

DRAFT AGENDA
THEMATIC MEETING ON DIPLOMACY, DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATED PLANNING
IN FRAGILE AND CONFLICT-AFFECTED SITUATIONS
OSLO, 11-12 FEBRUARY 2008

Day 1: Monday 11 February 2008

09:00 Opening:

- * Erik Solheim, Minister of the Environment and International Development, Norway. Keynote address
- Short statements by UN, World Bank, OECD/DAC
- Presentation of programme, objectives of sessions

10:00-11:45

Session 1: Linking political diplomacy and development, or not: What are the issues?

Panel of speakers:

- * Ashraff Ghani, Chairman of Institute for State Effectiveness (ISE) and former finance minister of Afghanistan; presentation of main findings from background paper
- * Alastair King-Smith, Head of Integrated Planning and Lessons Learning Group, Stabilisation Unit (DFID/ FCO/MOD), United Kingdom
- * Comments by Dan Smith, Director, International Alert, London

Preliminary round of comments and interventions by participants, referring to various cases of collaboration and/or lack of such between diplomatic and development actors; in various types of contexts (protracted crisis, during peacemaking; during and after settlement).

Desired outcomes: Sufficient common understanding of main issues and challenges, to proceed to more focussed themes.

12:00-13:00

Session 2: Integrating development issues in peace agreements; Is it feasible?

Panel of speakers:

- * Fridtjov Thorkildsen, Norway's Ambassador to Sudan
- Richard Hands, Somalia Operations Manager, European Commission Delegation in Nairobi
- Comments by UN

During peacemaking processes and in the negotiation of peace agreements, what are the issues and dynamics in considering comprehensive vs. more focused agreements and processes? What has experience shown with regard to inclusion of economic and institutional elements in peace processes and agreements? How can development and diplomatic actors contribute to more inclusive peace processes, and to the consolidation or re-configuration of peace processes?

Desired outcomes: Recommendations for inclusion of (some) development issues, possibly touching root causes in future peace agreements – depending on context.

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13:00-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-15:45

Session 3: Planning a coherent and integrated collective response to support peace: Status and the way forward

Panel of speakers:

- * Carolyn McAskie, UN Assistant Secretary-General and head of UN Peacebuilding Support Office
- * Presentation of background paper (UN/ World Bank)
- * Portugal: Comments with reference to recent EU policy statement on fragility

Based on the current status of efforts to reform planning processes such as the Integrated Mission Planning Process, Post Conflict Needs Assessments, and Consolidated Appeal Process, what are participants' views on these revised tools and the linkages between them? Do the changes adequately address the challenges observed to date in scope and approach of each process? In ensuring robust linkages amongst them, do the changes provide the critical necessary common platform for planning and action?

Desired outcomes: Recommendations regarding member states' support to tools and processes for integrated planning and response, ideas on potential bilateral involvement and contributions to tools and processes, and/or recommendations for next steps.

COFFEE BREAK

16:15-18:00

Session 4: Development-diplomacy-linkages in protracted crises

Panel of speakers:

- * Charles Petrie, former UN Resident Coordinator in Burma/Myanmar
- * Jean-Marc Châtaigner, Director, Office of the Minister of State for Cooperation and the Francophonie, France
- * Scott M. Weber, Director-General, Interpeace (International Peacebuilding Alliance)

During prolonged crises or sudden-onset crises, especially those without a formal peace process, what are "good practice" lessons for interaction between actors on diplomacy, security, and development? What has country experience shown in terms of social and political inclusion, supporting various interest groups and stakeholders, reacting to sanctions, dealing with root causes, promoting good governance, etc.? What are the experiences of linking with development actors as "Track-2" diplomacy

Desired outcomes: Recommendations regarding interaction between diplomatic actors and development actors involved in crisis management and response, depending on context.

18:00 End of Day 1

19:30 Dinner hosted by Mr Erik Solheim, Norway's Minister for the Environment and International Development

Day 2: Tuesday 12 February 2008
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9.00-11:00

Session 5: Statebuilding, stabilisation and recovery in the early post-settlement phase

(Plenary)

Panel of speakers:

- * Espen Barth Eide, State Secretary Defence, Norway
- * Youssef Mahmoud, Executive Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Burundi
- * Netty Davis, National Coordinator, Liberia Reconstruction and Development Committee
- * Maj. General Carlos dos Santos Cruz, Force Commander, UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH)

In the early post-settlement phase, how do diplomatic, defence, and development actors collaborate in order to contribute to consolidation of peace? How do these different actors consult and balance the need for political transformation, security reforms and immediate results, as well as state-building, capacity development, national ownership and longer-term development investments?

Desired outcomes: Recommendations in operational terms on improved interaction, and how development actors can make better use of conflict analysis, how political actors better can apply good development principles, and how both may contribute in interactions with security actors.

COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:00

Session 6: Funding modalities in support of coherent multi-partner peacebuilding

Panel of speakers:

- * Sally Fegan Wyles, Director, UN Development Group Office
- Representative from the Democratic Republic of Congo
- World Bank
- * Koen Davidse, Deputy Director, Department of Human Rights and Peacebuilding, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands

Are present funding modalities relevant and sufficient to enable and facilitate an integrated diplomatic/ development effort? What are options and experiences for more flexible funding, providing incentives to cooperation, and encouraging conflict sensitive approaches? Can and should they be designed to facilitate the transition into longer-term development strategies? Is sufficient notice taken of non-traditional channels of financing?

Desired outcomes: Commitment to value of a unified funding profile for post-settlement recovery (including UN assessed contributions, CAP, MDTFs and the PCNA's TRF), and recommendations regarding future modalities.

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-16:00

Session 7: Panel debate and summary of recommendations

Panel of speakers:

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- Summary notes
- Resource persons

This should be an opportunity to summarise main agreements and disagreements, and raise remaining challenges.

16:30-17:00

Chair's Summary, and Next Steps

17:00 End of Day 2

Departures/ informal dinner (for those staying to next day)