

United Nations Peacebuilding Commission
Ambassadorial-Level Meeting on Colombia (Hybrid)
28 August 2025 10.00 a.m. (EST) / ECOSOC (TBC)

Draft Concept Note

Background

Colombia's journey toward sustainable peace, anchored in the 2016 Final Peace Agreement between the Government and the former Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia – Ejército del Pueblo (FARC-EP), continues to be a prominent point of reference for conflict resolution through dialogue, reconciliation and structural transformation. President Gustavo Petro's administration considers peace a state policy, as reaffirmed by the former Minister of Foreign Affairs during the April 2025 Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) meeting. In support of the Government's efforts, the PBC has served as a dedicated platform to follow progress and challenges in its implementation, offering political accompaniment and helping sustain international attention on Colombia's peacebuilding priorities. Entering the second half of the 15-year implementation timetable, sustaining momentum will require coordinated action by state institutions, civil society and local communities, reinforced by consistent international support and the PBC's continued accompaniment.

Since the 2016 Final Peace Agreement, Colombia has seen significant progress toward sustainable peace and overall reductions in armed conflict-related violence. Key achievements include land redistribution, enhanced social inclusion, and the reintegration of former combatants. However, insecurity persists in areas with limited state presence, socio-economic inequality, illicit economies, and slow progress on rural reform and transitional justice.

Peacebuilding Financing and Partnerships

The Peacebuilding Commission has directly engaged through visits to Colombia, PBC meetings, advice to the Security Council, and participation in the Security Council's deliberations focused on Colombia. In October 2024, PBC advice to the Security Council called for accelerated implementation of rural reform, deeper integration of marginalized communities, and strengthened transitional justice mechanisms. The Security Council continues to be actively engaged through the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, whose efforts are complemented by the United Nations Country Team.

Colombia has been the subject of five PBC discussions. These discussions have focused on transitional justice, reintegration of former combatants, Indigenous Peoples, Peace and Reconciliation, and the broader human rights implications of peace implementation.

Most recently, Colombia engaged with the PBC in its Ambassadorial-level meeting on South-South Cooperation that took place on July 29, at which they presented their own programme, "From Colombia to the World". The programme makes available the lessons Colombia has drawn from its own experience as a conflict-affected country. As part of this, Colombia developed a "Learning Route" in four strategic areas: disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration; financing for peace; regional development; and reparations for victims.

The Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) has invested US\$ 60,095,180 in Colombia since 2014. To date, most PBF investment in Colombia are channeled through a UN Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Sustaining Peace in Colombia (MPTF-Colombia), in support of the priorities established in a

biannual investment plan that builds on the 2016 Final Peace Agreement. Within this context, with PBF funding, the UN System has supported efforts to meet the commitments of the Agreement.

Objectives of the meeting

The hybrid meeting will provide the opportunity for the Colombian government and other stakeholders to speak to the Peacebuilding Commission and exchange on the progress made towards full implementation of the 2016 Peace Agreement, as its 9th anniversary draws near.

From 24 to 28 August, the Chair and a delegation of PBC members will also be conducting a mission to Colombia. The mission will reaffirm sustained international support for the comprehensive implementation of the 2016 Final Peace Agreement and other peace efforts currently underway in the country. The PBC delegation will meet with members of the Colombian government, civil society, and political party members (TBC). They will also visit ongoing Peacebuilding Fund projects and identify opportunities for enhanced cooperation and resource mobilization. The hybrid Ambassadorial-level meeting will serve as a forum for the Peacebuilding Commission as a whole to participate in the mission and hear from a diverse range of stakeholders.

Guiding questions

- How can Colombia's transitional justice process, particularly the forthcoming restorative sentences of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace, contribute to peacebuilding and guarantees of non-recurrence? In what ways can these processes be designed and implemented in coordination with other peacebuilding priorities such as reintegration, rural reform, security sector reform, and access to justice?
- What mechanisms can strengthen the role of victims, women, youth, ethnic communities, grassroots organizations, and local authorities in maintaining forward momentum in peace agreement implementation, including transitional justice?
- What targeted support is needed to ensure the sustainability of former combatants' reintegration — through housing, productive projects, and psychosocial assistance — despite ongoing security risks and limited State presence in some regions?

Provisional Agenda

- Opening remarks by the PBC Chair
- Briefings by:
 - Acting Foreign Minister (*she may be confirmed as official this week*);
 - Mr. Raul Rosende, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General and office in charge of the Verification Mission;
 - Signatory of the 2016 Peace Agreement
 - Civil Society Member (suggestion for Indigenous youth, possibly [Daniela Secue](#))
- Interventions from Members of the PBC;
- Remarks by Ms. Elizabeth Spehar, ASG for Peacebuilding Support Office;
- Closing remarks by PBC Chair.