

# Stockholm Dialogue

## *On the Nexus between Human Rights, Environmental Sustainability, and Conflict Prevention*

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### Background

The 2030 Agenda asks the global community to respond to a wide range of complex and multi-dimensional development challenges. This requires a paradigm shift supported by all actors, including governments, the UN System, business, and civil society, to work towards more “integrated approaches” that go beyond sectoral and thematic silo-thinking.

There is a need, however, to better understand what constitutes an “integrated approach”; how these can be operationalized in the UN system, and adapted in practice at the country level; and how to structure the partnerships and funding mechanisms that underpin successful integration.

This one-day Dialogue will seek to enhance our understanding of integrated approaches needed to manage natural resources for more sustainable and peaceful outcomes. We will explore how to tackle risks and opportunities in a manner that balances social, environmental, economic, human rights, and peace concerns and priorities, using the extractive sector as an example.

Bringing together a range of perspectives from governments, the UN system, civil society and research institutions, we aim to:

- Create a platform for learning and sharing knowledge by presenting examples of integrated approaches in different geographical and institutional contexts;
- Distill good practices and lessons that can inform programming in these areas; and
- Explore principles and strategies for promoting strategic and operational partnerships to tackle multi-dimensional challenges related to natural resource management.

Throughout these discussions, special consideration will be given to the needs, knowledge, roles and rights of women and youth in our efforts to achieve the SDGs and sustain peace.

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA - TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018

8 : 3 0 - 8 : 4 5	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Welcome and Introductory Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Facilitator: Alexander Verbeek</b></li></ul>
8 : 4 5 - 1 0 : 0 0	<p><b>Plenary Session I: How do we secure the right to a clean and healthy environment, while preventing conflict?</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> This session will provide an overview of challenges and opportunities in applying integrated approaches to promote sustainability and peace. The session will focus on examples of how governments, the private sector and other actors have contributed to conflict prevention and sustainable development by integrating human rights, including procedural rights (access to information, participation, and redress), and environmental sustainability in the governance of the extractive sector.</p> <p><b>Panel presentations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Participatory Environmental Monitoring</b> <i>Environmental issues can exacerbate conflicts, especially at the community level. One of the best ways to mitigate this risk it is to give communities greater control over their resources. For example, communities can monitor water quality and quantity, soil, health and human rights. The presentation will provide an introduction to community-based monitoring and examples from Mexico and Peru.</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Presenter: Flaviano Bianchini, Director and Founder of Source international</b></li></ul></li><li>➤ <b>Peace and Environment</b> <i>The “Peace and Environment” programme looks to strengthen the capacities of local communities and ex-combatants through environmental training and the development of productive and conservation alternatives. The environment is a key factor in the Colombian peacebuilding process, and if not well managed a possible trigger for new conflicts. The programme intends to incorporate both realities. It will help prevent deforestation and contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation, also support rural communities that have been affected by the conflict. This experience illustrates peacebuilding and conflict prevention efforts in megadiverse countries.</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Presenters: Jimena Puyana, National Manager for Sustainable Development, UNDP Colombia; and César Jerez, leader of Rural Peasant Reserve Zones</b></li></ul></li><li>➤ <b>Weaving SDG 16 and human rights principles into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework</b> <i>Like sustainability, human rights are a crosscutting dimension of Agenda 2030, and recognized in SDG 16 which aims to “Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.” As the text of SDG 16 does not specify social-ecological dimensions, there is a need for dialogue and tools to better understand and act upon the connections between SDG 16 and biodiversity. This presentation will focus on lessons learned on mainstreaming biodiversity, ecosystem services and human rights in the mining sector. It will share insights from the international peer to peer Dialogue on Weaving SDG 16 and human rights law into the post 2020 global biodiversity strategic framework held in Kenya, 28-31 May 2018.</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Presenter: Dr Claudia Ituarte, Environmental lawyer and researcher, Swedbio, Stockholm Resilience Centre</b></li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Panel discussion on distilling good practices and opportunities for scaling up and replication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Nora Götzmann, Senior Advisor Human Rights &amp; Business, Danish Institute for Human Rights</b></li><li>• <b>Marie Jacobson, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden</b></li><li>• <b>Dalia Marquez, Venezuela, UN MCGY as Global Focal Point of Sustainable Consumption and Production, Latin American and Caribbean Engagement Mechanism of Civil Society (LACEMOS)</b></li></ul>

