Amplifying the Voice of Civil Society in Policy Processes

Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS)

Who we are

The Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS) is the official forum for coordinated civil society participation in the International Dialogue for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (IDPS). It brings together a diverse representation of civil society globally, both from g7+ countries and from civil society organizations working on issues of peacebuilding, statebuilding, conflict & fragility and development at regional and global levels. Since 2011, we have engaged in the shaping of the IDPS process and its outcomes and in country implementation of the New Deal.

The goals of CSPPS are to develop and strengthen the voice and capacity of civil society at national and global levels to engage in the process of the international dialogue – in agenda setting, policy negotiation, and in the roll out and implementation of the New Deal for engagement in fragile states. The CSPPS strives to infuse peacebuilding values and concerns into the International Dialogue and in related policy processes, globally.

Our Mission:
Strengthening the voice and capacity of society to effectively engage in, and influence, the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (IDPS) process to bring results for all.

Our Core Strategies:
Shaping and infusing the international dialogue process with peacebuilding values
Strengthening civil society engagement in peacebuilding and statebuilding
Influencing policy around the peacebuilding and statebuilding agenda at all levels
How we are organised

At its core our network hosts the CSPPS country teams and national coalitions of civil society organisations. Within New Deal countries, coordinated at country level by a focal point organization. These country teams provide analysis and conduct advocacy work to governmental and donor stakeholders in the New Deal process.

Countries currently represented by Focal Points in the CSPPS network are: Afghanistan, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Nepal, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Timor Leste, Togo and Zimbabwe.

STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF CSPPS

WORKSTREAMS:
IDPS/New Deal *
  - Global Engagement
  - New Deal Instruments
  - Peer Support and Focal Point Coordination
  - Communications (national to global outreach)

Wider Arena
  - Post 2015
  - Global Partnership

COUNTRY SUPPORT:
For each country
  - National Civil Society Focal Point
  - Country team / coalition with leads for specific Workstream roles
  - Broad local civil society membership
  - Local INGO support as requested
  - EC member as communication line

Together the Core Group, the Executive Committee and the thematic Workstreams work to ensure that the New Deal implementation includes civil society members and representatives as actors and agents, rather than recipients or evaluators, and that societies are broadly represented in nationally owned processes.

CSPPS Executive Committee Members:
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- Theophilus Ekpon, Centre for Sustainable Development and Education in Africa, Nigeria
- Irène Esambo, Centre d’étude sur la Justice et la résolution 1325, DRC
- Melanie Greenberg, Alliance for Peacebuilding, USA
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- Paul Okumu, Africa Platform, Kenya
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