

“Institution Building and System Wide Engagement for Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace”

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Online platform**

Building peace is about much more than ending war: It also involves promoting sustainable development and putting in place the institutions and trust that will strengthen the social contract and carry people forward into a peaceful futureⁱ Effective, accountable, inclusive and responsive institutions have been acknowledged as an important element in Governments’ efforts to identify, drive and realize national and local priorities, strategies and activities for building and sustaining peace and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a responsive and inclusive approach to development and peacebuildingⁱⁱ The character of public sector institutions, notably their level of inclusion and accountability, can be a key structural prevention instrument in deepening the political settlement and ensuring ownership of peacebuilding outcomes The decade of action, accelerated by the recent COVID 19 pandemic, is already witnessing a strong demand from governments and stakeholders, especially those impacted by conflict, for the international community to help them build institutional capacities for steering both immediate response and future recovery pathways to ensure human security and build peaceful, just, inclusive and resilient societies

Following the launch of the 2020 review of the peacebuilding architecture on 22 November 2019 the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) is covering all UN Member States in discussions on themes relating to peacebuilding and sustaining peace as part of the informal phase of the review The 2016 twin resolutions on the review of the peacebuilding architecture (A/RES/70/262 and S/RES/2282(2016)) recognized that an integrated and coherent approach among relevant political, security, developmental and human rights actors, within and outside of the UN system, consistent with their respective mandates, and the Charter of the UN, is critical to peacebuilding and sustaining peace and essential for building institutions The 2016 resolutions also stressed the importance of the PBC as a platform to develop and share good practices in peacebuilding among those actors

The 2015 review of the UN peacebuilding architecture enshrined several guidelines and principles critical to the effectiveness and sustainability of peacebuilding efforts, moving beyond quick fixes and short term stabilization to creating prosperous and positive peace A central one of these is strengthening national ownership and building national and local institutions and capacities ,

including through partnerships with national and local actors, as well as international financial institutions (such as the World Bank), and other multilateral and bilateral partners

A diverse range of UN entities and other multilateral and bilateral partners support peacebuilding and sustaining peace by strengthening effective, accountable, inclusive, and responsive institutions

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- **How can an institutional culture of sustaining peace support cross-pillar coordination and a system-wide engagement? How can we ensure inclusive participation of stakeholders like women and youth in peacebuilding processes?**
- **What could Member States and the UN intergovernmental architecture do to support coherence of UN system efforts in peacebuilding and sustaining peace?**

The consultation will take place on an online platform. The Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission will circulate a link to a website containing video presentations from speakers. Subsequently, Member States will be invited to submit their statements in writing responding to these presentations and to the guiding questions, which the Secretariat will upload on the website.

Opening remarks by HE Mr. Mac Amh e Blachaid, Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission

Presentation by Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP

Presentation by Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, WHO

Presentation by Mr. Qu Dongyu, Director General, FAO

Presentation by Ms. Izumi Ohno, Director, Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Presentation by Mr. Jake Sherman, Director, Brian Urquhart Center for Peace Operations, Is. Te³