



## **A Message from the Secretariat**

Dear friends,

It is our pleasure to share with you the first edition of the Principles for Peace newsletter. In this edition, we share key highlights and progress about the various lines of engagements of the initiative and ongoing efforts of the International Commission on Inclusive Peace (ICIP) and partner organisations.

The case for our collective effort is growing with the persistent increase in violent conflicts and the developing fatigue with repeated failures of current systems, which underline the pressing need to

reshape approaches to building and sustaining peace. From Afghanistan to the Middle east to the Sahel, the frustration of people whose lives, hopes and futures are at stake, batter against the paralysis of the international system with ever greater clarity. Your collective leadership in reimagining and realising a new international approach to peace is paramount.

Since the launch of the ICIP, the initiative has gained momentum and the backing of an increasing number of Member States and over 27 peacebuilding, development, and humanitarian organisations joining the Stakeholder Platform.

The participatory process combining local and global consultations and innovative and

inclusive methods of inquiry is well underway with the active engagement of the ICIP and various members of the Stakeholder Platform.

The Secretariat team will keep you posted on various lines of engagement according to your previously expressed interests. If you see an emerging area of interest in this newsletter, please let us know if you wish to take part in these or to engage more frequently.

Finally, we take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to you all for your commitment and effort. ■

*Hiba and the Secretariat team*



## The Stockholm Forum

The ICIP led a high-level panel on “Shifting the peace paradigm: power and responsibility” during this year’s Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development, 5-7 May. The panel featured members of the ICIP **Annika Söder**, **Bert Koenders**,

*“We are trying to introduce a whole new lexicon of what it means to establish peace. And the P4P can help us articulate that.”*

General Dallaire at the Stockholm Forum

**Frederic Naheed Sarabi** and **Gateretse-Ngoga, General Roméo Dallaire**.

The Swedish State Secretary for International Development Cooperation, **Janine Alm Ericson** and **Rosa Emilia Salamanca** representing Colombian partner organisation Corporación de Investigación y Acción Social y Económica (**CIASE**) also joined the panel. The panel was moderated by **Hiba Qasas** –head of the P4P Secretariat.

Over 700 people attended the session where the participants reiterated the need for a new conceptual framework of what it is to establish peace. Watch the conversation [here](#).

## Commission members at the Stockholm Forum

► **Ilwad Elman** in **Climate security: Looking back, heading forward** Studio Panel organized by SIPRI and the Swedish MFA.

► **Sanam Naraghi-Anderlini** in *Investing in Peace, Investing in Trust – Funding Women-Led Peacebuilding Organisations* organized by ICAN.

► **Teresita Quintos Deles** in *Restrictions on Civil Society Organizations – Strengthening Accountability and SDG16 Amid the Pandemic* organised by DCAF.

**The Stakeholder Platform** convened for the first time in March 2021. The convening brought together over 50 participants representing 27 partners, including peacebuilding organisations, women peace and security organisations, UN entities, research institutions, five member states and the EU. Eight members of the ICIP joined the meeting to discuss the findings of [country consultations](#) conducted by

**Search for Common Ground** and country case studies commissioned to **TRIAS** as part of the P4P initiative. **International Alert** presented their [Peace Perceptions Poll from 2018](#) to inform the development of the Principles for Peace.

**Broadening the outreach**, the P4P intensified outreach to Member States and extended an invitation to all ambassadors in Geneva to engage in the initiative. The Afghan

government expressed interest in a dialogue with the International Commission on the Afghan Peace process and planned withdrawal.

**General Roméo Dallaire** briefed the Government of Canada and invited their support to the initiative.

**The China Foreign Affairs University** is the latest institution to join the initiative’s evidence partnerships. ■



# A Collective Effort: Lines of Engagement

The ICIP launches three of the thematic lines of effort in partnership with co-conveners who will facilitate global and local consultations.

## Local ownership & responsibility:

P4P is partnering with **Peace Direct** for a series of consultations with over 100 representatives of local organisations leveraging the [Platform4Dialogue](#).

In line with the iterative process and to avoid narrowing the conversation, the consultations will begin with definitions: i.e., What does peace look like? What does local ownership mean? What does national responsibility look like? Subsequent conversations will build on this to begin identifying the pragmatic barriers for achieving greater local ownership and responsibility. The

lead commissioner and the keynote listeners for the theme are **Teresita Quintos Deles** and **Yves Daccord**.

