

Peacebuilding Commission
Ambassadorial-level meeting

20 April 2022

The peacebuilding challenges in the Lake Chad Basin
Chair's summary

1. On 20 April, the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC), H.E. Ms. Rabab Fatima, convened an Ambassadorial-level hybrid meeting on emerging peacebuilding challenges and priorities of the region. The meeting focused on the peacebuilding priorities identified at the Lake Chad Basin Third Governors' Forum, and on advocacy for support required for their implementation, as articulated in the Territorial Action Plans (TAPs) of the RSS¹. The Chair commended the efforts of the Executive Secretary of the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC) and the Governors for local ownership of the peacebuilding process to address the multi-faceted challenges facing the region, ranging from chronic human underdevelopment, and the COVID-19 pandemic, to terrorism, violent extremism, and climate change.
2. The United Nations Deputy Secretary-General, H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, in a video recording, acknowledged the convening and

4. The African Union Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, H.E. Mr. Bankole Adeoye, highlighted the enormity of challenges in the region, and the need to address the drivers of conflict, including climate change and its impact on livelihoods, weak governance structures

countries and AU in the implementation of the RSS. Ms. Laranjinha informed that for the period, 2014 to 2020, the EU has contributed one billion Euros to the Lake Chad Basin. The UN Special Coordinator for Development in the Sahel, Mr. Mar Dieye, stressed the criticality of financial resourcing to TAPs, and the importance of the humanitarian, peace, and development nexus in “breaking the silos”. He noted the increasing importance of ensuring stronger links between the UN Integrated Strategy for the Sahel (UNISS) and the RSS, including support for the implementation of TAPs . UNOWAS DSRSG, Ms. Giovane Biha, echoed this viewpoint, and called for a holistic response that would reinforce the nexus between the military, humanitarian, and development actors. The Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding, Ms. Elizabeth Spehar, underscored the need for continued support to the region through increased partnerships, including with IFIs and local peacebuilders. She informed