Programme

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“Leave No One Behind” – A Paradigm for International Crisis Engagement?

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BACKGROUND

Crises and conflicts continue to pose major challenges for the international community. Especially people living in poverty are affected. The universal Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development is linked to an ambitious commitment to ‘leave no one behind’. Has this claim been considered in the international management of conflicts? Has social, political and economic exclusion been taken into account as a cause and intensifier of violent conflicts? What does a comprehensive peacebuilding entail? Those questions are being discussed within the United Nations around the concept of “sustaining peace”. The German Government has also agreed upon a new approach to crisis prevention and peacebuilding in light of the current challenges.

• What role does social, political and economic exclusion play in the emergence of violent conflict?

• How is the ‘leave no one behind’ paradigm being implemented in international crisis engagement at present?

• Which measures can Germany take to reduce exclusion and thus contribute to conflict prevention at an early stage?

• Is there a risk that international engagement will worsen existing forms of exclusion or trigger new ones?
17:00 HRS  REGISTRATION

Chair
Angelika Spelten
Institute for Development and Peace (INEF),
University of Duisburg-Essen
Working Group on Peace and Development (FriEnt), Bonn

17:30 HRS  WELCOME

Alexander Fischer
Permanent Secretary of State
Senate Department for Integration, Labour and Social Issues,
State of Berlin

17:40 HRS  PANEL DISCUSSION

Dr Véronique Dudouet
Programme Director Conflict Transformation Research
Berghof Foundation, Berlin

Dr Ute Finckh-Krämer MP
Member of the Subcommittee on Civilian Crisis Prevention,
Conflict Management and Integrated Action
German Parliament, Berlin

Dr Thomas Helfen
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Oury Traoré
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followed by  Q&A

19:30 HRS  RECEPTION

Hosted by the Governing Mayor of Berlin
Dr Véronique Dudouet
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Véronique Dudouet joined the Berghof research team in 2005 and has since coordinated various international projects on the roles of resistance/liberation movements and civil society organisations in conflict transformation. Her current areas of interest include: negotiation and thirdparty intervention in asymmetric conflicts, transitions from armed to unarmed insurgencies, inclusive postwar governance and participatory action research. She also conducts research consultancies for various international agencies (including the European Parliament/External Action Service, UNDP and the OECD-DAC). She holds an MA and a PhD in Conflict Resolution from the University of Bradford, UK, as well as a BA in political science and a postgraduate research diploma (DEA) in International Relations and Security from the Institut d’Etudes Politiques, Toulouse, France.

Dr Ute Finckh-Krämer MP
Member of the Subcommittee on Civilian Crisis Prevention, Conflict Management and Integrated Action
German Parliament, Berlin

Dr Ute Finckh-Krämer has been an active member of the Social Democratic Party since 1972. In 2013, she ran for a seat in the German Parliament and has been working in several committees including the Foreign Affairs Committee, the Committee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid and the Subcommittee on Civilian Crisis Prevention, Conflict Management and Integrated Action. Her work is guided by her passion for equality, peace and preserving our livelihoods. Before joining the German Bundestag, Dr Ute Finckh-Krämer, a trained mathematician, worked as a Research and Information Officer at the Federal Press Office.

Dr Thomas Helfen
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Thomas Helfen has been head of the division “Peace and Security; Disaster Risk Reduction” in the German Development Ministry (BMZ) since May 2016. Prior to that he held senior positions within the BMZ as head of the division “Parliament and Cabinet Affairs” and head of the South Asia Division, and as Head of Development Cooperation at the German Embassy in Beijing. Before joining the Ministry he served as a senior consultant in the Headquarters of the Christian Democratic Party (CDU), as a speechwriter at the Federal Chancellery and as Resident Representative of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Thailand. Thomas Helfen is a graduate in Law, Sociology and Political Science from the Universities of Saarbruecken and Bonn and holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Bonn.

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Ms Oury Traoré, is an International Senior Consultant in Peace and Security. Her areas of expertise include: Training, Coaching, Process Facilitation, Evaluation, Institutional Assessment, Policy Formulation, Civil Society, Leadership and Organizational Development. Ms Traoré’s clients comprise of the African Union (AU), ECONAS, the EU, the United Nations (UN), Peace Support Operations (PSOs) Training Institutions in Africa, the African Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS), major Development Partners, International NGOs and African CSOs. Ms Traoré holds an M.A. in Sustainable International Development (SID) from the Heller School of Social Policy at Brandeis University (MA, USA); an M.A. in Human Rights and Democratization from the European Inter-University (EUI) based in Venice, Italy; and a B.A. in Sociology from Berea College (KY, USA). She also holds certificates in Integrated Mission Planning Process (IMPP) and Gestalt Organizational and Systems Development (OSD).