



Invest in Sustaining Peace

Pledging Conference for the Secretary-General's Peacebuilding Fund

Co-Hosted by the Governments of Kenya, Mexico, the Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sweden and the United Kingdom

The General Assembly and Security Council Resolutions (A/RES/70/262 and S/RES/2282)

The comprehensive resolutions on the review of the peacebuilding architecture adopted simultaneously on 27 April by the General Assembly and the Security Council send a powerful signal: that a change in strategy and mind-set is required to address all stages of conflict in a comprehensive and coherent way. Focus must not only be given to preventing the recurrence of violent conflict, but to preventing conflict from breaking out in the first place. Increased investments in sustaining peace are a crucial contribution to this.

The resolutions stress that prevention and peacebuilding efforts are underfunded and under-prioritized, and that funding for the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF), and for prevention and peacebuilding in general, is the best way to reduce suffering and lower overall costs, and therefore needs to be more sustained, adequate and predictable.

Background

The PBF was established in 2006, through General Assembly Resolution A/60/180 and Security Council Resolution S/RES/1645 (2005). As evidenced by a series of Reviews,¹ PBF funding enables the UN to seize political opportunities it would likely otherwise miss. Importantly, it enables partners to pool risk and respond coherently by providing initial or bridge financing for UN preventive and peacebuilding programmes.

Despite positive assessments of the performance and impact of the PBF and calls for strengthening its role, the Fund is in danger of seeing its critical position weakened by lack of adequate funding. Already in 2015, the PBF was unable to meet its programming target because of funding gaps. Just in the first quarter of 2016, the PBF faced unprecedented demand of over US\$120 million for investments in sustaining peace.

The High-level Pledging Conference

The High-level Pledging Conference seeks to recapitalize the Fund by increasing contributions, the number of donors and the predictability of PBF's funding, to allow the PBF to continue to excel at its task to deliver fast, flexible and risk-tolerant support to sustaining peace. The Pledging Conference, immediately following the UN Summit on Refugees and Migration, will focus on mobilizing funding for the PBF to invest in the prevention of the outbreak, escalation, continuation and recurrence of crises, which are at the root of today's unprecedented—and unsustainable—refugee flows. The conference furthermore seeks to build political momentum for addressing systemic and structural challenges relating to predictable and sustainable financing for sustaining peace.

¹ The 2014 Independent Review of the PBF; the report of the High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations; the Global Study on the Implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325; and the Secretary-General's report for the World Humanitarian Summit emphasized the PBF's distinct risk tolerance and responsive funding processes. Independent evaluations and the DFID Multilateral Aid Review demonstrate a strong record of delivery and impact, and the PBF's unique role in driving UN coherence.

For further information please visit:



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Objective:

Expand the donor base supporting the Fund and increase the volume of resources available through multi-year contributions

Mobilization target:

US\$ 300 million for 2017-2019

Venue:

Conference Room 2

Date/Time:

21 September 2016, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Participation:

Ministerial Level

Speakers:

Remarks by the Secretary-General and the Co-hosts; interventions from the floor by Member States that confirmed their pledges in advance