

FOCUS SESSION 6:

Leading Transitions from Conflict and Fragility: What to Expect from the New Deal and the Peace- and State-building Goals

Tuesday 15 April 8:00am – 9:15 Room 6

Objectives:

- Hear directly from the audience what development challenges they face in situations affected by conflict and fragility and the solutions that they want;
- Learn about how the New Deal can respond to those challenges and showcase New Deal success stories;
- Explore the relevance of the New Deal and of the Peace- and State-building Goals in middle income countries in Latin America, the Middle East and Europe.

Session Format:

This session brings together civil society, development partners, government representatives from fragile and conflict affected states, private sector actors, thinkers, and all those who are interested in finding a solution to some of the most pressing problems of our times. It will be a **global town hall meeting** that is moderated. Speakers will answer impromptu questions from the audience as well as from social media outlets. Some guiding questions will be suggested by the moderator. The session will be introduced by a **short video** that sets the vision of the New Deal highlights New Deal successes stories. The session will be **live streamed on YouTube** and discussed on **Twitter** using the hashtag #newdeal.

The **goal** is to have an open and frank discussion about common challenges and opportunities faced by a variety of actors in situations affected by conflict and fragility, and to identify how the New Deal, in particular the Peace- and State-building Goals, can best support a collective and effective response in such situations. Through the open discussion (Q&A) the public and leaders will hear and learn from each other and form real experiences on the ground. They will reflect on what they can contribute to support successful transitions from fragility to resilience, and how to respond to situations of extreme vulnerability and crisis.

Key questions:

- *What key development challenges do you face in your work in conflict affected and fragile situations? How can the New Deal address those challenges?*
- *In what ways is the New Deal applicable to non-g7+ countries in fragile situations?*
- *Has the New Deal been useful as a framework to work more effectively in countries affected by conflict and fragility?*
- *How has the New Deal changed approach and practices within the donor community? Can you give some examples?*
- *Is the New Deal relevant to middle income countries and regions affected by conflict and fragility? How can it be applied there?*

Speakers/Panelists:

- H.E. Emilia Pires, Minister of Finance of Timor Leste & co-Chair of the International Dialogue
- H.E. Pekka Haavisto, Minister for International Development of Finland and co-Chair of the International Dialogue
- H.E. Mohammad Mustafa Mastoor, Deputy Minister for Finance, Afghanistan
- H.E. Célestin Vunabandi, Minister of Planning, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Ms. Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, United States Agency for International Development
- Mr. Martin Dahinden, State Secretary and Director General, Swiss Development Cooperation Agency
- Mr. Diakalia Ouattara, Secretary-General, Forum national sur la dette et la pauvreté (FNPD)
- Dr. Lawrence Pintak, Founding Dean and Professor, The Edward R. Murrow College of Communication (moderator)

Background/Narrative:

Along with the Global Partnership process, the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile State is a defining feature of the Busan Outcome Document. Together, they call for new actions in the way development cooperation is organized and delivered. The New Deal focuses on the specific development challenges and opportunities faced by countries affected by conflict and fragility. It calls for greater focus on key priorities to build peaceful states, the Peace-and State-building Goals, and for a marked shift on how such priorities are realized at the country as well as at the global level.

The International Dialogue on Peace- and State-building, which produced the New Deal is the forum that brings together leaders, civil society representatives, and other relevant actors from the g7+ group of conflict affected and fragile states and development partners committed to drive change through the New Deal. This has universal importance. Conflict and fragility are trans-continental risks, affecting people in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe and elsewhere. At the same time, looking towards 2015 and beyond, effective partnerships and more targeted and decisive action to address conflict and fragility are needed to eradicate extreme poverty, enable sustainable growth and to better manage the environment.

Organizers:

The session is jointly organized by the g7+ group of fragile states, International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF), the Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS), and the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (IDPS).

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