

## **International Conference on Ebola Recovery**

### **Thematic Discussions**

#### **Second thematic session: Governance, Peacebuilding and Social cohesion**

**Date:** 09 July 2015

**Time:** 14:00-15:20

**Location:** New York Headquarters

#### **Introduction**

The thematic sessions on 9 July are designed to give the opportunity for Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone to present their respective Ebola recovery plans in depth, including costs and implementation strategies. The day begins with a complete overview of the plans and then move into four thematic sessions around: 1) Health, nutrition and WASH; 2) governance, peacebuilding and social cohesion; 3) education, social and child protection and basic services; and 4) socio-economic revitalization. The session on governance, peacebuilding and social cohesion will focus on how these central issues have been incorporated in the national and regional Ebola recovery plans. The session is co-led by UNDP, the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC), and the Peacebuilding Support Office.

#### **Objective**

Discuss how governance, peacebuilding and social cohesion are incorporated in the plans and what partnership and political, material, technical and financial support would be required to achieve the desired outcomes. The session will also discuss the role of governance, peacebuilding and cohesion in achieving the other outcomes of the recovery plans.

#### **Outcome**

The session should result in a better understanding of the broad priorities for governance, peacebuilding and social cohesion in each recovery plan; the level of partnership required, the cost implication for this area; and the indicators of progress that will be monitored. The conclusion will become part of the outcome document from the conference and form the basis for possible accountability frameworks for each country.

#### **Format**

- Opening Remarks by H.E. Mr. Olof Skoog (Sweden), PBC Chair (proposed) – 10 minutes
- Presentation of how governance, peacebuilding and social cohesion are incorporated in the national plans (by representative of the three affected countries) (TBD) – 15 minutes
- Panel Discussion (Davos style) with three Ministers –TBD; representative from civil society (Africa Platform); and representative from the private Sector. Conversation will be facilitated by Magdy Martinez-Soliman, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP) – 30 minutes
- Q&A and Plenary Discussion – 20 minutes

- Closing Remarks by PBC Chair – 5 minutes

### **Description of the Format**

The moderator will present the panel and give an overview of the meeting. Ambassador Skoog, Chair of PBC, will provide the opening remarks. Then, the floor will be given to one Minister who will be representing the three Ebola-affected countries to make a short presentation, highlighting how governance, peacebuilding and social cohesion have been incorporated in the Ebola national recovery plans.

This brief presentation is then followed by interventions from a panel composed of two Ministers from the other two Ebola-affected countries (TBD, proposed by the governments); one representative from civil society (Africa Platform); and one representative from the private sector (TBD). The panelists will speak to their contributions to the Ebola response, as well as to their views on the potential partnerships and engagement to ensure a successful recovery. This panel will be facilitated by Magdy Martinez-Soliman, UNDP.

This discussion will be followed by a Q&A session that will be open to all participants. Finally, the PBC Chair will summarize the discussion and close the meeting.

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