## Sustainability & long-term solutions:

The lead commissioner for this theme is **Bert Koenders**. The iterative process will kick-off with a series of global consultation co-organised with UNDP, national and global partners that will bring together a group of nexus actors from various countries. The conversation will focus on a set of practical dilemmas on how to achieve more sustainable peace efforts.

## Stabilisation & security actors:

Led by **General Romeo Dallaire**. This theme is being launched with a Transatlantic Dialogue on rethinking stabilisation organised by Interpeace and the Atlantic Council. The first session on bridging the civil-military divide will see a keynote address by **General Roméo Dallaire**. **Sanam Naraghi-Anderlini** will take part in the same panel. **Bert Koenders**, meanwhile, will moderate a panel focusing on partnerships for stabilisation operations. **Ambassador Frederic Gateretse Ngoga** will join a panel on improving multilateral stabilisation operations for people in conflict.

The Centre on Conflict, Development & Peacebuilding ([CCDP](#)) at the Graduate Institute Geneva have partnered with P4P to collaborate on various themes of engagement.

## Engaging Youth

**Ilwad Elman** leads global youth engagement in the P4P initiative. Youth activists, peacebuilders and networks will gather in global and thematic consultations to share what peace means to them and what it ought to deliver. P4P will collaborate with **Search for Common Ground** on this line of engagement.

Throughout June and July,

bi-weekly online sessions will invite representatives from the Commission, Member States, Intergovernmental organisations and the United Nations to serve as keynote listeners to youth representatives. The consultations will build on the Youth, Peace and Security agenda and focus questions will be structured around the key dilemmas emerging from the thematic lines of engagement.



## Engaging Parliamentarians

The **Inter-Parliamentary Union's** (IPU) standing Committee on Peace and International Security adopted a proposal for a resolution in support of rethinking peace processes.

Two regional consultations with parliamentarians will take place later this year and a dedicated panel is planned at the IPU General Assembly in Kigali.

## Engaging Countries

In partnership with [Search for Common Ground](#) and [International Alert](#), an initial round of 85 participatory consultations were completed in [Afghanistan](#), [the Central African Republic](#), [Myanmar](#), [Nigeria](#), [Sierra Leone](#), [Syria](#), [Ukraine](#), and [Yemen](#).

The results of the consultations will feed into the work of the Commission. The consultations highlighted the need to build social peace at all levels of society. As a respondent in Afghanistan remarked:

*“Political peace alone is not enough. Political peace is not lasting without peace in the lower strata of society”.*

The P4P Secretariat commissioned three initial country case studies to illustrate some of the dilemmas of peace processes. In the Sudan and Northern Ireland case studies, [TRIAS](#) highlights the inadequacy of a political settlement approach to building positive peace.

In [Northern Ireland](#), the case study showed that while the power-sharing agreements put in place through the Good Friday Agreement process have been extremely successful in eliminating violent conflict, they seem to perpetuate and rigidify the identities in conflict which contributes to continued sectarianism and segregation.

In [Sudan](#), the Juba peace process has resulted in agreements on security arrangements and power-sharing, while the complexities of governance, transitional justice, accountability, and development shifted to the implementation phase.

[Inclusive Peace](#) completed a case study on Aceh-Indonesia. The case study points to the centrality of local ownership to durable peace.

## Engaging the Public

Together with our partner [Purpose](#), P4P is developing a global campaign that will help to build momentum by engaging local communities and targeting global decision makers.

Several Commission members have contributed to the design, including [Yves Daccord](#), [Teresita Quintos-Deles](#) and [Ilwad Elman](#). Through innovative and creative tactics, the

campaign will target global decision makers to support the Principles and lay the foundation for dissemination and implementation. ■



# Content

## The Iterative Process

The first meeting of the International Commission for Inclusive Peace in January 2021 identified six key thematic areas that will be employed as themes to start the iterative development of the principles. The themes are pluralism, sustainability & long-term solutions, stabilisation & security actors,

local ownership and responsibility, tools, institutionalisation & norms diffusion, and values and cultural integrity. The themes serve as initial entry points to identify key problems and good practices in peacebuilding and peace-making.

