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INCAF Task Team Meeting and joint Gender Workshop

The INCAF Task Team held a productive meeting in Paris from 15-17 May. It was the first meeting of the newly unified Task Team following the decision last year to combine the INCAF Policy and Knowledge Team with the Implementation and Reform Team. Some of the key outcomes from the meeting included:

- Continued strong support for the **States of Fragility** report as a key resource for the community of practice, with members providing good ideas for how it could be useful for an even wider audience, including field professionals/practitioners, going forward.
- INCAF will work with GovNet to take forward work on **SDG 16** implementation (see below for proposed action) and identify opportunities to promote the continued importance of the New Deal goals and principles through global SDG 16 initiatives.
- Following consideration of member survey results on their **application of the New Deal TRUST and FOCUS principles in g7+ fragile states**, it was decided that further work is needed to demonstrate ‘what success looks like’ in the field. This will include the compilation of examples which demonstrate how the principles can be applied across a spectrum of fragile and conflict affected contexts.
- An adhoc group, with representatives from INCAF members’ peacebuilding, development and humanitarian areas, will be established to consider best practice approaches and potential bottlenecks to achieving greater coherence and collective outcomes across the **peacebuilding-development-humanitarian nexus**.
- Feedback was provided on a draft report and guidance on **Financing in Fragile Contexts** (*new title forthcoming*), which has been piloted in Sudan. The guidance, which outlines 10 steps which support the development of a holistic aid financing strategy, will be revised and presented for approval at the INCAF DLM.
- The **joint GENDERNET-INCAF** publication ‘Improving the effectiveness of DAC donor programming on gender in fragile situations’ was discussed at a joint workshop on the final day. The report will be updated following feedback provided during the workshop.

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The **INCAF Task Team meeting and DLM** will be held back to back in Paris:

- 6 November: Task Team meeting
- 7 November: Director Level Meeting
- 8 November: Joint INCAF/ humanitarian workshop on the Peacebuilding-Development-Humanitarian nexus (TBC).



Working with GovNet on SDG 16



GovNet held its Plenary Meeting from 12-13 June in Paris. The INCAF Secretariat presented on INCAF’s work programme and potential opportunities for collaboration. The Plenary considered GovNet’s future work programme on SDG 16 and have decided to focus on the inclusion aspects of the goal (16.6 and 16.7). Although inclusion is core to the SDGs more broadly it was felt that more needs to be understood about this concept. The principles of ‘do

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no harm' and 'leave none behind' implicitly flag a concern to critically review what 'inclusion' encompasses and implies, as well as what it potentially obscures and misses, with regard to support for sustained growth, security and stability and poverty reduction.

Risk and Resilience

Cross-border risk analysis in the Sahel – [Dakar report](#)



The OECD and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs conducted in February 2017 a cross-border risk analysis in the Sahel region to help operationalize France's new strategy with regard to fragile situations. The Sahel region is characterized by an increasing instability partly due to the emergence of violent extremism, the weakness of governmental control over borders, the increasing unemployment rate and the food insecurity. In this context, a RSA workshop helped to identify gaps and opportunities for progress, including the need to promote programmes at the sub-national level complementary to existing programmes at national and community levels.

Supporting risk-informed analysis in Mauritania to inform the new UNDAF – [Mauritania report](#)

The OECD and the United Nations Country Team in Mauritania conducted a workshop in April 2017 in order to help to inform the new United Nations development strategy. A RSA workshop in Mauritania highlighted the need to implement more programmes at local and household levels, as well as the need for more coherence between humanitarian and development actions in the planning and programming.

Humanitarian Update

The OECD's Conflict, Fragility and Resilience Team presented its work in support of humanitarian donors delivering better humanitarian programming at the recent ECOSOC in Geneva. Our work revolves around three pillars:

- **A community platform:** A web-based platform where members can share information and experiences, ask questions, and discuss challenges or good practices. This site is restricted to humanitarian donors. It is moderated by the OECD. This platform is in its initial public stage, and we value your feedback and suggestion to make it useful for you. If you would like to join please send an email to Cyprien.fabre@oecd.org
- **A series of guidelines on specific humanitarian issues:** After the World Humanitarian Summit, the OECD started to work on a series of guidelines "policy into practice". The guidelines aim at providing humanitarian donors with some tips on how to programme their aid in a way that is consistent with policy commitments, and new ways of working in complex crisis. All guidelines are freely downloadable, available in a dedicated open website: oe.cd/humdon. Three guidelines are currently finalised, on funding localising humanitarian assistance, multi-annual financing and funding cash programmes; the remaining five are planned for later this year.
- **A series of field surveys:** After the World Humanitarian Summit, we asked thousands of people who receive humanitarian aid what they think about the aid they receive, and we asked hundreds of aid workers how humanitarian reforms are affecting their work. We wanted to see if the policy changes have an impact – whether they make a difference for people, those left most behind. Three surveys are now available on the same website: Lebanon, Haiti and Afghanistan, and these will form a baseline for future survey work. Three additional surveys will be completed this year. oe.cd/humdon

The Commitments into Action series & Humanitarian Donors Community Network provide practical guidance and facilitate the sharing of best practices to humanitarian donors translating policy commitments to quality results in the field.

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What's
new?

An advanced unedited copy of the UN Secretary-General's report on [Repositioning the UN development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda – Ensuring a Better Future for All](#) was released on 30 June. The report offers the UNSG's vision on the repositioning of the UN development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda, within the context of his overall reform agenda, with prevention as a cross-pillar priority. It also responds to the mandates contained in the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR), which was agreed by the General Assembly in December 2016. The report contains a significant number of important proposals on reform of the UN system of interest to INCAF members. This includes a number of reforms which directly relate to INCAF's current work programme such as increasing the UN's investment in prevention; enabling more coherent and collective action across the peacebuilding-development-humanitarian nexus; and a clear focus on

leaving no one behind and inclusivity. The INCAF Secretariat will ensure that this report, and implementation of the reforms outlined in it, informs INCAF work going forward. A second report will be released in December.

The 49th Annual **Tidewater** meeting was held from 2-4 July in Lisbon, Portugal. Sessions looked at issues including: a new development architecture for the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda; linking humanitarian and development assistance; financing the Agenda 2030; development in transition; and refugees, durable solutions and the role of development cooperation.