

# Advisory Board to the Federal Government for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding

Bringing together expertise on crisis prevention and peacebuilding from both civil society and academia, the Advisory Board assists the Federal Government in these areas. It is appointed for four years and comprises twenty experts from academia, foundations and civil society organisations. It follows the implementation of the Federal Government's guidelines on "[Preventing Crises, Resolving Conflicts, Building Peace](#)" published in 2017.

With its work, the Advisory Board fosters constant exchange between the Federal Government and civil society. It can also publish positions on overarching strategic questions. In addition, it may develop its own contributions on various issues. For the next two years, the Advisory Board will focus inter alia on peace policy coherence, gender, peace and security, and climate change as a security threat.

The promotion of the rule of law, security sector reform and transitional justice are central approaches to international peacebuilding. Implementation always takes place in a highly politicized environment that external actors can only influence to a limited extent. The successful cooperation of organized local civil society, critical media and the authorities willing to reform as well as good international coordination are necessary for successful engagement.

In June 2017, the German Federal Government adopted the Guidelines „Preventing Crises, Resolving Conflicts, Building Peace“. In July 2019, the ministries involved adopted three joint strategies on the above-mentioned crucial issues of the promotion of the rule of law, security sector reform and transitional justice that formulate goals, challenges and approaches.

The 2017 guidelines endowed the Advisory Board for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding with an expanded mandate. The board was appointed to advise the Federal Government and to establish a dialogue with the expert audience. The Advisory Board consists of twenty representatives from relevant national and international organisations, academia and civil society networks.

The Advisory Board is pleased to invite you to the first Annual Conference! We would like to take a critical look in a constructive spirit at these joint strategies and discuss recommendations for their future implementation.

Please register by 20 September 2019 at [s01-s@diplo.de](mailto:s01-s@diplo.de). Please indicate which of the five workshops you will attend. The workshops will be held in English. Copies of the joint strategies will be available in advance.

We look forward to a lively and interesting exchange!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR  
CIVILIAN CRISIS PREVENTION AND PEACEBUILDING

## From Strategy to Implementation. Rule of Law Promotion, Security Sector Reform and Transitional Justice & Reconciliation



Wednesday, 25 September 2019, 09:30-17:00 hrs  
at the Federal Foreign Office (Weltsaal)

# PROGRAM

09.30

## OPENING

- Kira Vinke, Co-Chair Advisory Board for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding
- Andreas Michaelis, State Secretary of the Federal Foreign Office

10.00

## THE GUIDELINES ON THE WAY TO IMPLEMENTATION: WHERE DO WE STAND?

### Key questions:

- What relevance do the guidelines have for the ministries of the Federal Government?
- What were the impulses for interministerial cooperation within the framework of the new strategies and beyond?
- What are the most important challenges for the next two years

### Discussion:

- Bodo von Borries, Co-Chair of the Advisory Board for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding
- Ottmar von Holtz, MoP, Chair Subcommittee on Civilian Crisis Prevention, Conflict Management and Integrated Action
- Heike Thiele, Director for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Stabilisation, Federal Foreign Office
- Thomas Binder, Director-General Policy, Planning and Communication, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community (tbc)
- Wolfgang Ohl, Brigadier General, Chief of Division Security Policy II, Federal Ministry of Defence
- Dr. Thomas Helfen, Head of Division: Peace and Security; Disaster Risk Management, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

Facilitation: Dr. Jörn Grävingholt, Advisory Board/ German Development Institute

11.15  
11.30

## COFFEE BREAK

## A LOOK FROM THE OUTSIDE: WHAT POLICY IMPULSES DO THE THREE JOINT STRATEGIES PROVIDE?

### Key Questions:

- What potential do the three strategies offer for crisis prevention and peacebuilding?
- Where are there challenges and „blind spots“?
- What concrete steps can be taken to implement the strategies?

### Discussion:

- Thomas Unger, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human rights

12.30  
13.30

## LUNCH BREAK

## PARALLEL WORKSHOPS (IN ENGLISH): IMPULSES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIES

### Common Guiding Questions:

- Which aspects of the three strategies are helpful and provide a good orientation for meeting practical challenges?
- Where are the gaps that need to be considered during implementation?
- What concrete ideas and recommendations are there for the implementation and monitoring of the three strategies?

### 1. Implementing the New Joint Strategies: How to Ensure Gender-Responsiveness?

- Megan Bastick, DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance
- Jeannette Böhme, Bündnis 1325/Médica Mondiale
- Prof. Dr. Susanne Buckley-Zistel, Philipps-Universität Marburg

Facilitation: Sonja Schiffrers (Advisory Board/Polis180), Christina Bermann-Harms (FriEnt/ZFD), Melanie Coni-Zimmer (Advisory Board/HSFK)

### 2. Dealing with the Past and Reconciliation: How can the new strategies advance current practice?

- Anja Heuft, Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit
- Santa Falasca, International Center for Transitional Justice

Facilitation: Sylvia Servaes, FriEnt/Misereor

### 3. Colombia – Dealing with the Past, Promoting the Rule of Law and Security Sector Reform under Conditions of the Shrinking Space

- Ana Maria Rodriguez, Colombia Commission of Jurists, Geneva
- Mariano Aguirre, Senior Advisor on Peacebuilding at the Office of the Resident Coordinator, Bogota
- Charly Loufrani, Civil Peace Expert AGEH/Consejo de Redaccion, Bogota

Facilitation: Silke Pfeiffer, Brot für die Welt

### 4. Bringing Politics back in: Implementing the German Government's new SSR Strategy in Iraq

- Tobias Schneider, Global Public Policy Institute
  - N.N., Federal Foreign Office
  - N.N., Federal Ministry of Defence
- Facilitation: Dr. Bernhard Trautner, German Development Institute

### 5. Peace and Human Security in Mali – Previous Impact and Preconditions for Positive Achievements of German Interventions

- Dr. Youssouf Coulibaly, University of Law and Political Science, Bamako
  - Mariam Sissoko, Economist, Bamako
- Facilitation: NN, Fokus Sahel

15.30  
16.00

## COFFEE BREAK

## THE THREE JOINT STRATEGIES ON THE WAY TO IMPLEMENTATION: NEXT STEPS?

### Concluding round with highlights from the working groups discussed by members of the Advisory Board:

Which concrete ideas and recommendations for the implementation of the strategies do we take with us?

- Sonja Schiffrers, Polis 180
- Martin Vehrenberg, AGEH/Konsortium ZFD
- Prof. Dr. Andreas Heinemann-Grüder, Bonn International Centre for Conversion
- Dr. Jörg Lüer, Common Conference Churches and Development
- Melanie Hauenstein, UNDP (tbc)

Facilitation: Sarah Brockmeier, Global Public Policy Institute

17.00  
19.00

## RECEPTION