

## **FOCUS SESSION 14:**

### **Partnership for shared Prosperity in Conflict Affected Countries**

Tuesday 3:00 – 4:15, Room 6

#### **Objectives:**

- Strengthen partnerships between leading private sector actors, areas affected by conflict and fragility and development partners to create economic foundations, jobs and livelihoods.
- Focus on how multi-stakeholder engagement in conflict affected areas can be instrumental to development while enhancing private sector action for peace in the workplace, marketplace, and in local communities.
- Share good practice on value chain development to maximize local economic opportunities and jobs in conflict affected and fragile areas.

#### **Session Format:**

This session brings together private sector actors, development partners and government representatives from fragile and conflict affected states. The main focus is on how to develop value chains and boost partnerships for shared prosperity in fragile states.

#### **Speakers/Panelists:**

- Mr. Georg Kell, Executive Director, UN Global Compact (Moderator)
- Mamadou Oury Diallo, CEO, Batipro, Local Business Representative from Guinea (Testimony)
- Ms. Mary Porter Peschka, Director of Sustainable Advisory Services, International Finance Corporation (Presenter)
- Dr. Ram Sharan Mahat, Finance Minister, Government of Nepal (Panelist)
- Mr. Chris West, Director, Shell Foundation (Panelist)
- Mr. Thomas de Man, Chair Task Force Development BIAC (Business Industry Advisory Committee) and Chair Committee International Cooperation of the Dutch Employers Federation (VNO-NCW). Former Heineken Director for Africa (Panelist)
- Ms. Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands (Panelist)

- Mr. Andrew Bone, Global Head of Government and Industry Relations, De Beers Group (Panelist)
- Ms. Justine Greening, UK Secretary of State for International Development (Wrap-up panelist)
- Mr. Kebour Ghenna, Executive Director, Pan-African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Wrap-up panelist)

### Background/Narrative:

This interactive Focus Session focuses on partnering within fragile and conflict-affected states for the shared prosperity that contributes to sustainable development and peace. Economic development and job creation, achieved through strong private sector engagement, are crucial to build peaceful states. Peace and functioning states are key for economic development and for private sector investment. Investing in areas affected by conflict and fragility is risky. In these contexts, bringing together and building strong partnerships among private and public interests, and development partners is key to creating an environment that enables private investment and job creation, and contributes to building peace and opportunities for people. Building local value chains is a way to build broad based gains. Practice is evolving rapidly. The session will share examples of good practice to be applied in fragile and conflict-affected areas. The audience will be able to actively participate in the panel discussion during Q&A.

### Organizers:

The session is jointly organized by the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (IDPS), Partnerships for Prosperity (P4P), International Finance Corporation (IFC), United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.

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