



## High-level Roundtable “Innovative Financing for Peace: Finding new solutions to meet local peacebuilding needs”

18 May 2021 | 09.00 - 11.30 (EDT, New York) // 15.00 - 17.30 (CEST, Berlin)

Virtual event via [www.financing4peace.de](http://www.financing4peace.de)

### AGENDA

(as of 13 May 2021)

The financing landscape for peacebuilding, development and humanitarian affairs is increasingly diversified. While an array of innovative financing instruments for the mobilization of private funds – such as blended finance, impact bonds and guarantees – has become available, implementing such instruments towards peacebuilding efforts is particularly challenging in conflict-affected settings. In the high-level roundtable, a selected range of policy makers, experts and practitioners will address relevant questions to help generate new ideas and commitments to engage in partnerships for innovative financing instruments for peace.

08.30 – 9.00 //  
14.30 – 15.00

#### Log-in and Reception

#### Opening Panel

High-level session

09.00 – 9.40 //  
15.00 – 15.40

#### Introduction and welcome remarks

**Mr. Marc-André Franche**, Chief of Financing for Peacebuilding Branch, United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO)

#### The need and opportunity for catalyzing innovative financing into peacebuilding priority countries

**Mr. Oscar Fernandez-Taranco**, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support

#### The importance of innovative finance mechanisms for peacebuilding: Germany’s perspective

**Ms. Sibylle Katharina Sorg**, Director General for Crisis Prevention, Stabilization, Peacebuilding, and Humanitarian Assistance, German Federal Foreign Office

#### The importance of innovative finance mechanisms for peacebuilding: Colombia’s experience

**Mr. Emilio Archila**, Presidential Counsellor for Stabilisation and Consolidation for Colombia

#### Financing for peacebuilding: Connecting this dialogue to the High-Level-Meeting during UNGA 76

**H.E. Mr. Mohamed Edrees**, Peacebuilding Commission Chair, Government of Egypt



## Expert Roundtable on Blended Finance for Peacebuilding

Followed by Q&A Session

09.40 – 10.40 //

### Introduction

15.40 – 16.40

**Ms. Joan Larrea**, CEO, Convergence

### Panel discussion: Challenges of blended finance in peacebuilding contexts & opportunities for new approaches based on practical experience

*Guiding Questions: How can innovative financing instruments catalyze public and private resources to contribute directly to peacebuilding? How can “peace-positive investments” be mobilized to better deliver peace dividends (i.e. job creation, access to services, infrastructure, etc.)? What are the lessons learned from current experiences? How can successful models be scaled up?*

**Mr. Bernt Brun**, Vice President, Norfund

**Ms. Fanta Conde**, Deputy Head West Africa Advisory, CrossBoundary

**Ms. Zodwa Mbele**, Executive Manager, Development Bank of Southern Africa

**Mr. Pontus Ohrstedt**, Chief of the UN Resident Coordinator’s Office, Colombia

**Mr. Jean-Philippe De Schrevel**, Founder & Managing Partner, Bamboo Capital

**Ms. Kruskaia Sierra-Escalante**, Acting Director / Senior Manager, Blended Finance, International Finance Corporation

10.40 – 11.10 //

### Q&A Session

16.40 – 17.10

Questions from the audience [registered participants]

## Next steps and closing

11.10 – 11.30 //

### The case for a blended finance vehicle for peacebuilding

17.10 – 17.30

**Mr. Pierre Van Hoeylandt**, Founder & CEO at Natural Heritage Capital

**Mr. Marc-André Franche**, Chief of Financing for Peacebuilding Branch, UN PBSO