



**Regional Dialogue on Sustaining Peace  
18-19 January 2018**

**Ritz Carlton Sharq Village  
Al Dasha Conference Room  
Doha, State of Qatar**

**AGENDA**

<b>19:30</b>	<b>Day 1: Wednesday, 17 January 2018</b> <b>Casual Welcome Dinner at Al Sonbok Conference Room, Ritz Carlton Sharq Village</b>		
<b>DAY 2: Thursday, 18 January 2018</b>			
<b>8:30 – 9:00</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>PRESENTERS</b>	<b>METHODOLOGY</b>
<b>8:30 – 9:00</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>		
<b>HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT</b>			
<b>09:00 – 09:20</b>	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani</b>, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar</li> <li>• <b>H. E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák</b>, President of the 72nd General Assembly Session</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Ana Maria Menéndez</b>, Under-Secretary-General, Senior Adviser to the Secretary-General on Policy, Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General</li> </ul>		
<b>SETTING THE SCENE</b>			
<b>Chair: H.E. Ms. Alya Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations, NY</b>			
<b>09:20 – 11:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Framing the Issues and Meeting Objectives: (a) methodology of the meeting; (b) what is sustaining peace.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Presenters and Overall Moderators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Sarah Cliffe</b>, Director, CIC, NYU</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Ibrahim Gambari</b>, former UN Under-Secretary General, Chairman and Founder, Savannah</li> </ul>	Participants will be challenged to strive to generate concrete, operational deliverables and actionable way forward to sustaining peace in the region and beyond.

		Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy and Development in Nigeria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Sultan Barakat</b>, Founding Director of the Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies, Doha</li> </ul>	
	<p>Overview/update of current UN Reform Initiatives impacting on Sustaining Peace. Articulation of thematic areas and brief stocktaking in areas such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update of UN' restructuring of the Peace and Security Pillar</li> <li>• Update of UNSC 1325 on Women, Peace and Security.</li> <li>• Regional processes to support the 2030 Agenda for Development</li> </ul>	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Juan Jose Gómez Camacho</b>, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN, Chair Group of Friends on Sustaining Peace</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Tegegnetwork Gettu</b>, Associate Administrator, UNDP</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Shamshad Akhtar</b>, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Tamrat Samuel</b>, Head, Internal Review Team on the Secretariat Peace and Security Architecture</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Noeleen Heyzer</b>, Member of the SG High-level Advisory Board on Mediation</li> </ul>	<p>The session will provide an understanding of current UN reforms and entry points to effect change at the UN and key tools for sustaining peace.</p> <p>The section will be informed by conclusions of the UN-WB study on conflict prevention/sustaining peace; the Review of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture; the 2015 report of the High-level Panel on Peace Operations; contribution of UN peacekeeping missions to sustaining peace; and the continuity of peacebuilding during missions and drawdown.</p>
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>First Session</b>			
<b>PLATFORMS AND PROCESSES FOR SUSTAINING PEACE</b>			
<b>11.30 - 13:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Organizations efficacy, capacity and limitations</li> <li>• Regional solutions to global problems</li> <li>• Defining sustaining peace for the region</li> <li>• Context and vision of what sustaining peace out to be for the region.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Moderator</b>  <b>Prof. Ibrahim Gambari</b></p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser</b>, High-Representative, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Mohamed Ali Alhakim</b>, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)</li> </ul>	<p>The session will address what sustaining peace means for the region. It will explore ongoing regional processes and platforms to address prevention and sustaining peace. It will also examine local practices and conceptualizations of conflict prevention approaches within regional organizations.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Ms. Hessa Al-Thani</b>, Special Envoy of the Arab League Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Tariq Yousef</b>, CEO, Brookings Doha Center</li> <li>• <b>Mr. George Abu Al Zulof</b>, Head of the UN Training and Documentation Centre for South West Asia and the Arab region at OHCHR</li> </ul>	
<b>13:00 - 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch Break - Al Sonbok Conference Room</b>		
<b>Second Session</b>			
<b>LINKAGES BETWEEN THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINING PEACE</b>			
<b>14:30 - 16:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to increase resilience while reducing levels of conflict.</li> <li>• National ownership and sovereignty</li> <li>• Equality of opportunity – access to services, inclusivity, participation in political and economic processes.</li> <li>• Role for youth in peacebuilding efforts critical for establishing sustainable peace and a prerequisite for development.</li> <li>• Women and achieving sustaining peace and sustainable development.</li> <li>• Challenges and opportunities related to the peace, just and inclusive societies aspects of the 2030 Agenda.</li> <li>• Strengthening the linkages between the SDGs and the peace and security agenda, while addressing the humanitarian-development nexus.</li> <li>• Regional cooperation and integration – blueprint to achieve the SDGs and sustaining peace</li> </ul>	<p><b>Moderator</b> <b>Ms. Sarah Cliffe</b></p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Dr. Ahmed Al Meraikhi</b>, UN Secretary-General’s Humanitarian Envoy</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Irene Khan</b>, Director-General, IDLO</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal</b>, former Chair of the Advisory Group of Experts for the 2015 Review of the UN’ Peacebuilding Architecture</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Philippe Lazzarini</b>, Deputy Special Coordinator for Lebanon and Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Rachel Dore-Weeks</b>, Peace, Security and Humanitarian Advisor, UN Women Arab States</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Jos de la Haye</b>, Regional Cluster Team Leader, Governance, Rule of Law and Peacebuilding, Regional Hub in Aman</li> </ul>	<p>The session will underscore that sustaining peace underlines the “comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centered” vision of the 2030 Agenda and the connections between sustaining peace and the SDGs. The vital role of women and youth in building and sustaining peace in the region will be underscored throughout. The session will explore how a common UN approach to inclusive development, as key for preventing conflict and enabling sustaining peace, could be applied to the region. What are the opportunities and challenges.</p>
<b>16:00 - 16:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>Third Session</b>			
<b>SUSTAINING PEACE and the PREVENTION of CONFLICT</b>			