10:00 - 10:15	BREAK
10:15 - 11:25	<p><b>Plenary Session II: Doing business differently - how can new partnerships and working across silos generate new thinking and solutions for conflict prevention and sustainable management of natural resources?</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Explore how we can provide better integrated support and leverage partnerships, innovations, and technology to support countries in accelerating implementation of Agenda 2030.</p> <p><b>Panel presentations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>How data sharing and innovative technological partnerships can support conflict prevention and sustainable natural resource management</b> Inga Petersen, Senior Adviser, UN Environment Joanne Lebert, Executive Director, IMPACT</li> <li>➤ <b>Lessons from the Oil for development programme</b> Ingun Kroksnes, Senior Adviser, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)</li> <li>➤ <b>Water, Human Rights and Mining</b> Chris Mc Combe, Manager, International Council of Mining and Minerals (ICMM)</li> </ul> <p><b>Interactive discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Florian Krampe, Researcher, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)</li> <li>• Nimra Amjad, Founder, Pakistan Sustainability Network</li> <li>• Massaran Traoré, International Alert Mali</li> </ul>
11:25 - 11:35	Summary of plenary sessions and introduction to afternoon parallel sessions
11:40 - 12:30	LUNCH BREAK
12:45 - 14:30	<p><b>Parallel Session 1: How can participatory environmental monitoring committees empower citizens to shape decision making?</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> At this workshop we will make a short presentation of the study of the work of Participatory Environmental Monitoring Committees (PEMCs), their roles in decision making on mining, and their implementation as a tool to prevent conflict from escalating. UNDP will present the very first results of a field research carried out in an open pit gold mine (Minera Bajo de la Alumbrera) and a lithium mine (Sales de Jujuy) in Argentina. This will be followed by a discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitator:</b> Alexandra Gil Taboas, Programme Officer, UNDP Regional Hub for Latin America and the Caribbean.</li> </ul> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flaviano Bianchini, Director and Founder of Source International</li> <li>• Alexis Rodríguez, Research Dean of the Universidad Especializada de las Américas.</li> <li>• Nancy Bahamonde, Consultant on social conflict, public policies, gender and leadership at Lidera Consulting Perú.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parallel Session 2 - Assessing rule of law in environmental governance: what does the evidence show and how to ensure rights-based decision-making in the mining sector?</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> This session will present findings from the piloting of a new SEPA-UNDP-FBA toolkit that has been applied in Colombia, Mozambique and Mongolia to detect rule of law challenges in the governance of the mining sector. It will primarily focus on:</p>

- (i) Gaps between de jure and de facto implementation of basic rule of law principles;
- (ii) Grievances stemming from the lack of respect for the rule of law in administrative decision-making affecting the rights of individuals and communities in mining areas;
- (iii) Ways forward to promote the respect and demand for the rule law in environmental governance.

Following its pre-launch on 12 June, the self-assessment tool will be made available through the global Environmental Governance Project to relevant government agencies and donors who are interested in underpinning their interface with local communities and the environment.

- **Facilitator:** Tim Scott, Senior Policy Advisor on Environment, UNDP

**Presenters:**

- Shane Quinn, Senior Consultant Rule of Law and Public Administration
- Ludmila Ceban, Desk Officer Rule of Law, Folke Bernadotte Academy
- Christian Felipe Lesmes, Advocacy Specialist for Environmental Policy, UNDP Colombia
- Michael Stanley, Global Lead - Extractive Industries, World Bank (via link)

**Parallel Session 3: Strengthening women’s participation in natural resource governance and conflict prevention**

**Objective:** This session will explore ways to use natural resource governance and management for women’s political and economic empowerment, with a focus on conflict prevention and peacebuilding. The discussion will focus on new research and tools for promoting gender-responsive approaches to natural resources and extractive industries in conflict-affected contexts, including artisanal mining. The session will highlight stories from women in the field, and discuss opportunities for enhancing integration of the SDG and Women, Peace and Security agendas through increased investment in natural resource programming.

- **Facilitator:** Silja Halle, Coordinator, Joint Programme on Women, Natural Resources & Peace

**Presenters:**

- Marie Jacobson, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden
- Joanne Lebert, Executive Director, IMPACT
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**Parallel Session 4: Investing in meaningful participation of youth in environmental governance to sustain peace**

**Objective:** This session will discuss ways to recognize, promote and support the agency and resilience of young people to ensure effective and inclusive natural resource governance in the context of efforts to prevent violence and conflict and advance peacebuilding. It will feature young people’s stories from the field, include a presentation on Youth, Peace and Security and the role of Youth in SDG implementation, and links to environmental governance. It will help identify relevant youth-friendly and youth-inclusive knowledge platforms and tools and discuss existing and new entry points for policy, programming and partnerships.

- **Facilitator:** Noella Richard, UNDP Youth Focal Point, UNDP headquarters

**Presenters:**

- Tania Daniela Martínez Roa, Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of the Andes, Colombia.
- Kaluki Mutuku, Environmental conservation & Natural resources manager, University of Nairobi, Kenya,
- Bibi Rookayah, Educator, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, Mauritius
- Maria Bang, project manager EGP, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

14:30 -  
15:00

**Concluding remarks: Going forward together**

- **Facilitator:** Carl Bruch, Director, Environmental Law Institute

15:00 -  
16:30

Mingle and networking with snacks