

Ania Forum meeting on

**Beyond the inconvenient truths about underdevelopment in
Haiti: seeking pan-African solutions/pathways and supporting
national dialogue and reconciliation**

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Remarks by the PBC Chair

Excellencies,

I thank you for inviting me, in my capacity as Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission, to participate in this Ania Forum meeting titled “Beyond the inconvenient truths about underdevelopment in Haiti: seeking pan-African solutions/pathways and supporting national dialogue and reconciliation”.

As the Secretary General mentioned in his report on Our Common Agenda, the Commission has fostered an inclusive and effective approach to multilateralism by promoting and supporting multidisciplinary, multi-stakeholder and multi-dimensional solutions and has helped reshape UN responses to new challenges to peacebuilding and sustaining peace.

The Commission is best placed to ensure effective support when its engagement is guided by a clear national strategy.

In all the different national and regional contexts where the Commission has engaged [22 since its inception in 2006], it has provided space for countries to lead by example by defining their own peacebuilding needs. In addition, the Commission has particularly endeavored to deliver on its promise of inclusiveness by creating space for an array of stakeholders in support of national peacebuilding priorities. For example, guided by its gender strategy and action plan, as well as its strategic action plan on youth and peacebuilding, the Commission delivers tangible support to numerous women and youth peacebuilders, successfully mainstreaming gender dimensions of peacebuilding into the Commission's country and regional activities.

The Commission has been able to produce better results where its granular attention to individual countries was combined with support for relevant cross-border and regional dimensions of peacebuilding— as was the case in its engagement in support of Burkina Faso and the Sahel region, as well as Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Islands region.

Excellencies,

I wish to reaffirm the FFC's readiness to support building and sustaining peace in Haiti, if requested by the Government of Haiti. In this regard, and building on the bridging role of the FFC, it might be opportune to convene, at an appropriate time, an informal interactive dialogue with the Security Council, the ECOSOC Ad hoc Advisory Group on Haiti, the FFC and the Government of Haiti to further discuss lasting peace and sustainable development in Haiti.