



Civil Society Dialogue Network Geographic Meeting:

‘Guinea-Bissau: Peacebuilding responses to impunity and exclusiveness’

6-7 June 2013

A two-day Civil Society Dialogue Network policy meeting took place on 6-7 June 2013 in Brussels, Belgium. Entitled ‘Guinea-Bissau: Peacebuilding responses to impunity and exclusiveness’, the aims of the meeting were (1) to gather civil society analysis of conflict drivers and the contemporary situation in Guinea-Bissau to inform EU policy-making; (2) to provide a detailed assessment of the causes and impact of and responses to impunity and exclusion in Guinea-Bissau; (3) to analyse societal resources and initiatives for the promotion of peace, justice and security for the population in Guinea-Bissau; and (4) to provide suggestions as to how the EU, regional and international actors (including INGOs) can promote development, peace, justice and security in Guinea-Bissau.

The focus of the first session on day one was on the structural and root causes of armed violence in Guinea-Bissau. It was moderated by Claudia Calderinha, Director of Freedom House in Brussels.

The focus of the second session on day one was on perspectives on impunity and exclusiveness in Guinea-Bissau. It was moderated by Alain Délétroz, Vice-President (Europe) at the International Crisis Group.

The focus of the third session on day one was on local capacities for peace, justice and development in Guinea-Bissau. It consisted of three small group discussions on peace, local capacities for justice and tackling impunity and exclusiveness; and local capacities for development.

The focus of the first session on day two was on the current political and security situation in Guinea-Bissau and possible future scenarios. It was moderated by Sofia Moreira de Sousa, Adviser to the Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs in the European External Action Service.

The focus of the second session on day two was on external political strategies and assistance to Guinea-Bissau. It was moderated by São Silva, an independent consultant.

The meeting brought together 55 participants including civil society representatives from Guinea-Bissau, representatives of international CSOs active in Guinea-Bissau and the wider region, policy-makers from the EU institutions, an EU Member State with presence in Guinea-Bissau and a number of academics.

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