Peacebuilding Commission

Ambassadorial-level meeting with the 8th Advisory Group of the Secretary-General's Peacebuilding Fund

Wednesday, 15 January 2025

3.00pm to 6.00pm - ECOSOC Chamber

Background

Pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/60/287 of 21 September 2006, endorsing the report of the Secretary-General on establishing the Peacebuilding Fund (A/60/984), the independent Advisory Group of the Peacebuilding Fund comprises up to ten members nominated by Member States and appointed by the Secretary-General for a two-year term to provide advice and oversight on the programming of the Fund.

The members of the current Eighth Advisory Group were appointed in November 2024. The Group has been expanded to twelve members, to allow for greater inclusion. Seven new members were appointed from Guatemala, the Republic of Korea, Kingdom of the Netherland, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom. The current Chair of the Group is Ambassador Mr. Macharia Kamau of Kenya. The full list of members is attached. This meeting represents the first opportunity for the Eighth Advisory Group to exchange with the Peacebuilding Commission members.

The functions of the Advisory Group concentrate on three oversight tasks by providing advice on: 1) the implementation of the Peacebuilding Fund's Strategy 2020-24 which has been extended until 2026, including on resource mobilization and outreach strategies; 2) policies guiding Peacebuilding Fund investments, notably regarding the timeliness, risk-tolerance and catalytic effects of the Fund; and 3) how to respond to new and emerging peacebuilding challenges.

The appointment of the Eighth Advisory Group comes at a critical time. In the recently agreed Pact for the Future, world leaders recognized the persistence of violent conflict around the globe, the immense suffering of fellow human beings and the existential risks we face collectively. The Pact recognizes that the Peacebuilding Fund and the wider United Nations peacebuilding architecture have important roles to play in a reinvigorated multilateralism. This is in line with the Secretary-General's vision for the Fund to have a growing role in building and sustaining peace in support of national priorities, as set out in his policy brief on A New Agenda for Peace. Critically, this includes connecting the three pillars of the United Nations – peace and security, human rights and sustainable development – which the Pact for the Future recognized as interdependent and mutually reinforcing.

During its tenure, the Eighth Advisory Group will provide valuable guidance to the Fund's strategy extension through 2026, which will prioritize how to support countries interested to pursue national prevention strategies as well as maintain its three priority areas (cross-border programming, support to UN mission transitions, and increased inclusion of youth and women in peacebuilding). In addition, the Group will advise on the use of the assessed contribution of

$50 million annually to the Peacebuilding Fund, agreed in resolution 78/257 and starting in 2025 and in applying the revised Terms of Reference of the Fund, as well as on how to increase voluntary contributions as the primary source of funding.

Purpose of the meeting

The meeting will offer PBC members an opportunity to engage with the Advisory Group and explore ways to enhance collaboration and synergies between the Commission and the Peacebuilding Fund. It will also serve as a platform to exchange insights and share experiences and lessons learned from countries that have benefited from PBF support.

Guiding questions

1. What are the best ways to strengthen the relationship between the PBF and the PBC, thus ensuring more synergies across the Peacebuilding Architecture?
2. How can the PBF be able to assist the implementation of the Peacebuilding Architecture Review and the Pact for the Future?
3. How can the PBF and the PBC support countries with the development of national prevention strategies upon request?

Provisional agenda

- Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Sérgio França Danese, Chair of the PBC
- Briefing by H.E. Mr. Macharia Kamau, Chair of the Advisory Group of the PBF
- Briefing by a PBF recipient country (tbc)
- Briefing by Ms. Elizabeth Spehar, Assistant-Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support
- Interactive discussion with PBC members and the members of the Advisory Group
- Closing remarks by H.E. Mr. Sérgio França Danese, Chair of the PBC

Background

Information about the current members of the Advisory Group to the Secretary-General's Peacebuilding Fund can be found here:
https://www.un.org/peacebuilding/content/eighth-ag
Information about the Peacebuilding Fund and its work can be found here:
https://www.un.org/peacebuilding/fund
Information about the projects supported by the Peacebuilding Fund can be found here:
https://mptf.undp.org/fund/pb000