



Title: Empowering Civil Society in a Volatile World 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding

DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE

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14h-17h CET

FES - Berlin, Germany & Hybrid

Registration link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIde-srDkjGdVnDRZSvRmljEnOKIIXMIDU>

BACKGROUND

With only six years left until 2030, the urgency to scale-up transformative commitments towards realising the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is paramount. As we assess the advancement of the SDGs, it's alarming to see how far off track we are from achieving our goals by 2030 especially SDG 16+.

Both 2024 and 2025 present key high-level opportunities for governments to advance policies and decisions that could have a multiplier effect in achieving SDG 16, building more peaceful, just and inclusive societies and responsive institutions. The 2024 SDG 16 Conference in May gains significance with the Summit of the Future in September and the thematic review of SDG 16 in July, offering a chance to put SDG 16+ at the forefront of global discussions and urge genuine commitments from member states. Immediate action is imperative to overhaul our strategies.

The lack of progress over the last several years serves as a clear warning. Without swift and transformative change, we risk undermining the progress achieved so far, increasing vulnerability to future crises, and solidifying unsustainable development trajectories. This year stands as a crucial moment to reassess and reinvigorate our commitments to SDG 16 and its pivotal role in fostering peaceful, just and inclusive societies globally.

Surging conflicts and tensions around the world, underscore the pressing need for transformative action. These conflicts not only endanger the lives and livelihoods of millions and hold the potential for global conflict spillovers but also pose significant obstacles to achieving SDG 16 and its targets.

REVIEW OF SDG 16 AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

Each year, selected Sustainable Development Goals are being reviewed during the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, under an event organised under the auspices of ECOSOC in July in New York. Among the SDGs for review in 2024, is the SDG16 on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. This thematic review aims at highlighting the progress made in the implementation of SDG16 at the local, national and global levels, as well as the remaining challenges that must be overcome, and therefore identifying solutions and recommendations to address them.



Considering the volatile environments the majority of the CSPPS membership works in and their consequential effects, 2024 marks an important year in re-assessing, reflecting, confirming and adapting priorities when working towards peace, justice and inclusion. The CSPPS membership is increasingly affected by a multiplicity of challenges, from climate change to long-term health deterioration, which overall affects our common goal in achieving peace. Therefore, bringing the membership together aims at putting forward a multitude of perspectives on how actions, successes but also challenges to SDG16 are manifested in various contexts, how we can learn from each other and bring new narratives to the forefront on achieving our common goal of peaceful, just and inclusive societies.

CIVIL SOCIETY PLATFORM FOR PEACEBUILDING AND STATEBUILDING (CSPPS)

The Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS, or 'the Platform') is a global network of civil society organisations supporting peacebuilding efforts in fragile & conflict-affected settings. CSPPS aims to amplify and strengthen the voice and agency of local civil society in fragile settings. CSPPS engages in and influences peacebuilding, statebuilding and conflict prevention policy development in the context of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (IDPS), the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, New Agenda for Peace and other relevant policy domains. Sustainable Development Goal 16, for peaceful, just and inclusive societies, is at the core of the work of CSPPS. The Platform unites a wide and ever-growing membership of 800+ civil society organisations and is present across 46 countries from both the Global South (36 countries) as well as the Global North (10 countries).

EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES

- Gathering the membership together, revitalising and fostering relationships and partnerships across the membership.
- Discuss, identify and concretise strategic priorities of the Platform for next two years.
- Identify potential partner opportunities with IDPS and BMZ partners.
- Sharing reflections on the current state of peace, justice and inclusive societies in CSPPS member countries(SDG 16).

AUDIENCE

- Members of the Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS)
- Partners of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (IDPS), including G7+ and the International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF).
- Partners of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ).

AGENDA

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
14h00 - 14h05	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elise Granlie, Secretariat CSPPS
14h05 - 14h10	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Hume, Co-Chair of CSPPS and Executive Director of Alliance for Peacebuilding, Washington DC • Gwendolyn Myers, Co-Chair of CSPPS and Founder and Executive Director of Messengers of Peace (MOP), Liberia
14h10 - 14h20	<p>1. Reflections on the Platform's past two years</p> <p><i>The coordinator of the Platform will reflect on key achievements and milestones that have shaped the work of CSPPS for the last two years.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter van Sluijs, Coordinator of CSPPS
14h20 - 15h05	<p>2. Reflections from the membership</p> <p><i>We will hear from four members of CSPPS to delve into current worldwide developments in promoting peace, justice and inclusive societies at the local level.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chalachew Worku, Positive Peace Ethiopia • Ivan Kibangou Ngoy, Global Participe, Congo Brazzaville • TBC [In person] • TBC [Online Participant] <p>Open the floor for discussion for the CSPPS membership.</p>
15h05 - 15h20	<p>Coffee Break</p>
15h20 - 16h05	<p>3. Partnership for peace</p> <p><i>Guiding question: What can you, as representative of your constituency, do to keep channels open for dialogue on more peaceful, just and inclusive societies in a polarised world?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habib Ur Rehman Mayar, Deputy General Secretary, g7+ Secretariat • INCAF [TBC] • Eliška Jelínková, UNOY • Helena Sterwe, IDPS secretariat <p>Open the floor for discussion for the CSPPS membership.</p>



<p>16h05 - 16h50</p>	<p>4. What should we [CSPPS] do more to bring change?</p> <p><i>This session will bring the membership in a more interactive way to discuss and define together what we as CSPPS will be doing for the next year and a half, next to launching the 2024 Berlin Statement.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Musa Ansumana Soko, Wash-net, Executive Committee of CSPPS ● CSPPS Member [TBC] ● Gabrielle Arnaud, CSPPS <p>Guide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What will CSPPS work on the year until end of 2025?</i> - <i>Where and how can we use the strength of the membership and the IDPS?</i> - <i>Launch of the 2024 Berlin Statement</i> <p>Open the floor for discussion for the CSPPS membership.</p>
<p>16h50 - 17h00</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elizabeth Hume, Co-Chair of CSPPS and Executive Director of Alliance for Peacebuilding, Washington DC ● Gwendolyn Myers, Co-Chair of CSPPS and Founder and Executive Director of Messengers of Peace (MOP), Liberia ● Elise Granlie, Secretariat CSPPS