This Month’s number
67% of ODA in fragile contexts came from bilateral donors in 2016.
Learn more here.

Launch of the States of Fragility 2018 Report

2018 States of Fragility was launched on 17th July, during the High Level Political Forum at the Irish Mission in New York. This year’s flagship report demonstrates the need to invest in more ambitious results. It explores:

- 12 key trends in fragility and what these mean for programming;
- Which contexts are fragile and why – emphasising that fragility is not just about conflict;
- What resources are available for fragile contexts and how they are being used;
- How well policy commitments to addressing fragility, conflict and violence are reflected in the reality of financial commitments.

INCAF Task Team Meeting

INCAF held its first Task Team meeting for 2018 from 2nd to 4th May in Paris. Key outcomes from the meeting included:

- Follow up on Financing for Stability - with a focus on security spending, transitions and debt distress in fragile and conflict affected situations;
- Development of a new workstream on early warning to early action;
- Initial prioritization of INCAF follow-up and support for Pathways for Peace;

Summary documents of the Task Team were distributed to members on 25 May 2018 and are available on Basecamp, along with presentations from the meetings. If there are any comments on the workshop summary, please contact Hugh MacLeman on Hugh.MACLEMAN@OECD.org.

Upcoming INCAF participation in global events

Paris Peace Forum – November 2018

The French Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be convening its first edition of the Paris Peace Forum from 11-13 November. This high level event will aim at promoting governance solutions with a focus on five key issues: peace and security; environment; development; new technologies, and; inclusive economy. In the course of three days governments, international organizations and civil society will present concrete projects and explore new initiatives to strengthen peace and improve the effectiveness of global responses.

INCAF members can participate in a formal debate at the Forum by submitting their projects until 30 July 2018 (18.00 – Paris time) here.

SAVE THE DATE -- for INCAF upcoming meetings

✓ The High Level Roundtable on the Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus of the DAC will be held in Paris on 19 November 2018
✓ The INCAF Task Team and Director Level meetings will be held in Paris from 20-21 November 2018
High Level Roundtable on the Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus – November 2018

As the 2018 States of Fragility outlines, bilateral donors need to work more coherently across the nexus if they want to address the multidimensional drivers of fragility. In this context, the DAC will be hosting a High Level Roundtable on the Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus on 19 November 2018. This one-day event will give members the opportunity to exchange on how to better address humanitarian, development and peace challenges in fragile contexts, with the overall objective of agreeing on concrete actions regarding bilateral donors’ roles and responsibilities. INCAF members will play a key role in the formulation of these actions, including a consultation process prior to the roundtable, commencing at the start of October 2018.

High Level Political Forum – July 2019

The 2019 High Level Political Forum will focus on the theme ‘Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality’. This will include an in-depth review of SDG 16. This high-profile event is an important opportunity for members to build a strong INCAF voice and to demonstrate progress on working more coherently and effectively in fragile contexts. Members interested in leading an event or with any other suggestions, should contact the Secretariat: Hugh.MACLEMAN@OECD.org cc Jenny.GALLELLI@oecd.org.

Publications & resources

The United Nations University Centre for Policy Research recent report, What Works in UN Resident Coordinator-led Conflict Prevention: Lessons from the Field, provides analytical case studies and good practices examples of RC-supported preventive action. The policy paper is a compilation of recommendations and findings from country case studies in Bolivia, Colombia, Guinea, Guyana, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Nepal and Tunisia and was undertaken with the support of the UK Mission to the United Nations.

The latest policy paper Deterring Emigration with Foreign Aid: An Overview of Evidence from Low-Income Countries issued by the Center for Global Development looks at the effectiveness of policy efforts from rich countries that aim to address the ‘root causes’ of migration. Among other things, the paper calls for a shift in aid agencies’ mandates – away from a focus on deterring migration and toward shaping migration for mutual benefit.

Building a lasting peace and combatting fragilities is France’s new strategy for fragile contexts and sets out priorities for prevention and a comprehensive approach linking diplomacy, security, humanitarian efforts, stabilization and development. In addition to the French strategy, the French Development Agency has developed a new fund, Minka, dedicated to peace and resilience.

Please note that Hugh MacLeman, Head of the INCAF Secretariat will be on annual leave until 13 August, 2018. For urgent matters during this time, please contact Jenny.GALLELLI@oecd.org.

Updates on the Humanitarian, Development, Peace Nexus

✓ IASC’s 2nd practitioners’ network meeting to strengthen collaboration across the nexus was held in Dakar 28th to 29th May. The workshop brought together 39 participants from 11 countries and included thematic discussions on topics including analysis, planning and collective outcomes, as well as a presentation on the role of bilateral actors. Highlights from the meeting are attached.

✓ The DAC Chair, Charlotte Petri Gornitzka attended an informal Roundtable discussion on the nexus organized by ECHO in Brussels on 5th of July. The purpose of the event was to learn from each other and identify the most pressing challenges and constraints and where effort should be concentrated. A summary of the discussions is attached to this newsletter.

Articles of interest

• The Center for Global Development’s brief on Rethinking the Humanitarian Business Model discusses humanitarian reform efforts and emerging trends in humanitarian aid.

• The Brooking’s Institute article Development for security: Lending for peace? re-examines the development-security nexus and calls for a new Busan Partnership for Development Cooperation for Security.

• Beyond fragility: Syria and the challenges of reconstruction in fierce states looks into Syria’s post-conflict reconstruction and the challenges it presents for both policymakers and development practitioners.