16:30 - 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making the case for prevention</li> <li>• Best practice approaches and local solutions to preventing conflict in a culturally appropriate context for the Arab region and Islamic countries</li> <li>• Mix of priorities needed to prevent and/or overcome conflict.</li> <li>• Greater local ownership</li> </ul>	<p><b>Moderator</b>  <b>Dr. Sultan Barakat</b>, Founding Director of the Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies, Doha</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Majed Al-Ansari</b>, Professor of Political Sociology at Qatar University</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Robert Mardini</b>, Regional Director for the Near and Middle East, ICRC</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Maya Yahya</b>, Director Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Middle East Center</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Larry Attree</b>, Head of Policy, Saferworld</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Erik Melander</b>, Director, Uppsala Conflict Data Programme</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Katy Thompson</b>, Governance, Peace-building, Conflict Prevention Team Leader</li> </ul>	<p>Successful prevention combines preventive diplomacy with dedicated medium-to-long term investments in structural prevention. The UN Secretary-General, in his vision on prevention, calls for increased capacity in preventive diplomacy, by strengthening the UN's mediation and facilitation capacity, including increased support to national and local mediators. Preventive diplomacy also needs to be based on a functioning early warning system and risk management.</p>
19:00 - 21:00	<p><b>Visit to the Museum of Islamic Art</b>  <b>Official Dinner hosted under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar at the Museum of Islamic Art</b>  <b>IDAM Restaurant – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor</b></p>		
<p><b>DAY 3: Friday, 19 January 2018</b></p>			
<p><b>Fourth Session</b>  <b>MEDIATION for PEACE: A KEY TOOL FOR PREVENTION and PEACEMAKING</b></p>			
09:00 – 09:15	Overview and Keynote Speaker	<p><b>Mr. Robert Malley</b>, President and CEO, International Crisis Group</p>	
09:15 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current and emerging best practices in mediation efforts, nationally and regionally, which contribute to sustaining peace.</li> <li>• Methods, culture and capacity for mediation in regional and sub-regional organizations.</li> <li>• The role of regional economic commissions</li> </ul>	<p><b>Moderator</b>  <b>Prof. Ibrahim Gambari</b></p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Dr. Mutlaq Al-Qahtani</b>, Ambassador and Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar for</li> </ul>	<p>The session will explore the potential of mediation as a key instrument of peaceful prevention and resolution of conflicts. It will focus on local and regional solutions. It will analyze emerging good practices and opportunities and challenges associated with promoting Mediation for Peace.</p>

