



Annual Core Group Meeting

6-9 July, 2016

Berlin Declaration

The Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS), being a coalition of peacebuilding organizations from countries affected by conflict and crisis affected states, regional civil society organizations and International NGOs, having met in its Annual Core Group meeting in Berlin, Germany from 6 to 9 July,

Recognizing and supporting Agenda 2030 and the renewal of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (IDPS) mandate for 5 more years,

Having endorsed the Stockholm Declaration: Addressing Fragility and Building Peace in a Changing World which, inter alia, emphasised the urgency and relevance of the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States at a time of unprecedented change, crisis and opportunity; and reconfirmed the importance of tripartite collaboration between governments, donors and civil society in promoting and sustaining peace,

Recalling commitments of the IDPS in the Stockholm Declaration, acknowledging the g7+ Kabul communiqué, affirming the 2030 Agenda's commitment to peaceful, just and inclusive societies, and reaffirming our commitment to the Istanbul CSO Development Effectiveness Principles,

The CSPPS membership in Berlin:

1. Stresses the critical importance of New Deal processes and principles – including supporting the renewed emphasis on Fragility Assessments and Compacts and the linkages between all New Deal instruments – to the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals in countries affected by conflict and fragility.
2. Urges g7+ governments to ensure the full benefit of New Deal implementation by undertaking inclusive and courageous examination of issues in their countries in the next round of Fragility Assessments.
3. Is deeply concerned with shrinking Civil Society space both internationally and in individual fragile and conflict affected states, and with the apparent diminished political commitment to the New Deal in the g7+ and donor countries.
4. Restates the need for whole of society engagement in both fragile, conflict and crisis affected and donor countries as well as the role of a robust dialogue mechanism to facilitate this.

5. Urges donors to recognise that short term and securitised approaches can come at the expense of the longer term action and funding mechanisms necessary to support deep, systemic and sustainable change in line with New Deal principles and the Agenda 2030.
6. Urges all stakeholders to pursue the replication of the tripartite IDPS mechanisms at country level to promote whole of government and society engagement in the New Deal, and the better realisation of Agenda 2030 and other national development plans.
7. Supports the full use of country systems, involving both state and civil society systems within and outside of government budgets, as critical components of New Deal implementation.
8. Is determined, fully engage and support the development of inclusive country level dialogues on issues at the heart of our new collective mandate: New Deal implementation, SDG realization through New Deal principles, and the Use of Country Systems.
9. Acknowledges progress made towards ensuring the IDPS and New Deal are fully tripartite platforms for dialogue and implementation at all levels.
10. Urges g7+ and donors to maintain and deepen their integration of youth and gender issues in peacebuilding, statebuilding and crisis prevention in line with UNSCR 2250 and 1325.
11. Encourages multilateral and regional organisations to engage in the New Deal, in particular by facilitating whole of society collaboration.

The CSPPS is determined to act collectively in pursuit of its revised mission and core strategies, which are to

1. Place our main focus on strengthening the voice and capacity of society to effectively engage in, and influence, Peacebuilding and Statebuilding as a critical contribution to crisis prevention and sustainable peace and development for all;
2. Shape and infuse the IDPS, Sustainable Development Goals and humanitarian processes with peacebuilding values;
3. Strengthen and broaden civil society engagement in Peacebuilding, Statebuilding and crisis prevention;
4. Influence prevention, Peacebuilding and Statebuilding and development policies at all levels.

In particular, we resolve to:

1. Work in full cooperation with g7+ governments and donors in pursuit of the New Deal and in line with its principles.
2. Continue to fulfil one of our responsibilities as Civil Society to hold all stakeholders accountable in better realising New Deal principles.
3. Provide leadership in the IDPS in pursuing those themes where we have the expertise and capacity, including the realisation of UNSC resolutions 1325, 2250 and 2282 in its work, the use of the New Deal in the realisation of the SDGs, undertaking fragility assessments and linking these to planning processes and the development of early warning systems.

4. Demonstrate through effective communications at global and national levels Civil Society's contribution the New Deal and our impact on peace and development.
5. Pursue the deepening and broadening of Civil Society engagement and connection of the whole of society to the New Deal in both g7+ and donor countries.