INCAF November meetings

The INCAF held its Task Team Meeting, Director-Level Meeting and a Workshop on Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus in Paris from the 6–8 November 2017. Some of the key outcomes from the meeting included:

- INCAF will consider the implications of the United Nations-World Bank Group Report (UN-WB Report), Pathways to Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict for its own ways of working, with a view to agreeing on a collective INCAF response to the report. This response will reflect on the Report’s main recommendations and outline the contribution that INCAF Members can make in support of greater preventative action.

- The INCAF 2017-18 workplan’s language will be strengthened on SDG 16, including showing where it is a focus of existing work stream and highlighting opportunities for further collective political engagement ahead of the HLPF in 2019.

- Members welcomed the Financing for Stability Guidelines as a way of bringing together bilateral donors, and international, national, public and private partners under a common financing framework.

- The upcoming States of Fragility Report will have a shorter, more targeted and agile format, and will be aimed at a broader audience. Members expressed strong support for the Report as a key resource for the community of practice.

- A Communiqué by INCAF was sent to the DAC with the aim to enhance communication between the bodies support the DAC as it looks to implement its reform agenda and considers the 2019-20 Programme of Work and Budget.

- Members noted their commitment to the New Deal principles and the value of the tripartite partnership with the g7+ and civil society, which enhances Members’ ability to implement collective peacebuilding and prevention commitments.

Take note – 2018 dates for INCAF Task Team & Director Level meetings

- The INCAF Task Team meeting will be held in Paris from 2-4 May 2018
- The INCAF Director Level meeting will be held 19-21 November 2018

Upcoming INCAF participation in global events

The World Bank will be convening its biannual Fragility Forum from 5-7 March 2018 with the theme: Managing Risks for Peace and Stability. This high profile event aims to improve development approaches to foster peace and stability through knowledge exchange and the theme of the Forum reflects a strategic shift in how the global community perceives and addresses FCV – by putting prevention first. Over three days, policy makers and practitioners from humanitarian, development, peace and security communities will share practical solutions and explore innovative ways of working to inspire future directions.

INCAF has been invited to host or participate in a number of sessions during the Forum. These will include:

- Gender equality and women’s empowerment in fragile and conflict affected situations
Joint INCAF-GENDERNET session

- **Delivering on Pathways to Peace – INCAF collective response**
  - INCAF panel participation in the joint IDPS-World Bank hosted session

In addition, there are several meetings planned in the margins of the Forum, including a joint meeting with UNOCHA: *Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus: Delivering on Collective Outcomes* and a technical meeting to present various options for different clustering techniques for the countries included on the OECDs Fragility Framework.

Publications & resources

Launch of the *2017 World Humanitarian Data and Trends*: the Report highlights major trends in humanitarian crises, their causes and drivers. This year’s report includes case studies on Official Development Assistance in protracted crises, diversifying funding tools, hunger indicators, sexual and reproductive health in emergencies, aid worker security and 10-year trends in conflict.

The *First annual synthesis report on progress since the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS): No Time To Retreat* is a compilation of self-reports against the commitments made at the WHS. The Report highlights that the commitments of the WHS have started to drive change and that progress is being made in key areas, including in bridging the gap between the humanitarian-development divide, addressing displacement and better financing.

A United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and g7+ joint publication on *Fragile-to-Fragile Cooperation* was launched on 29 November 2017 in the margin of Global South-South Cooperation Development Expo in Antalya, Turkey. The publication aims to capture the experiences and achievements of Fragile-to-Fragile (F2F) Cooperation by explaining the origins and principles of the F2F Cooperation in the global peace and development agenda.

The Federal Government of Germany’s guidelines on *Preventing Crises, Resolving Conflicts, Building Peace* underlines Germany’s priority towards crisis prevention and addressing the root causes of conflict. After an assessment of Germany’s engagement, these guidelines set out the Federal Government’s common principles in the area of crisis prevention, stabilisation and peacebuilding.

*Belgium’s Strategy Note* details the concept of Belgian Comprehensive Approach and is a reference framework and methodology to implement the approach in practice. It was approved by their Council of Ministers on 20 July 2017.

Articles of interest

- The Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative’s (IPTI) study *Preventing Violence Through Inclusion: From Building Political Momentum To Sustaining Peace* analyses the conditions under which inclusion contributes
to the prevention of violent and armed-conflict. The article is a contribution to the UN-World Bank Report *Pathways to Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict.*

- The IPTI Peace and Transition Observatory’s article *A Future for the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding in the Framework of the Sustaining Peace Agenda* discusses the future of the IDPS and the need for a serious political commitment to make the Dialogue work.
- The Brookings Institute’s article on *State Fragility is key to reaching the last mile in ending poverty* examines high-level political calls to recognize fragility as the new development frontier, encompassing security reform, peace building, poverty reduction, environment, humanitarian assistance, and equity.