	<p>in dialogue and mediation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to scale up mediation for peace locally, nationally and regionally? A set of sub questions are the role of: (a) local and inside mediators; (b) the role of faith-based mediators; (c) women mediators.</li> </ul>	<p>Counterterrorism and Mediation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Noleen Heyzer</b>, Member of the SG High-level Advisory Board on Mediation</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Romain Grandjean</b>, Director Near East and North Africa, Center for Humanitarian Dialogue</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Enrico Formica</b>, Senior Mediation Officer, Mediation Team and Head DPA Geneva</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Anna Paolini</b>, Director UNESCO Regional Office Doha</li> </ul>	
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>Fifth Session</b>			
<b>EMERGING THREATS: the dark side of innovation</b>			
<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact of cybersecurity related threats on peace – cyberwar and cybercrime</li> <li>• Policy dimensions of cybercrime, cybersecurity and cyberwar</li> <li>• Stepping up partnerships.</li> <li>• International and regional responses to combat cybercrime and cybersecurity.</li> <li>• The risks and benefits of artificial intelligence</li> <li>• Legal and security challenges</li> <li>• The cybersecurity overlap</li> <li>• Security implications of artificial intelligence</li> <li>• Artificial intelligence at the UN and regional organizations</li> </ul>	<p><b>Moderator</b> <b>Mr. Brian Finlay</b>, President and CEO, The Stimson Center</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Sukhbold Sukhee</b>, Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the UN</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Neil Walsh</b>, Chief of Cyber and Emerging Crime at UNODC</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Reem Al-Ansari</b>, Professor at Qatar university college of law</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Kerstin Vignard</b>, Chief of Operations and Deputy Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Gary Milante</b>, Director, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)</li> </ul>	<p>The Secretary-General during this address to the General Assembly outlined several grave threats facing humanity. He said technology and innovation, which are the heart of shared progress, however have a dark side that must be confronted, it has become a threat we must confront. Cybersecurity threats are escalating, and cyber war is now more able to disrupt relations between States, as well as the structures and systems of modern life. Meanwhile, artificial intelligence is a game changer that can boost development and transform lives. But it may also have a dramatic impact on labour markets and on global security and the very fabric of societies. Further, he said that unless these breakthroughs are handled responsibly, they could cause incalculable damage. He emphasized that governments and international organizations are not prepared for these developments, and traditional forms of regulation do not apply. Such trends and capacities demand a new generation of strategic thinking, ethical reflection and regulation.</p>

12:30 – 14:00	Lunch – AI Sonbok Conference Room		
<b>Sixth Session FINANCING for PEACE</b>			
14:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of successful approaches of utilizing diverse funding sources to support countries implement the 2030 Agenda for Development and support sustaining peace.</li> <li>• Diversifying funding sources</li> <li>• Innovative financing</li> <li>• Assessed Contributions Local solutions</li> <li>• A bolder approach to financing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Moderator</b> <b>Ms. Sarah Cliffe</b></p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Vera Songwe</b>, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Africa (ECA)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Khalifa bin Jassim Al Kuwari</b>, General Manager, Qatar Fund for Development</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Genevieve Boutin</b>, Manager of Development and Humanitarian Programmes, UNICEF oPt</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Chelsea Payne</b>, Policy Officer, Policy, Planning and Application Branch, UN Peacebuilding Support Office</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Daniel Hyslop</b>, Research Director, Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)</li> </ul>	<p>The resolutions on sustaining peace underline the need for “adequate, predictable and sustained financing” to support sustaining peace. The Secretary-General is requested to provide options on increasing, restructuring and better prioritizing funding dedicated to peacebuilding activities, including through assessed and voluntary contributions, with a view to ensuring sustainable financing for the consideration of Member States; and provide options for adequate resourcing of the peacebuilding activities of UN Country Teams, and the peacebuilding components of UN peacekeeping operations and special political missions, including during mission transitions and drawdown for the consideration of Member States.</p>
<b>WRAP-UP: BUILDING SUSTAINBLE PEACE REGIONNALLY</b>			
15:30 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key takes on each session by respective moderators and experts</li> <li>• Reflections by the moderators</li> <li>• Key takes for the UNGA High-level Event on Sustaining Peace to be held in April 2018.</li> <li>• Regional implications– what next?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Moderators</b> <b>Ms. Sarah Cliffe</b> <b>Prof. Ibrahim Gambari</b> <b>Dr. Sultan Barakat</b></p>	<p>The session will highlight local and regional approaches to conflict prevention and sustaining peace, culturally appropriate and locally owned. Participants will also discuss strategies for advocacy, networking and coalition building to promote conflict prevention and sustaining peace regionally.</p>
<b>Closing</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Government of the State of Qatar</b></li> </ul>	
19:30	<b>Dinner – AI Sonbok Conference Room</b>		