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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.

Abie Kamara, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development Sierra Leone
Michael Callan, Conflict Prevention, Stabilization and Peacebuilding Division, Global Affairs Canada

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!



Keynote speech delivered by H.E. Nabeela Tunis, outgoing Minister of Planning and Economic Development, IDPS Sierra Leone co-chair and Chair of the g7+ group of fragile states

RECENT ACTIVITIES

IDPS event at the 2019 CSW



Keynote address delivered by H.E. Maryam Monsef, Minister of International Development and Minister for Women and Gender Equality and IDPS Canadian co-chair

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.

EVENTS

- ▶ The [SIPRI Stockholm Forum](#) took place on 14-16 May in Stockholm and was attended by various IDPS constituency members. The IDPS co-chairs also held an informal IDPS gathering on 15 May for those in attendance
- ▶ Michael Callan participated in a panel at the SIPRI Stockholm Forum on 15 May. The session title was: "Dialogue in action: a candid conversation on delivering together"
- ▶ The INCAF Task Team meeting is scheduled for 22-24 May in Paris
- ▶ The [SDG 16 Expert Group Meeting \(EGM\)](#) will take place on May 27-29 in Rome. In the lead up to the event, CSPPS will be participating in the SDG 16 EGM-Civil Society Day on 26 May.
- ▶ The next IDPS Steering Group meeting will be held on 28 June in Lisbon. A refreshed IDPS Steering Group will be meeting in Lisbon for the first time
- ▶ An "International Conference on Civil Society Space" will take place on 6 June at OECD's Château de la Muette in Paris
- ▶ The g7+ Justice Ministerial Meeting will take place from 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 fSD16+: Stories for Global Action [video campaign](#) which will culminate in all-day event in New York on 11 July
- ▶ The IDPS will officially launch its IDPS 2019-21 Peace Vision on the 15 July on the margins of the HLPF in New York. This is a joint IDPS partnership event with high level representation of all three constituencies including a group of g7+ ministers presenting their Voluntary National Reviews (VNR) at the HLPF.

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.

g7+ Ministerial Meeting

The g7+ will hold its 5th Ministerial Meeting from 26-27 June 2019 at the g7+ European Hub in Lisbon, Portugal. The meeting will be a key opportunity to gather g7+ Ministers and Focal Points to:

- Consolidate the membership of the g7+ with a view to it becoming an internationally recognized group that exists to make, build and sustain peace and development.
- Develop a consensus on building stability in member countries from within by adapting an introspective approach to tackling challenges that hinder peace and economic resilience.

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@pbsbdialogue.org

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+ released its latest [Newsletter](#).

Saferworld and partners have just released a [collaborative tool](#) on meaningfully engaging with women in fragile and conflict-affected states.

The [UNDP Facility: Implementation of the SDGs in Fragile and Conflict Affected States annual news update](#) is now available. [Click to subscribe](#).

TAP Network recently launched [a new SDG accountability handbook](#).

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](#).