

Civil Society Dialogue Network

Libya Conflict Assessment: Gathering Civil Society Input

Thursday 26 July, Martins Central Park, Boulevard Charlemagne 80, Brussels

Objectives:

- To gather civil society input into the EU's Libya conflict assessment

The EEAS will be carrying out a conflict assessment during June/July using standard but 'light touch' conflict assessment methodology (given the limited time available). It will cover the standard categories of Structures, Actors, Dynamics, Responses, Interaction between Responses and Drivers, Strategy. The conflict assessment will inform ongoing EU response to the situation in Libya, including the support it will offer to the Libyan authorities and its next National Indicative Programme (NIP).

This meeting will be an opportunity for civil society to provide input into the conflict assessment. The focus will be on the Dynamics and Strategy sections of the assessment.

Structure:

- Informal practical workshop with interactive but tightly facilitated sessions under Chatham House rule.

Participants:

- Invited civil society analysts from Libya, plus civil society experts on Libya
- Invited experts from the EU institutions

Background document:

- A background report will be commissioned. It will cover:
 - Structures – analysis of the long-term drivers of conflict. Covering security, political, economic, and social factors.
 - Actors – analysis of the actors involved in the conflict, covering their interests, relations, capacities, peace agendas and incentives.

Agenda

Simultaneous interpretation Arabic – English/ English – Arabic will be provided

(The meeting takes place during Ramadan and the agenda has been adjusted accordingly; please be aware that many participants will be fasting)

13h00 Introduction

Speakers:

Catherine Woollard, EPLO, Executive Director

Joelle Jenny, EEAS, Head of Division, Division for Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and Mediation Instruments

Introduction to objectives of the meeting, methodology, role of participants, questions for discussion during the day.

13h30 to 15h30 Session 1 – Conflict Dynamics – covering local, national, and regional dimensions

- Long-term conflict trends – Escalation or de-escalation?
- Triggers of violence – What events, actions and decisions might trigger violence?
- Current and potential capacities for managing conflict?
- Likely future scenarios (limited to 3 most likely scenarios)?

Facilitation: Mark Segal, EEAS

Role of participants: to contribute analysis on each of the four points.

15h30 to 16h00 Break

16h00 to 19h00 Session 2 – Strategy and Options (short break included)

Covering:

- **Security, political, economic and social factors**
- **Activities over short, medium, and long terms**

Current EU activities (summarised by EU officials) to frame the discussion.

Options and overall strategy:

- Windows of opportunity for external actors?
- Options for new activities
- Assessment of the feasibility of different options.
- Impact on conflict dynamics, actors and structures of possible new options presented.

Facilitation: Mouin Rabbani, CMI

Role of participants: to comment on current activities, to suggest options and to comment on the likely impact of proposed options.

Initially, options for new activities will be drawn up. For each option, feasibility and impact will then be established following input from participants.

19h00 Concluding remarks

The Civil Society Dialogue Network (CSDN) is a three-year project funded by the European Commission aimed at facilitating dialogue on peacebuilding issues between civil society and EU policymakers. The CSDN contributes to strengthening international and regional capacity for conflict prevention and post-conflict co-operation (for more information please see: www.eplo.org). The CSDN is managed by EPLO, the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office, in cooperation with the EEAS and the EC.