



Kvinna till Kvinna



Member State Meeting Sweden

How can the EU contribute to peacebuilding in the Horn of Africa?

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AGENDA

09:00	Registration of participants
09:30	Welcoming remarks by Chiara Biscaldi, International Crisis Group
09:35	Opening remarks by Désirée Pethrus, Foreign Policy Committee, Swedish Parliament
09:45	<p>The EU, peacebuilding and conflict prevention: state of play This session will discuss the state of play regarding EU's capacity for peacebuilding and conflict prevention two and a half years after the launch of the EEAS, the EU's foreign service.</p> <p>Issues for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the challenges for the EU to support inclusive peacebuilding and long-term conflict prevention? • How can Sweden support the EU in becoming a more effective peacebuilding actor? <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Meeri-Maria Jaarva, Crisis Management Initiative</p> <p><i>Panel:</i> Andrew Byrne, Conflict Prevention, Peace Building and Mediation Instruments, European External Action Service Johan Frisell, Security Policy Department, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs Catherine Woollard, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office</p> <p>Followed by an open debate.</p>
11:15	Coffee
11:45	<p>The challenges of implementing the EU's commitments on gender, peace and security: evidence from EU activities in the Horn of Africa The lack of women in conflict resolution and peace processes worldwide has been disappointing. How can the EU support inclusive conflict resolution and peace processes in the Horn of Africa that involve women and are informed by a gender perspective?</p> <p>Issues for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the state of play regarding the EU's implementation of UNSCR 1325? • What are the obstacles to women's involvement in conflict resolution and peace processes in the Horn of Africa?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can the EU and international actors support inclusive conflict resolution and peace processes? <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Ursula Keller, Swisspeace</p> <p><i>Panel:</i> Louise Olsson, Folke Bernadotte Academy Pelle Enarsson, Political Adviser to the EUSR for the Horn of Africa Shukria Dini, Somali Women's Studies Centre, Somalia</p> <p>Followed by an open debate.</p>
13:15	Lunch
14:15	<p>The EU's approach towards the Horn of Africa: assessment from a peacebuilding perspective</p> <p>Various EU actors carry out different policies and programmes in the Horn of Africa, including humanitarian relief, development assistance, crisis management with a focus of anti-piracy and capacity building etc. How can they be evaluated and improved from a peacebuilding perspective? How can EU counteract the shrinking space for civil society?</p> <p>Issues for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU's approach to peace building in the Horn of Africa: Rationale, strategy, lessons learned and challenges ahead What can Sweden do to support the EU to build peace in the Horn of Africa? How can the EU contribute to establishing a healthy relationship between state institutions and society? How can the EU address the issue of small/shrinking political space for civil society organisations in some countries of the Horn of Africa? <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Marika Fahlén, Ambassador</p> <p><i>Panel:</i> Jeremy Lester, Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding Adviser, Africa Department, European External Action Service Karin Hernmarck-Ahliny, Department Horn of Africa, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs Alice Nderitu, National Cohesion and Integration Commission, Kenya</p> <p>Followed by an open debate.</p>
15:45	Closing remarks by Lena Ag, Kvinna till Kvinna, and Peter Karlsson Sjögren, Life & Peace Institute
16:00	Coffee
16:30	Screening of the documentary Six Days <i>Followed by a brief discussion.</i>
18:00	Buffet dinner

This meeting is part of EPLO's EU Member State Advocacy. The purpose of this work is to mobilise support for EU peacebuilding in the EU's Member States given that they remain key decision-makers in EU policy. The work was piloted under the Civil Society Dialogue Network, which is a three-year project funded by the European Commission aimed at facilitating dialogue on peacebuilding issues between civil society and EU policymakers. For more information, please visit the [EPLo website](#).