



OSCE Chairmanship Workshop on Post-Conflict Rehabilitation: Stabilization, Reconstruction and Peacebuilding

Vienna, 2 – 3 May 2011

Annotated Agenda

Introduction

The Workshop aims to provide a forum for discussions and exchanges of experiences and best practices in capacity building on post-conflict rehabilitation, stabilization, reconstruction and peacebuilding. Areas in which progress can be reinforced or in which gaps exist will be identified and discussed, and recommendations will be made on appropriate corrective actions. Subsequently, the Secretariat will support the Chairmanship and participating States in following-up on the aforementioned recommendations.

Structured in a presentation/discussion format, the Workshop consists of an opening session to set the context, three working sessions on separate but linked topics, and a closing session summarizing the conclusions and highlighting concrete recommendations, including those related to follow-on actions.

Particularly relevant for the Workshop's success will be the identification of areas where developments are still needed and concrete achievements are possible. In that respect, participants are encouraged to engage in inter-active and pragmatic dialogue that strives to generate concrete, operational deliverables and an actionable way forward to the 2011 Ministerial Council in Vilnius and beyond.

Monday, 2 May 2011

12:00 – 14:00 **Registration**

14:00 – 14:15 **Welcome and opening address:** Ambassador Renatas Norkus, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council

14:15 – 15:00 **Keynote Address:** Ms. Judy Cheng-Hopkins, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support

Working Sessions

15:00 – 17:30 Session 1: THE ROLE OF REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS IN SUPPORT OF STABILIZATION, RECONSTRUCTION AND PEACEBUILDING

(15:45 – 16:15 Coffee Break)

“While building sustainable peace is primarily the responsibility of national actors, the international community can play a critical role.”¹ That exact role is inevitably case-specific - it depends on, inter alia, the affected countries, the scope and nature of the crisis/conflict, the national capabilities remaining and the international capacity to respond. Regardless of the international community’s role, however, there is a need to improve co-ordination within the international community as well as co-operation between international actors and the host country. In times of scarce resources and increasing numbers of involved international actors, this problem is becoming increasingly acute. Stressing a commitment to co-ordination has become common in documents and statements of most international actors, yet experience shows that co-ordination is not optimally achieved in practice.

What are good examples of co-ordination mechanisms and practices, especially in the field? What further concrete actions can be taken at the level of an organization’s headquarters or secretariat to ensure better co-ordination, including in the field? Can greater use be made of the 1999 OSCE Platform for Co-operative Security²? What practical steps can be taken to improve a division of labour among the international community? How can the international community enable national leaders to drive their country’s recovery? Is local ownership the end rather than the means of peacebuilding, with the international community having a greater say in the earlier stabilization and capacity building phases?

Speakers: **Ambassador Gary Robbins**, Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dr. Vladimir Pryakhin, Senior Adviser of the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia³

Moderator: **Ambassador Cornel Feruta**, Permanent Representative of Romania to the OSCE

18:00 – 19:30 Reception (hosted by the OSCE Chairmanship)

¹ Report of the UN Secretary-General on peacebuilding in the immediate aftermath of conflict, 11 June 2009.

² Adopted at the OSCE’s 1999 Istanbul Summit as an integral part of the ‘*Charter for European Security*’, the ‘*Platform for Co-operative Security*’ aims at strengthening co-operation between the OSCE and other international organizations and institutions on the basis of equality, shared values and the mutually reinforcing nature of their relationships. The Platform includes modalities for the OSCE and other international organizations and institutions to work co-operatively in a spirit of partnership and on a case-by-case basis in response to a specific crisis as well as to new risks and challenges.

³ Speaking also in his capacity as a former Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan (2003 – 2007) and former Head of the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe (2007 - 2009).

Tuesday, 3 May 2011

09:00 – 12:30 Session 2: STRENGTHENING LOCAL OWNERSHIP OF NON-MILITARY CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES

(10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break)

Non-military confidence-building measures (CBMs), employed alone or alongside other rehabilitation and reconciliation instruments, can be effective tools to reduce tensions, guard against a relapse to further conflict/crisis and build trust between the sides to the conflict/crisis, including as part of stabilization and peacebuilding efforts. However, their success and sustainability depend on the genuine will of the sides to employ them. Local ownership is essential. Nevertheless, the international community has an important supporting role: to convince the sides of the utility of CBMs, to assist in the development and implementation of balanced and effective CBMs; and, to act as a third party if/when/where appropriate.

Which non-military CBMs have proved most effective, and under what circumstances? What have been the challenges/pitfalls in implementing non-military CBMs and how have they been overcome? What has worked best in ensuring local ownership? What practical steps can be taken by the international community and the host country to ensure women play a greater role in peacebuilding, including in the development and implementation of CBMs? Is a (general, overarching) political commitment by participating States to make better use of CBMs needed?

Speakers: **Ambassador Philip Remler**, Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova
 Mr. Takwa Suifon, Head, Post Conflict Reconstruction and Development Unit, Conflict Management Division, African Union Commission
 Ms. Eva Zillen, Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation

Moderator: **Ambassador Geneviève Renaux**, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the OSCE

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch (hosted by the OSCE Secretariat)

14:30 – 16:30 Session 3: TAKING STOCK OF LESSONS LEARNED, RECRUITMENT & ROSTERS AND TRAINING IN PEACEBUILDING WITH A VIEW TOWARD RECENT INITIATIVES OF OSCE PARTICIPATING STATES

(15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break)

Faced with an increasing array of post-conflict/crisis situations around the globe that require an international response and with a keen focus on budgetary constraints within most potential contributors, many national and multinational initiatives have been/are being developed to improve peacebuilding outcomes by enhancing their capacities to respond in an effective, efficient and timely manner. In order that these initiatives can strengthen interoperability among international contributors, it is important that actors, including within the OSCE context, share information, build technical knowledge and enhance overall co-operation.

What initiatives have been/are being developed in, but not limited to, lessons learned, recruitment & rosters and training in peacebuilding? What practical steps can the OSCE (and other international actors) do to take better advantage of the benefits of national and multilateral initiatives? What concrete actions are needed to allow greater interoperability – through, for example, better sharing of information, standardization, common development of best practices, and/or joint training?

Speakers: **Mr. Kevin Rex**, Deputy Director, Civilian Operations Deployment and Coordination Division, Canadian Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force

Mr. Stefan Tinca, Director of the Training Centre for Post-Conflict Reconstruction, Romania

Moderator: **Ambassador Robert Loftis**, Acting Co-ordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, U.S. State Department

16:30 – 17:00 Closing Session

In the closing session, Ambassador Cornel Feruta (as the Chairmanship’s Co-ordinator of any follow-on work as it relates to post-conflict rehabilitation) will present an overview of the results of the Workshop - with a particular focus on the recommendations made and the next steps.