this, in 2017, Sierra Leone stepped forward and agreed to pilot a country dialogue process.