MESSAGE FROM THE IDPS CO-CHAIR REPRESENTATIVES

Dear IDPS members,

Welcome to our first IDPS Bulletin of 2019! We deeply appreciate your continued work and engagement with the International Dialogue over the past years and the collective journey we have made together. It is crucial that we continue to build momentum in advocating for change in the situations of fragile and conflict-affected states, based on our joint vision and commitment to working together. As we prepare to officially launch our Peace Vision document in July 2019 it is important that we embark on the challenge of delivering on our commitments over the next two years. We look forward to engaging with you as part of a series of IDPS learning events, partnerships and activities on peacebuilding and statebuilding in fragile and conflict-affected countries. As co-chair representatives we count on your support in implementing the commitments in the Peace Vision. Be assured that we are always open to ideas and inputs from you on IDPS-related matters and encourage you to bring them forward via the IDPS secretariat. Tell us about your New Deal and Peace Vision inspired activities and progress in your countries! We are excited to be able to draw on your experiences and look forward to an ongoing dialogue with you.

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UPDATE ON IDPS ACHIEVEMENTS

Since our co-chairs, Canada and Sierra Leone, joined us in mid-2018 we have been busy reconnecting with our constituencies, developing our IDPS 2019-21 Peace Vision document and organising a series of IDPS events: a learning event on the margins of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in March in New York; our upcoming informal IDPS gathering on 15 May during the SIPRI Stockholm Forum; our first Steering Group meeting on 28 June in Lisbon; and the official launch of the Peace Vision and commitments in July at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF). With a reinvigorated IDPS and the strong political backing of our co-chairs, 2019 provides an opportunity to unleash the potential of the IDPS!

RECENT ACTIVITIES

IDPS event at the 2019 CSW

On 12 March 2019, some 70 people gathered in New York on the margins of the 63rd CSW to discuss "The Centrality of Gender Equality to National Cohesion and Sustainable Peacebuilding." The aim of the event was to raise awareness about the IDPS 2019-21 Peace Vision, one of whose thematic focus areas is advancing gender equality and the Women, Peace and Security Agenda to further the delivery of SDG 16+. The event was supported by ministers from Canada, Sierra Leone and Somalia as well as by the First Lady of Sierra Leone, Fatima Maada Bio. It also included a panel with two high level civil society representatives and a powerful video message from Hon. Deqa Yasin, Minister of Women and Human Rights Development in Somalia. Click here for more details.
CONSTITUENCY NEWS

“Ready for Review” CSPPS project
CSPPS has joined forces with the TAP Network (and a range of other partners) in 2019 to implement a project aimed at ensuring the meaningful inclusion, participation and contribution of national and local civil society organisations during government-led Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) consultation and validation processes in five countries presenting a VNR at the HLPF in New York in July 2019. Click here for more details.

DAC Recommendation on the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus
The OECD’s Development Assistance Committee (DAC) adopted a Recommendation on the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus on 22 February 2019, a measure to promote greater coherence – in coordination, programming, and financing – between the different sets of actors who are all necessary to end crises and fragility.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

Intersections: Practicing Pluralism by Jane Jenson, January 2019
This article examines how the concept of social cohesion intersects with that of pluralism.

Engaging with men and masculinities in fragile and conflict-affected states
This policy paper from OECD, jointly developed by INCAF and GENDERNET, provides practical recommendations for donors and practitioners on how to integrate gender equality into programming in fragile and conflict-affected settings.

Blended finance in the poorest countries: the need for a better approach
by Samantha Attridge and Lars Engen provides evidence to inform the discussion on the role of blended finance in plugging the SDG financing gap of 2.5 trillion USD a year in developing countries.

In April 2019 the g7+ Justice Ministerial Meeting will take place in 19-20 June in the Hague.

The g7+ 5th Ministerial Meeting will take place on 26-27 June in Lisbon

CSPPS is partnering with the Transparency, Accountability and Participation (TAP) Network, International Peace Institute, Saferworld, Peace Direct and others to organise the Voices of ISD16+: Stories for Global Action video campaign which will culminate in a all-day event in New York on 11 July.

The g7+ International Conference on Natural Resources will be held on 25 June and a Justice Ministerial meeting held on 19 to 20 June 2019.

IDPS constituencies are encouraged to share news and other information on their activities with the IDPS secretariat.
Please stay in touch by emailing secretariat@pbsdialogue.org

OTHER NEWS

FCV strategy
The World Bank is developing its first ever consultative strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV) in 2019 and is inviting people to share their views and inputs.

Belgrade Call to Action
The Belgrade Call to Action was launched on 8 April 2019 as part of International Civil Society Week. The Call to Action will be an important reference for civil society in its engagement around civic space during the lead-up to the HLPF and the UN General Assembly meetings later this year. Details are available here.

Release of ODA figures
On 10 April, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) released preliminary 2018 Official Development Assistance (ODA) figures along with a Communiqué showing that there is a decrease to the world’s most needy and a video explaining the new grant-equivalent methodology.

2nd High-Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation BAPA+40
A landmark conference on the crucial role of south-south cooperation in delivering sustainable development took place on 20-22 March 2019 in Argentina, at which representatives of 160 nations adopted an outcome statement. The g7+ secretariat and partners held a side event on “South-South cooperation for peace”, launching the Fragile-to-Fragile cooperation (F2F) initiative as a unique answer to tackle root causes of conflict and fragility amongst g7+ member states. This event involved representatives of the 3 IDPS constituencies.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Fiscal Affairs Department and the Institute for Capacity Development of the International Monetary Fund are offering a free online course on public financial management.