PEACEBUILDING COMMISSION

Meeting on the Inter-American Development Bank Framework for Supporting Populations in Situations of Fragility, Conflict, and Criminal Violence
17 January, 3 – 6pm, ECOSOC Chamber
Concept Note

Context

In April 2024, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) unveiled its inaugural Framework for Supporting Populations in Situations of Fragility, Conflict, and Criminal Violence (FCCV). This framework reflects the IDB's acknowledgment that fragility, conflict, and criminal violence severely impact the quality of life and livelihoods for millions in Latin America and the Caribbean. These issues exacerbate existing vulnerabilities and create cross-border effects that can influence development prospects in other regions. Addressing and mitigating these challenges is crucial for the well-being of affected populations and aligns with the IDB Group's mission to enhance lives throughout the region.

While the IDB has substantial experience and strengths in managing FCCV-related challenges, this is the first time that it has established a cohesive framework to guide its approach. This new framework provides clear directions for staff on supporting affected areas through both financial and non-financial initiatives.

The IDB's framework places it alongside other multilateral development banks, such as the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), which have all developed strategies to address the specific needs of crisis-affected countries within their memberships. These strategies highlight the role of multilateral development banks as "agents for peace" and may offer opportunities for future collaboration with the UN peacebuilding architecture. Notably, the IDB's framework also emphasizes engagement with both localized areas of FCCV and the destabilizing impacts of criminal violence throughout the region.

The Peacebuilding Commission meeting will offer the IDB a platform to present its new framework and outline the next steps for its implementation. The Commission will in that regard build on recent country engagements from the region and explore ways to support them on their peacebuilding priorities.

Objectives of the meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to enable the IDB to present its newly published FCCV for 2024-2027, along with its implementation priorities. The IDB is expected to showcase its ongoing projects through an FCCV lens, offering Member States an opportunity to explore potential areas

for collaboration. Ecuador, one of the countries receiving ongoing support is due to participate as an IDB recipient country in the meeting.

The meeting will also offer an opportunity for countries in the region that have engaged with the Commission, such as Honduras and Guatemala to update Member States on their peacebuilding progress, priorities, and ongoing challenges. This exchange will enable the IDB to identify potential entry points for deeper engagement and support with these countries.

Moreover, the meeting will allow Member States of the PBC to exchange insights with the IDB on peacebuilding practices, opportunities, and challenges in the Americas. This dialogue will facilitate the identification of areas where the IDB and the Commission can complement each other and explore possibilities for future collaboration.

Provisional Agenda

Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Sérgio França Danese, Permanent Representative of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Chair of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission.

- Remarks by Mr. Guy Ryder, Under-Secretary-General for Policy, Executive Office of the Secretary-General
- Briefings by:
  - H.E. Mr. Ilan Goldfajn, President of the Inter-American Development Bank
  - IDB recipient country: Ecuador
- Remarks from countries from the region that have engaged with the Peacebuilding Commission: Guatemala and Honduras
- Interactive segment.
- Remarks by Ms. Elizabeth Spehar, United Nations Assistant Secretary General for Peacebuilding Support.

Closing remarks by H.E. Mr. Sérgio França Danese, Permanent Representative of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Chair of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission.