



Accelerating the Implementation of SDG16+ – Launch of the Roadmap for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies

Concept note for a side event to the General Debate of the 72nd Session of the UN General Assembly, 21 September 2017, 1.15 – 2.30pm, Conference Room 12, UNHQ, New York

The Permanent Missions of Brazil, Sierra Leone, and Switzerland, in association with New York University's Center on International Cooperation, will host a High-Level side event for heads of state and government, and for ministers to launch *the Roadmap for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies*.

About the Pathfinders

In the 2030 Agenda, the world's governments expressed their determination "to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence" as set out in Goal 16. They set ambitious targets for reducing all forms of violence in all countries, for ensuring access to justice for all, and for building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions.

Over the past year, the **Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies**¹ – a group of member states, international organizations, global partnerships, and other partners – have begun to build the foundations and alliances to turn the ambition of the SDG targets for peaceful, just and inclusive societies into reality. The group, which is convened by the governments of Brazil, Sierra Leone and Switzerland, has **developed a roadmap** for the delivery of the 2030 Agenda commitment to increasing peace, justice and inclusion.

This side event will:

- Present and launch the *Roadmap for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies* and outline plans for the group of Pathfinders to act as an action platform for the roadmap's implementation. The roadmap will outline next steps for further progress towards targets for peaceful, just and inclusive societies over the next five years, focusing on the next two years which are critical for accelerating implementation, as SDG16 will be reviewed at the High-Level Political Forum in 2019.
- Highlight examples of international and national implementation and commitment, with a focus on innovative approaches, visions, models, and tools that member states have developed in line with their national circumstances and priorities.

The Roadmap

The roadmap has its roots in meetings of the Pathfinders at the High-level Political Forum and the High Level Week of the General Assembly in 2016. It was explored in detail at a Pathfinders retreat, hosted by the group's conveners (Brazil, Sierra Leone, and Switzerland) and by Canada, Qatar, South Korea, and Tunisia.

SDG16 is the main goal for "fostering peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence." The roadmap, however, looks **beyond SDG16 to 36 targets from seven other goals** (SDG16+ - see annex 1). It recognizes strong links with all goals, in line with the integrated nature of the 2030 Agenda.

The roadmap identifies **three transformative strategies** that will make a cross-cutting contribution to the delivery of the sustainable development agenda. It sets out **catalytic actions** where there is strong potential

¹ See list of members in Annex 3. New members may join at any time.

to accelerate delivery, and underlines the need for a **strategic approach** to data and evidence, exchange and learning, finance, and advocacy and movement-building (annex 2). The roadmap also provides examples of national initiatives that highlight best practice for further progress on SDG16 and relevant targets.

The roadmap focuses on the next five years, but the High-Level Political Forum in 2019 will be a key milestone. At the 2019 HLPF, progress on SDG16 will be reviewed, while heads of state and government will come together for the first time to review progress made across the 2030 Agenda. By then, the roadmap should have:

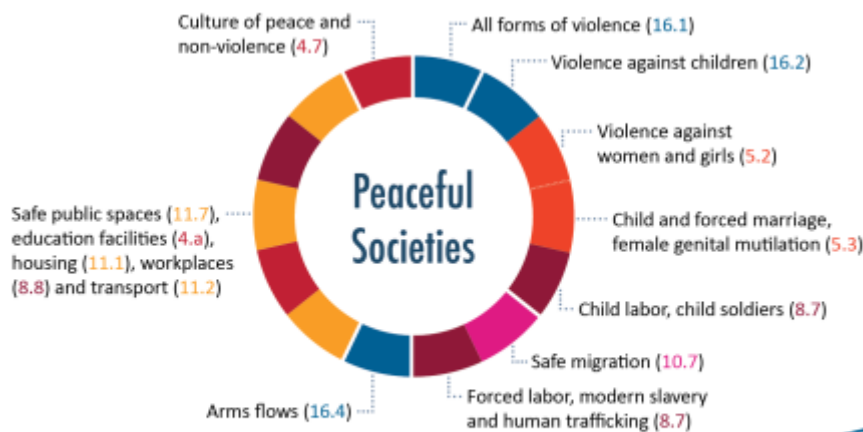
- Helped to accelerate and support delivery of SDG16+ targets, both internationally and nationally.
- Been used as a focus for campaigning and movement-building.
- Acted as a focus for making financing more strategic, and helped guide the generation of data and evidence in ways that more effectively inform implementation.
- Been supported by a growing range of partners, and helped them unite behind a shared agenda.
- Acted as a 'docking station' for other initiatives, partnerships and actions related to SDG16.

Event Format

The *Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies* side event will have the following format:

- Introduction and welcoming remarks from conveners.
- Brief overview of the roadmap and way forward.
- Presentations from Heads of state, government, or ministries from 4-6 member states, with countries selected to represent different regions and national contexts in line with the principle of universality.
- Questions and remarks from the floor.

Annex 1: Targets for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies




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Annex 2: Draft Outline of the Roadmap for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies



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Targets



Transformative strategies



Prevent

Invest in prevention so that all societies and people reach their full potential.



Renew

Transform institutions so that they can meet aspirations for a more prosperous, inclusive and sustainable future.



Involve

Include and empower people so that they can fulfill their potential to work for a better future.

Catalytic actions

1

Scale up violence prevention for women, children, and for vulnerable groups

4

Increase justice and legal empowerment

7

Legal identity and birth registration for all

2

Build safe, inclusive and resilient cities

5

Commitment to open and responsive government

8

Empower people as agents of change

3

Targeted prevention for countries and communities most likely to be left behind

6

Reduce corruption and illicit flows

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Respect all human rights and promote gender equality

Enablers

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Evidence and data



Finance



Learning and exchange



Communication, advocacy and movement-building

Annex 3: Countries Supporting the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies



Brazil



Sierra Leone



Switzerland



Argentina



Guatemala



Somalia



Canada



Indonesia



Sri Lanka



Central African Republic



Liechtenstein



Sweden



Colombia



The Netherlands



Timor-Leste



Czech Republic



Qatar



Tunisia



Georgia



Republic of Korea



United Kingdom