

# INCAF NEWSLETTER

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## Agendas for the INCAF Task Team and Director Level Meetings in Paris – hope to see you there!

### **6 November: INCAF Task Team meeting**

The second Task Team meeting for 2017 (the first was in May) will have a focus on the UN-World Bank Group Report on *Pathways to Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict* and what the main messages and emerging policy directions mean for bilateral donors. We will also hold a session on best practice and new approaches to peace mediation by the UN, fragile to fragile state cooperation and development partners. Finally we will take stock of INCAF's great work for the year and priorities going forward for 2018. The agenda for the meeting is attached.



### **7 November: INCAF Director Level Meeting (DLM)**

At this year's DLM Directors will be considering and/or approving, the Financing for Stability Guidelines, work going forward on the States of Fragility, outcomes and next steps from the Task Team session on conflict prevention and the year ahead for the International Dialogue. Directors will also take the opportunity to consider and agree on a communique to the DAC that outlines a number of key messages and priorities on the big peace and security challenges facing INCAF members. It is intended that the communique will assist the DAC as it looks to implement its current reform agenda and considers a new work and budget program. The DLM agenda will be sent to Directors by email from the INCAF co-chairs shortly.

### **8 November: joint INCAF/ humanitarian workshop on the humanitarian-development-peace nexus**

This joint workshop is being hosted by the INCAF adhoc working group on the nexus. The workshop aims to get the right people in the room from across the nexus to start discussing some of the big challenges for bilateral donors in enhancing the coherence of their efforts, particularly where it matters most: in-country. Attached is a flyer for the workshop. All INCAF members are invited, including colleagues from across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. Please contact the INCAF Secretariat if you have any questions or want to be more involved in the preparations for the workshop.

## United Nations General Assembly



The 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly convened on 12 September in the UN Headquarters in New York. A number of side events were held in parallel to the UNGA's session that may be of particular interest to you. We have included links to the outcome document and/or key statements where possible.

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## **g7+ countries**

High-level events were organised on several g7+ countries, including South Sudan, Yemen and Central African Republic.

[High level humanitarian event on South Sudan](#)

[High-Level Meeting on the Humanitarian Situation in Yemen](#)

[High-level meeting on the political, security and humanitarian situation in the Central African Republic](#)

## **Events organised by the g7+**

[High Level meeting on pursuit of Peace through Nationally owned mechanisms - Learning from countries experiences](#)

[Accelerating Progress towards SDG 16 - Vision of access to Justice for all in conflict affected countries](#)

## **The UN/WB joint report**

The main messages and emerging policy directions of [Pathways to Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict](#) were launched on 21 September. As mentioned above the report will be the focus of the INCAF Task Team meeting on 6 November.

## **SDG16+ Roadmap Discussion Paper – Launch**

In Agenda 2030, the world's governments expressed their determination "to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence" and set ambitious targets for doing so. The Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies is a group of UN member states, international organizations, global partnerships, and other partners. It is convened by the governments of Brazil, Sierra Leone, and Switzerland, in conjunction with New York University's Centre on International Cooperation, to build the intellectual foundations and alliances that turn the ambition of the SDG targets for peaceful, just and inclusive societies into reality.



The [Pathfinders](#) developed a roadmap for the delivery of the Agenda 2030 commitment to increasing peace, justice and inclusion. The roadmap will outline next steps for further progress towards targets for peaceful, just and inclusive societies over the next five years, focusing on the next two years which are critical for accelerating implementation, as SDG16 will be reviewed at the High-Level Political Forum in 2019. The roadmap was presented and launched on 21 September during a side event to the 72nd session of the UNGA (Accelerating the Implementation of SDG16+ – Launch of the Roadmap for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies).

The INCAF Task Team discussed the Pathfinders Initiative during its meeting in May and agreed that it is an important partnership focused on many similar issues to INCAF. The Secretariat will continue to keep members updated as the roadmap is taken forward and will look for opportunities to engage with the initiative where possible.

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## Articles of interest



What's  
new?

The Brookings Institution's article on [Rules for reconstruction in Syria](#) looks into Syria's post-conflict reconstruction and the challenges that it presents. The article looks at how reconstruction activities in Syria should be organised in order to mitigate the conditions that caused Syria's civil war in the first place.

The [High-level Symposium on South-South and triangular cooperation for achieving the 2030 Agenda – Building innovative and inclusive partnerships](#) took place from 6 to 8 September in Buenos Aires. To read further on the topics discussed during the Symposium, please find the Issues briefs using this [link](#).

The Overseas Development Institute's briefing note [Delivering the UN 'sustainable peace' agenda](#) identifies four areas of action that could be taken by Member States to support the implementation of the 'sustaining peace' agenda. These areas include stronger mutual accountability for implementation, enabling appropriate operational autonomy for the UN system, ensuring adequate UN capacities and resources for sustaining peace, and giving the UN system the political support and the space needed to act effectively.