



## INVITATION

### Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding, Rule of Law and Governance in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Side Event at the Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals 8<sup>th</sup> Session on “Conflict prevention, post-conflict peacebuilding and the promotion of durable peace, rule of law and governance”

Thursday, 6 February 2014, 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Trusteeship Council Chamber



Peace, rule of law and governance are critical to sustainable development. They are development enablers and outcomes in their own right in all countries across the world. Progress towards achieving the MDGs has been hampered by violence, conflict, a lack of rule of law and weak institutions. These dimensions are interlinked and mutually reinforcing at the national and global levels, as one cannot be solved without addressing the others, as recognized by Member States in the Millennium Declaration, and reaffirmed at the 2005 World Summit, the 2010 MDG Summit, the Rio+20 conference and the Rule of Law High-level Meeting. Recognizing the importance of this agenda, the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (OWG) will hold a session on “conflict prevention, post-conflict peacebuilding and the promotion of durable peace, and rule of law and governance” on 6-7 February 2014.



As part of the development agenda peace, rule of law and governance can help ensure an inclusive approach and build institutions that facilitate violence reduction, safety, participation, accountability, equitable social service delivery and access to justice to all, especially for the poor and vulnerable. On the other hand, various aspects of sustainable development also have important implications for peace, rule of law and governance, institutions, whether they pertain to employment, equality, inclusion, natural resource management or corruption.



#### *Purpose and scope*

The side event will discuss: (a) the challenges surrounding the inclusion of peace, rule of law and governance in the post-2015 development; (b) how can the issue of peace, rule of law and governance be integrated into the post-2015 development agenda; (c) how can Member States best share their experiences on the links between sustainable development and peace, rule of law and governance in national development strategies and measuring their progress; and (d) what measurement capacities and partnerships are required to successfully include peace, rule of law and governance in the post-2015 development framework.



#### *Format, participation and tentative agenda*

The side event will take one hour and half, and it will have high-level panelists and a moderator. The format is “Davos-style” with each speaker making a 3 minute introduction, followed by discussion in the panel and with the audience in order to foster an open debate and lively interaction.



## ***PROGRAMME (Tentative)***

- ◆ **H.E. Kingsley Mamabolo**, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations
- ◆ **H.E. Marjon V. Kamara**, Permanent Representative of Liberia to the United Nations
- ◆ **H.E. Ken Kanda**, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations
- ◆ **H.E. Vesna Batistic Kos**, Assistant Minister, Directorate General for Multilateral and Global Issues, Croatia
- ◆ **H.E. Rasmus Helveg Pertersen**, Minister for Development Cooperation, Denmark
- ◆ **Professor Anthony Harriott**, University of the West Indies, Jamaica
- ◆ *Comments from the floor*
- ◆ *Moderated discussion*
- ◆ *Wrap-up*

### ***Facilitator: Dr. Clare Lockhart, CEO, Institute for State Effectiveness***

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations agencies and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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***Co-sponsors:*** Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Ghana, Liberia, Philippines, South Africa, and Timor-Leste.

***Co-organizers:*** United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Office for Drugs Control (UNODC) and United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (UN Women).

