



## ***Breakout Session 3: “Partnerships that Work: Leveraging the Private Sector and Civil Society in Peacebuilding Efforts”***

United Nations Headquarters, New York, 19 November 2018  
15:00 - 17:00, Conference Room 8

### **THEME AND POINTS OF DISCUSSION**

The theme of Breakout Session 3 is “*Partnerships that Work: Leveraging the Private Sector and Civil Society in Peacebuilding Efforts*”.

**Date and Venue:** 19 November 2018 from 15:00 to 17:00. Conference Room 8, UNHQ

**Format:** interactive discussion with short presentations from the speakers highlighting good practices on the theme. The last 20 minutes will be dedicated to interventions from the floor.

#### **Points of discussion:**

1. ***Actions to mobilize private resources and public sector:*** a successful 2030 Agenda requires partnerships between governments, private sector, and civil society built upon values and shared vision and goals. What actions are needed to unlock and mobilize the transformative power of private sector resources to deliver on sustainable development objectives? What direction should be set by the public sector?
2. ***Multi-stakeholder partnerships:*** what are the comparative advantages of private sector and civil society that can be leveraged in order to build effective multi-stakeholder partnerships in the context of prevention and peacebuilding?
3. ***Good practices:*** what are good practices of multi-stakeholder partnerships for possible replication and expansion? How can successful management strategies from the private sector be transferred to the public sector?
4. ***Next steps:*** business and civil society, working together, can develop common goals and produce innovations to address the complex peacebuilding framework which requires integrated analysis and expertise. What are concrete recommendations and next steps to move forward? What review and monitoring frameworks, regulations, and incentive structures should be strengthened?

### **BACKGROUND**

The United Nations General Assembly and Security Council resolutions on sustaining peace have made a breakthrough in the peacebuilding agenda by shifting attention from managing or responding to conflicts towards their prevention. The Secretary General’s report on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace (A/72/707-S/2018/43) acknowledges “an ecosystem of partners working in support of governments is critical for sustaining peace”. Deputy Secretary General highlights the importance of reducing inequalities and respecting human rights when rethinking approaches to partnerships and sustainable value creation. Mobilizing the comparative advantages of the private sector and the civil society and building multi-stakeholder partnerships could be instrumental in

advancing the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 17. To this end, **Breakout Session 3 will showcase the partnership UNAOC has established with the BMW Group since 2011.** Such cooperation has honored and empowered 51 innovative grassroots projects that promote intercultural dialogue and understanding around the world. And UNAOC hopes that the successful example will serve to establish new multi-stakeholder partnerships for peacebuilding, including the private sector and civil society.

### **SPEAKERS AND MODERATOR**

- Bill McAndrews, Vice President of Communications Strategy, Corporate and Market Communications, BMW Group
- Jean Pierre Diserens, Co-Founder and Secretary General, Convention of Independent Financial Advisors (CIFA)
- Roland Mayr, Managing Director, Accenture
- Hanifa Mezoui, Ph.D., Senior Advisor, Humanitarian Affairs and Civil Society, UNAOC
- Ahmet Akça, Chairman, Turkcell

Moderator: Maher Nasser, Director of the Outreach Division, United Nations Department of Public Information.