

Peacebuilding Commission
Working Group on Lessons Learned

Information Note

**The Role of the PBC in Marshalling Resources
for Countries on its Agenda**

ECOSOC Chamber
26 May 2010, 10 am – 1 pm

I. The Focus of the Meeting

The Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) was tasked, in the founding resolutions (A/RES/60/180 and S/1645/2005) with, among other things, “helping to marshal resources and ensuring predictable financing for early recovery activities”.

This meeting will focus on the following sources of funding for resource mobilization:

1. Marshalling Official Development Assistance (ODA) for peacebuilding;
2. The Role of the Private Sector in Resource Mobilization;
3. South-South cooperation and non-traditional donors.

To this end, the meeting is intended to:

- identify and extract from case studies core issues, practices and specific lessons learned from experience with the mobilization of resources for peacebuilding efforts and;
- Prepare the ground for policy suggestions regarding approaches to resource mobilization to be discussed by the Organizational Committee (OC) to enhance PBC’s work in marshalling resources for post conflict countries at an enhanced level on a sustainable basis.

II. Key issues for consideration

Marshaling ODA for peacebuilding:

- Drawing from the existing experience and lessons learned how can ODA be enhanced to support post-conflict peacebuilding on a sustainable basis? What type of partnerships can the PBC forge to achieve this goal?
- How can global and country-level forums for resource mobilization and/ or aid coordination be best engaged to facilitate broad-based dialogue on better channeling and targeting of ODA for critical peacebuilding tasks?
- Can existing instruments such as PRSPs, national development plans strategic frameworks etc. be adapted to facilitate predictable and timely funding for peacebuilding objectives?
- What can be done to broaden the donor base and enhance predictability of ODA for PB?

The role of the private sector:

- How should resource mobilization by the private sector be best defined? Should it be focused on direct contributions to peacebuilding initiatives, or on providing investment and jobs for early recovery in support of peace consolidation?

- What public or internationally-supported initiatives can best assist the various aspects of private sector resource mobilization?
- Can some of the critical needs for private sector development be addressed by peacebuilding actors, in particular provision of security, infrastructure, legal and regulatory reforms and better public financial management?
- How can knowledge from local business development and experience with nationally-owned business development strategies in post-conflict contexts be better shared among countries?
- Can regional experiences of successful private sector development in the aftermath of conflict be better shared and can it be reproduced?
- How can philanthropic support be better coordinated and mobilized to make a more significant impact in critical post-conflict phases?

South-South cooperation and non-traditional donors:

- How can good international practices for technical assistance and triangular cooperation in post-conflict peacebuilding be best shared and defined?
- How could the comparative advantages of South-South cooperation be identified and utilized in peacebuilding?
- How can peacebuilding contributions from non-traditional donors be encouraged as per their capacity while recognizing the demands of their own national development objectives?

III. Format and Structure

This open meeting will be held from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. ECOSOC Chamber.

Chair:

H.E. Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nation

Panelists:

Mr. John Sande Kanyarubona, Chief Infrastructure Policy Specialist, Operational Resources and Policies Department, African Development Bank. (AfDB)

Mr. Matthias Stiefel, CEO PeaceFunds, Founder and Vice Chairman Interpeace

Representative of IBSA countries (India – Brazil - South Africa)

IV. Outcome

The discussion in the PBC WGLL on marshalling resources is designed to analyze and discuss on the “what” “how” and “when” in post conflict resource mobilization with a view to help meet the growing requirements of the countries in post conflict. Following the meeting, a Chair’s Summary of relevant lessons drawn from the presentations and discussions will be made in preparation for a meeting of the Organizational Committee (OC) to consider possible options and strategies for resource mobilization at a later stage. The document will be distributed to the PBC Chair, the chairs of the various country configurations and members of the PBC for their consideration.

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