

The DAC International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF)

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1. INCAF Directors reiterate that, following the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, we are committed to leave no one behind and to reach the furthest behind, first.
2. We can only achieve this commitment if we effectively address fragility, conflict and its main drivers and if we strive to step up our prevention and peacebuilding efforts.
3. Meeting the needs of the poorest and most marginalised will require new ways of working in fragile situations and a strong INCAF voice to build a consensus for change, to scale up good practice, to tackle collective problems and to strengthen dialogue with g7+ countries, the multilateral system, international financial institutions and civil society, recognising the challenges of shrinking civil society space and the critical role of women and youth in peacebuilding.
4. INCAF recognises that the 2019 High Level Political Forum, particularly focusing on progress toward Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16, will be a crucial milestone in identifying actions to accelerate peace and state building, build on the momentum for prevention and emphasise the need for strong partnerships to tackle instability. INCAF is committed to ensuring that development cooperation makes an effective contribution to SDG 16, recognising the centrality of the peace pillar and the relevance of peace across the SDGs.
5. INCAF is working with a wide range of partners to help deliver this goal. We are reflecting on our own bilateral approaches, supporting UN reform processes and encouraging effective operations in fragile contexts by multilateral development banks, other international financial institutions and the UN, including through operationalizing the conclusions of the joint United Nations-World Bank report: *'Pathways for Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict'*.
6. INCAF will contribute to further understanding of crises and fragility through the sharing of best practice amongst members and through its on-going support for its flagship *'States of Fragility'* report and, in particular, to ensure that the evidence of what works in fragile contexts is more effectively translated from policy into practice.
7. Recognising that effective financing remains critical in fragile contexts and that official development assistance is a crucial source of resources where other financial flows don't reach, INCAF will continue to focus on *Financing for Stability* to ensure that development finance is fit for purpose and is targeted appropriately.
8. Recognising that greater coherence and coordinated efforts by humanitarian, development and peace actors are more effective and, where relevant, contribute to collective outcomes, INCAF will assist in the finalisation and operationalisation of the DAC Recommendation on the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. This common set of principles will guide the approach of DAC Members as shareholders in the multilateral system as well as bilateral development cooperation partners.
9. As active and committed members of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding, INCAF remains committed to the New Deal and to a continued effective and constructive partnership with g7+ countries and civil society as we work together to implement the 2030 Agenda.
10. Finally, INCAF remains committed to supporting the DAC more directly as it implements its Programme of Work and Budget for 2019-20, to enable the collective implementation of better policy and practices in fragile and conflict-affected contexts.