



## Civil Society Dialogue Network Member State Meeting

### The EU and the Netherlands' engagement on fragility: Building on the 2030 Agenda

Wednesday 13 April 2016

The Hague Institute for Global Justice, Sophialaan 10, The Hague, Netherlands

#### Background

In October 2015, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was approved and a specific Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 16) was dedicated to 'the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, the provision of access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable institutions at all levels.' How it will be implemented, monitored and evaluated is still under discussion.

The EU and its Member States are collectively the world's largest providers of development assistance. The EU and The Netherlands have committed to support countries in situations of fragility, notably through the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States. The Netherlands' Presidency of the EU, which is taking place in the first half of 2016, is an opportunity to take the discussion on fragility and the implementation of SDG 16 forward.

Since 2009, EPLO has organised a series of seminars on peacebuilding and development<sup>1</sup>, in Brussels and in The Hague. This follow-up meeting will look specifically at the implementation of SDG 16 and its implications for governmental and non-governmental actors. How to make peacebuilding and statebuilding efforts more complementary and effective will also be discussed through two case studies.

#### Objective

The objective of this meeting is to gather analysis and recommendations from civil society on the implementation of SDG 16 by the EU and its Member States.

#### Participants

The meeting will bring together 30-40 participants, including representatives of civil society peacebuilding organisations and officials from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and EU institutions.

#### Format

The meeting will be held in English and in French with simultaneous translation. It will consist of two facilitated round-table discussions under the Chatham House Rule. Initial presentations from speakers will be followed by an open discussion in which all participants will be encouraged to engage.

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<sup>1</sup> April 2009 (Brussels), [May 2010](#) (Brussels), [April 2011](#) (The Hague), [October 2012](#) (Brussels), [November 2013](#) (Brussels) and [March 2014](#) (The Hague).

## Agenda

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| 8.45 – 9.00   | <b>Registration of participants</b>  |
| 9.00 – 9.15   | <p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jelte van Wieren, Director of the Stabilisation and Humanitarian Aid Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands</li> <li>• Peter van Tuijl, Executive Director, Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC)</li> <li>• Anna Penfrat, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office</li> </ul>   |
| 9.15 – 10.45  | <p><b>Session 1: Operationalising SDG 16</b></p> <p>The aim of this session is to better understand and discuss how the EU and the Netherlands will adapt their policies and programmes related to fragility to support the achievement of SDG 16.</p> <p>Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are EU institutions and the Government of the Netherlands planning to adapt their policies and programmes to support the achievement of SDG 16?</li> <li>• How can SDG 16 benefit from existing frameworks (<i>inter alia</i> the New Deal, UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, UNSCR 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security)?</li> <li>• How can such a wide goal be implemented? What is the state of play regarding the development of indicators and evaluation methods?</li> <li>• How can civil society participate in the monitoring and evaluation of SDG 16?</li> </ul> <p>Contributions from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robert van Dijk, Directorate for European Integration (DIE) Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>• Malgorzata Wasilewska, Head of the Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and Mediation Division, EEAS</li> <li>• Peter van Sluijs, Cordaid</li> <li>• Chukwuemeka Eze, West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP)</li> </ul> <p>Followed by an open discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Kirsten Meersschaert, European Regional Coordinator, Head of Office, World Federalist Movement – Institute for Global Policy</p> |
| 10.45 – 11.15 | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |
| 11.15 – 12.45 | <p><b>Session 2: Promoting conflict-sensitive statebuilding</b></p> <p>The aim of this session is to discuss how to ensure that the implementation of SDG 16 contributes to conflict-sensitive statebuilding<sup>2</sup>, supports institutions that are accountable to their people and respond to their security concerns. The EU has been discussing how to step up its capacity building efforts in support of security and development, to empower and enable partners to prevent and manage crises (Train &amp; Equip). A number of risks are attached to</p>  |

<sup>2</sup> While SG16 is not only about statebuilding, its 11<sup>th</sup> target aims to ‘strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for building capacity at all levels, in particular in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime.’

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|               | <p>such support and this session will particularly look at lessons learned from two case studies: Burundi and Mali.</p> <p>Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are lessons learned from the Train&amp;Equip efforts supported by the Netherlands?</li> <li>• How to strengthen national and local institutions in a conflict-sensitive way? What lessons (if any) from the New Deal can the EU and the Netherlands learn on this? How to ensure that lessons learned on statebuilding are taken into account?</li> <li>• What are appropriate oversight and risk management frameworks for the EU's engagement with its partner countries' security institutions?</li> </ul> <p>Contributions from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malgorzata Wasilewska, Head of the Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and Mediation Division, EEAS</li> <li>• Petra van Oijen, Directorate for Security Policy, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>• Triphonie Habonimana, Cordaid</li> <li>• Prof. Kissima Gakou, University of Bamako</li> </ul> <p>Followed by an open discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Faten Aggad-Clerx, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)</p> |
| 12.45 – 13.00 | <b>Concluding remarks</b>  |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | <b>Lunch</b>   |

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