

## **Provisional Annual Programme of Work of the Peacebuilding Commission 2022**

1. The present Programme of Work is prepared pursuant to recommendation 4.I of the annex to the annual report of the Peacebuilding Commission, which asks the Commission to adopt an annual workplan based on the forward agenda contained in the Commission's annual report and reflecting the Commission's country-specific, regional and thematic priorities. It aims to ensure effective implementation of the Commission's mandate as articulated in A/RES/60/180 and S/RES/1645 (2005); A/RES/70/262 and S/RES/2282(2016); as well as A/RES/75/201 and S/RES/2558 (2020). It also follows an informal ambassadorial level meeting of the Commission which took place on 4 February 2022, with the participation of representatives of countries and regions who engage with the Commission, to discuss priorities for 2022.
2. In 2022, the Commission will build on good practices and lessons learned in carrying forward its activities. Its work will be guided by feedback and requests from the countries who seek the Commission's support. It will also consider relevant recommendations contained in the Secretary-General's report on Our Common Agenda as they pertain to the requests received from countries and regions who engage with the Commission.
3. The Commission will adopt a demand-driven approach, which requires continuing consultations with the countries who consider sharing their peacebuilding experiences. Consultations are ongoing for planned or possible engagements on at least 12 different countries in 2022, including Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, The Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Papua New Guinea, Sierra Leone, South Sudan and Timor Leste. The focus will range from mobilizing political, financial and technical support for context-specific peacebuilding priorities, to sharing results and lessons learned from peacebuilding trajectories. Consultations are also ongoing in follow-up to past commitments in support of regional peacebuilding activities, including in the Great Lakes region, Gulf of Guinea, Lake Chad Basin, Sahel, and the Pacific Islands. All these and other possible engagements will take into account and contribute to the following principles and commitments:

## **Focus on national ownership, and inclusivity**

4. In pursuing country, regional and cross-cutting engagements in accordance with its mandate and based upon national ownership, the Commission will place strong emphasis on delivering results and meeting the needs of the countries who seek its support. Peacebuilding challenges observed in different parts of the world risk reversing gains that the Commission has been supporting to achieve for years. The situation calls for recalibrated action and more effective support, taking into account also the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Guided by action-oriented analysis, the Commission will ensure active engagement of all its members in support of countries under its consideration.. Continuous focus on results will be key to expanding the Commission's work to more settings. The Commission encourages the participation of countries that are eligible for the Peacebuilding Fund's Peacebuilding and Recovery Facility to share their peacebuilding experiences and results achieved with support from the Fund.

5. The Commission will continue to support inclusive approaches in support of national peacebuilding initiatives and peace processes at the request of concerned governments and in line with national ownership, including by offering its platform to civil society and private sector representatives and by empowering women and youth peacebuilders.

## **Attention to United Nations coherence**

6. The Commission will continue to promote integrated, strategic and coherent approaches to peacebuilding, noting that security, development and human rights are closely interlinked and mutually reinforcing. The Commission, in line with its mandate, will continue to bring all relevant parts of the United Nations system together, including agencies, funds and programmes, with a focus on its representatives in the field, who are leading United Nations efforts to support national peacebuilding priorities, address conflict risks and enhance the capacity of national institutions.

7. The Commission will continue to place emphasis on synergy with the PBF and will continue to engage on a regular basis with DPPA/PBSO, members of the PBF Advisory Group and the countries that engage with the PBF to ensure that it is informed of the activities of the Fund.

8. The Commission will leverage positive footprints of peacekeepers, where the peacekeeping missions exist, and support the implementation of the peacebuilding dimensions of peacekeeping.

### **Effective partnerships**

9. In consultation with the countries concerned, the Commission will pursue more effective partnerships with regional organizations and international financial institutions with a focus on coherent support to conflict-affected countries based on shared analysis. In doing so, it will build on suggestions made during past consultative meetings with the African Union Peace and Security Council. The Commission will organize the annual meeting with the African Union Peace and Security Council and promote cooperation with other regional and sub-regional organizations, as appropriate.

10. The Commission will continue to pursue opportunities for stronger engagement with international financial institutions, as well as regional financial institutions including through visits to their headquarters and regular engagement of IFIs in the Commission's discussions and preparation of meetings, and by continuing to support a strengthened UN-World Bank partnership, including building on successful initiatives supported by the UN Humanitarian-Development-Peacebuilding and Partnership facility.

11. The Commission will offer its platform for the promotion of South-South and triangular cooperation in support of peacebuilding and sustaining peace.

### **Advocacy for peacebuilding financing.**

12. The Commission will continue to advocate for adequate, predictable and sustained financing for peacebuilding. With that in mind, the Commission will submit its input to the General Assembly on peacebuilding financing and seek an action-oriented outcome. The Commission will also explore ways to encourage flexible funding for local peacebuilding organizations, including those led by women and youth and continue developing approaches to foster innovative financing for peacebuilding.

### **Enhanced bridging and advisory role.**

13. The Commission will continue to improve the quality and timeliness of its submissions and briefings to other intergovernmental bodies and peacebuilding fora, including the General Assembly, the Security Council, and ECOSOC. The appointment of informal coordinators will facilitate this effort, including by better aligning the Commission's programme of work to those of the General Assembly and the Security Council as appropriate, and strengthening the Commission's bridging role.

14. In resolution A/RES/75/327 the General Assembly acknowledged the importance of the Commission's advice on "causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa". As encouraged in the said resolution the Commission will maintain this practice.

15. The Commission will convene informal interactive dialogues with the Security Council, will submit advice to the Security Council at its request, as appropriate and will take action in response to S/RES/2594 (2021) in which the Security Council strongly encourages the Commission to facilitate the development of joint objectives and priorities prior to transitions and, in this connection, requests the Secretary-General to liaise with the Commission in advance of relevant reporting to the Security Council with a view to facilitating the provision of complementary and timely advice from the Commission to the Council.

16. The Commission will convene joint events with the Economic and Social Council and will further enhance informal cooperation with the Council, its advisory bodies and the Executive Boards of the Agencies, Funds and Programmes in the areas of peacebuilding and development.

**Emphasis on accountability.**

17. The Commission will keep track of its results and good practices and improve the outward communication of these results. The Commission welcomes the compilation by DPPA/PBSO of factual and verified analysis in PBC annual reports and encourages the continuation of this practice.

18. In its meetings, the Commission will mainstream the Women, Peace and Security agenda and the Youth, Peace and Security agenda, while maintaining focus on the Commission's Gender Strategy (2016) and Gender Action Plan

(2021). The Commission also requests DPPA/PBSO to continue to bring to its attention annual updates on the implementation of its gender strategy and action plan, and its action plan on youth and peacebuilding.

19. Finally, in implementing the 2022 Programme of Work, the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission and the Chairs of country-specific configurations will meet regularly to share updates and discuss challenges that require collective action, with a view to further strengthening coherence within a unified Peacebuilding Commission.

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