



The Importance of Inclusivity for Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace

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The International Peace Institute (IPI), Sophia University in Tokyo, Kakenhi, One Earth Future, and the Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN are pleased to invite you to a policy forum on “**The Importance of Inclusivity for Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace.**” This event will take place at IPI on **Tuesday, June 12, from 1:00pm to 2:45pm.**

Opening Remarks:

Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild, Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination, United Nations

Speakers:

Dr. Daisaku Higashi, Professor, Deputy Director at Center for Global Cooperation and Training, Sophia Institute of International Relations, Sophia University in Tokyo

Dr. Conor Seyle, Director, OEF Research, One Earth Future Foundation

Ms. Hasini Haputhanthri, Author of the Sri Lanka Case Study, IPI’s Local Networks for Peace: Drawing Lessons from Community-led Peacebuilding

Moderator:

Mr. Jake Sherman, Director of the Center for Peace Operations, International Peace Institute

Closing Remarks:

H.E. Mr. Yasuhisa Kawamura, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations

Central to the goal of sustaining peace is the recognition that in order for peacebuilding to be effective, it must be locally owned and informed by people-centered approaches. This is a principle theme of the twin General Assembly and Security Council Resolutions (70/262 and 2282 respectively), adopted on 27 April 2016, and the Secretary-General's report on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace, released on 18 January 2018. The proven impact of inclusive processes on long-term peace is considerable; establishing close partnerships with local actors allows for a better understanding of key concerns and needs. Rather than imposing peacebuilding plans and strategies from the outside, the focus should be on strengthening the capacities of national and local actors in the design and implementation of plans and activities, with the aim of including those who may be marginalized within society.

This call for inclusive national ownership of peacebuilding policy and practice has grown louder in recent years with the focus on sustaining peace. While there is a consensus on the importance of locally-focused approaches to peacebuilding and sustaining peace, translating these principles into practice is an enduring challenge for the United Nations, international organizations, and national governments.

This policy forum will provide a platform for scholars and practitioners to discuss the value of and challenges surrounding inclusivity within peacebuilding and sustaining peace. Drawing on a series of case studies and published research, presentations at this event will provide reflections on how the international community can engage better with local peacebuilders in an inclusive manner in order to sustain peace in challenging contexts.

We hope you will be able to join us for this event, and we look forward to welcoming you to IPI.

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