

Political Dialogue Working Group

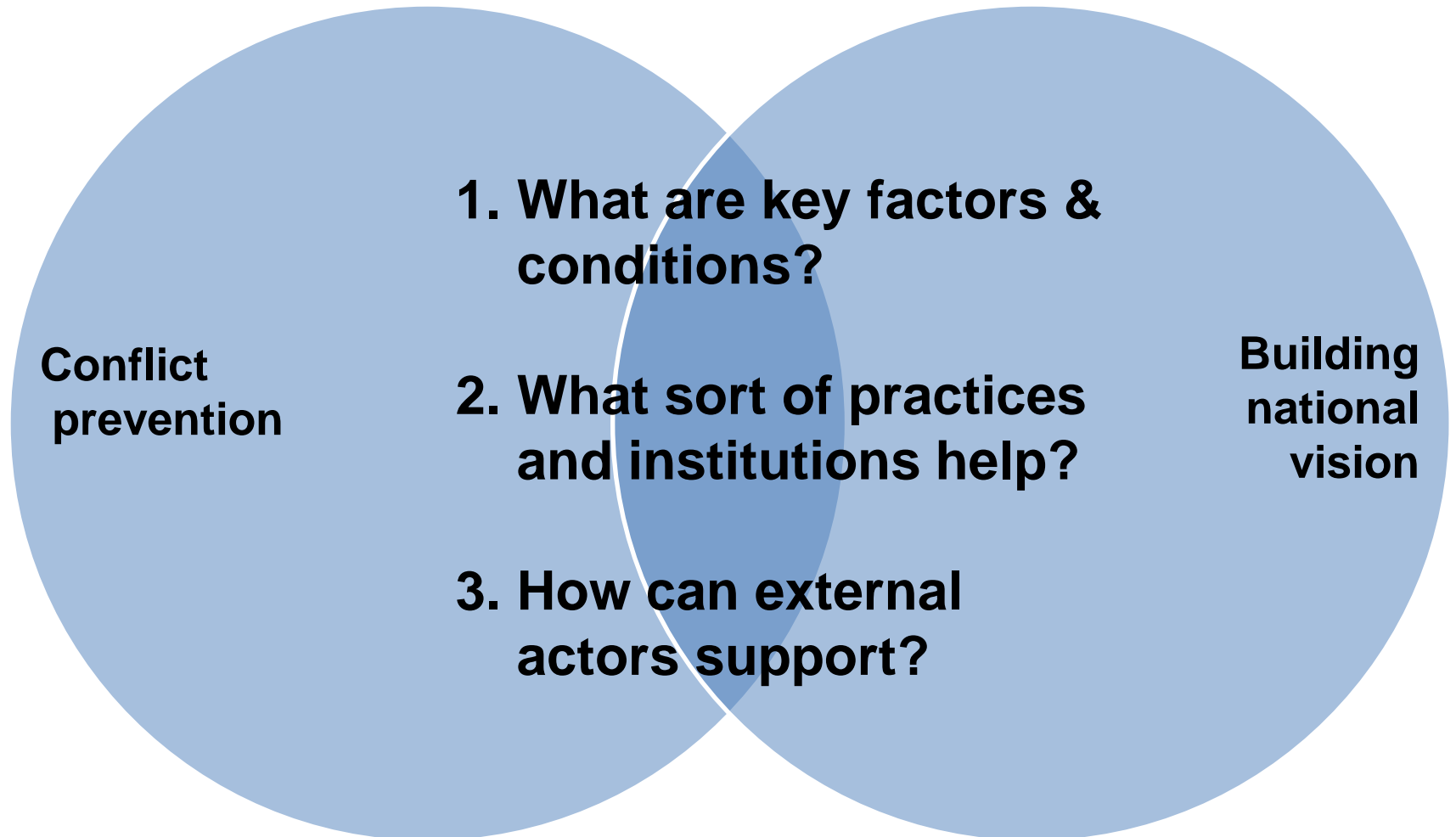
Key Findings

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Background

- Dili Declaration identified PD as one of 4 key areas that needed attention
- PD Working Group was co-chaired by Liberia and the UNDP/ UN DPA
- Meeting
 - December 16, 2010 in Paris
 - May 5, 2011 in Freetown

Political Dialogue – Key Questions



Political Dialogue

- Range of activities, from high-level negotiations to mediation, to community level reconciliation
- Parameters: the dialogue must be political and aimed at addressing threats in a society, which can cause a lapse or relapse into violence
- At the deeper level: address conflict drivers, foster reconciliation, build a greater national consensus and social cohesion, define a shared vision of the future

Key findings

1. Preconditions for successful Political Dialogue:
 - Adequate preparation
 - Credible facilitation
 - Sufficient political commitment
 - Collective leadership capability
 - Adequate inclusion

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2. Strategies for improving political dialogue:
 - Strengthen leadership to form productive coalitions
 - Infrastructure for peace
 - Conduct planning as political dialogue
 - Attention to the implementation of agreements
 - Institutionalisation of dialogue support

Key findings

3. Types of Political Dialogue

- high-level or summit dialogue
- track-two by civil society
- Indispensable aspect of planning for peacebuilding, statebuilding and development
- Multi-level dialogue

Key messages

- More attention to preconditions for success
- Better implementation
- More international focus and resources