The iterative process will make use of various sources of evidence through a review of existing literature, by commissioning case studies on specific contexts and questions, by hosting incubation spaces and simulations to get

to pragmatic considerations affecting real or realistic scenarios. The consultations with different constituencies and in regional and country contexts will be key to the process. Keynote listeners from the thematic working groups will carry key messages emerging from consultations back to the working groups that will be composed of research and practice organisations and lead commissioners.

## 6 Thematic Areas

Sustainability & Long-term solutions

Stabilisation & Security Actors

Local Ownership

Tools, Institutionalisation & Norms diffusion

Pluralism

Values & Cultural Integrity

## Partnerships for Knowledge

P4P continues to build its **evidence consortium**. Commissioner **Rory Stewart** convened a meeting between the initiative and the [Conflict Research Programme at London School of Economics](#) and the [Political Settlements Research Programme at Edinburgh University](#). The two research programmes have been

producing some of the most cutting-edge research in the field, and P4P is keen to collaborate and to build upon their findings.

P4P is in the process of setting up a research committee as an internal peer review mechanism for the ICIP outputs. To that end, a long list of more than 25 eminent scholars in the field of peace and conflict studies was compiled. The Secretariat is currently approaching the scholars with an invitation to join the P4P **Research Committee**.



## Our Knowledge Base

To address the gap between evidence and practice and to support the iterative process with evidence, the P4P secretariat team has started reviewing relevant academic and practitioner literature. Thus far, the team has reviewed

more than 110 pieces of literature which will eventually be put in a public catalogue.

Based on this review, the team has drafted brief summaries on the state of play and practical dilemmas relating to sustainability & long-term solutions, local ownership & responsibility, and stabilisation & security actors. These conversation starters are currently under revision

by lead organisations and academic partners.

Based on initial conversations with the Commission co-chairs, P4P has also commissioned an options paper to be drafted by [Graduate Institute of Geneva](#) on the objectives of the initiative and where the principles should land and anchor in the international system. ■



# Continued Engagement

The Stakeholder Platform will convene again in September. A doodle poll will be sent out in advance to all members. The meeting will focus on emerging results from the lines of engagement, the results from consultations, research and

the iterative process to develop the principles.

The ICIP and the P4P secretariat appreciate the engagement of our partners. Please continue to share news of upcoming events or new research publications, and

mobilise your network and partners to join our initiative as members of the Stakeholder Platform. If you need our assistance in building synergies between the P4P and your other work or engagements, the Secretariat is at your disposal. ■

## Recommended Readings

*“Conflict analysis often seeks to identify spoilers but should also pay attention to those who perform the opposite function, and represent a logic of civiness: citizens, professionals, activists and office holders, from local to international levels, who find creative ways to broker agreements, contest sectarian cleavages or extremist ideologies, resist corruption, and open up spaces for nonviolent deliberation.”*

Kaldor, M.; Radice, H.; de Waal, A. *Evidence from the Conflict Research Programme: Submission to the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy*; LSE: London, UK, 2020. ([Link](#))

*“Effective donor support is flexible and enables organisations to reallocate funds to address evolving situations.”*

Kratzer, S. *Financing Peace: Enhancing Adaptation, Maximising Impact*; Event report; Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue | Conciliation Resources | European Institute of Peace | swisspeace, 2021. ([Link](#))

*“Participants reported that there is good evidence describing what sustainable peace looks like, and what conditions peacebuilding interventions need to deliver.... Participants reported that there is significantly less evidence showing which interventions or approaches successfully deliver the conditions identified for peace.”*

Seyle, C.; Heyborne, S.; Baumgardner-Zuzik, J.; DeYoung, S. *Some Credible Evidence: Perceptions About the Evidence Base in the Peacebuilding Field*; One Earth Foundation | Alliance for Peacebuilding, 2021. ([Link](#))

*“At a time when the world is in flux, it is paramount that the international community seize this critical moment for change and seek complementarities and alignment in initiatives to collectively enhance the space for locally-led peacebuilding.”*

Roesdahl, M.; Peet-Martel, J.; Velpillay, S. *A Global System in Flux: Pursuing Systems Change for Locally-Led Peacebuilding*; Conductive Space for Peace, 2021. ([Link](#))



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