

Working-Level meeting of

sections b and c of the written submission (see above). Elements/questions marked for “PBSO actions” will be further discussed on the basis of input from the Office.

A. Resource mobilization, partnerships and capacity-building

1. **The PBC’s mandate aims at “marshalling” resources** which suggests alignment of resources behind identified peacebuilding priorities and broadening the donor-base for the countries on the agenda.
 - What has been the PBC’s approach to managing expectations and delivering on alignment and broadening the donor base in the countries on its agenda?
 - To what extent has the country-specific needs guided the PBC’s approach to this function?
2. **PBC mapping of resource flows and actors** is a crucial contribution of the PBC’s engagement to help identify resource gaps and overlaps.
 - How useful have been earlier mapping exercises (e.g. for CAR and Burundi)?
3. **Clarity on responsibilities for resource mobilization** within the PBC will help identify the roles of the Chair, members of the OC/CSCs, field-based actors and the Government concerned.
 - Has this function of the PBC been approached as a collective responsibility?

Elements/Questions for further reflection: (Action: PBSO)

- Will the PBC benefit from a toolkit to guide its work in the area of resource mobilization?
- What are the main options to develop a more practical approach to marshalling/mobilizing resources? (PBSO policy paper)
- How can the mapping tool be further sharpened and feed into strengthening national donor coordination mechanisms? (e.g. AIMS project)
- What real potentials exist in forging partnerships (with IFIs and AfDB)?
- Should the PBC and PBSO consider a common replenishment strategy for the PBF?

B. Relationships within the United Nations

1. **The relationship with principle organs** should focus on mutually reinforcing objectives
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2. **Relationship with the UN senior leadership in the field** is crucial for enhancing the PBC's impact.

- What are the current channels for communications between the country configurations and the S/ERSGs in the field?
- To what extent have these channels helped coordination of functions and messages?
- Is there sufficient clarity on mutual expectations and respective roles?
- How can a strengthened relationship with the Security Council help clarify/strengthen the linkage between the PBC and UN Missions?

Elements/Questions for further reflection: (**Action:** PBSO)

- Information on the current functions of the Joint Steering Committees in the countries and opinion on whether or not these could represent mechanisms to support PBC's engagement in the field.

C. Working Methods

1. There have been innovations in the PBC working methods to help in **broadening engagement** in support of the work of the Chairs of country configurations, including through the introduction of **steering groups**.

- To what extent have steering groups helped mobilizing concrete support and contributions (intellectual and material) from member states?
- What other options are available to ensure a balance between inclusiveness, transparency and efficiency in the work of country configurations?

2. The **support from capitals** to the PBC objectives and priority areas is crucial in generating broader and more result-oriented engagement of the membership.

- To what extent has there been sufficient buy-in and support for the work of the PBC beyond New York?
- What are possible options to raise the PBC's profile among policy-makers in the capitals of member states? (e.g. annual main session, periodic High-Level Meetings...etc).

Elements/Questions for further reflection: (**Action:** PBSO)

- "Options paper" on certain areas for working methods.
- Ideas for strengthening a "whole of PBC approach".
- Ideas for enhanced tools to assess progress against specific commitments in the various instruments of engagement.
- Effective and dynamic communications strategy in support of PBC objectives and needs (including web-based platforms and resources).