

The Advisory Board to the Federal Government for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding

By bringing together expertise on crisis prevention and peacebuilding from both civil society and academia, the Advisory Board supports the Federal Government in these areas. It is appointed for four years and comprises twenty experts from academia, foundations and civil society organizations. It follows the implementation of the Federal Government's guidelines on "[Preventing Crises, Resolving Conflicts, Building Peace](#)" published in 2017.

The Advisory Board fosters constant exchange between the Federal Government and civil society. It publishes positions on overarching strategic questions. In addition, it develops contributions on pertinent issues.

Location:

Federal Foreign Office
Weltsaal
Unterwasserstraße 10
10117 Berlin

International work in crisis prevention, conflict management and peacebuilding is subject to great uncertainties. There are no guaranteed successes, failures of projects and entire peace missions are always possible. So how can we get better at what we do?

With this year's Berlin Peace Dialogue the Advisory Board to the Federal Government for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding puts learning from experience center stage. It is a central component of responsible crisis prevention, conflict management and peacebuilding. Learning requires the acceptance of past challenges and necessitates the effective communication of such obstacles.

The conference will discuss institutional learning processes from individual project monitoring to evaluations of major international engagements and possibilities for learning at the political level. The Berlin Peace Dialogue 2021 will feature insights from peace activists, international practitioners and policymakers that provide participants with actionable takeaways.

We are looking forward to a lively and interesting exchange.

The conference language is English. Simultaneous interpretation into German will be provided.

The conference will be held in a hybrid format. Attendance in person at the Federal Foreign Office or online are possible. Please register until 30 September 2021 [HERE](#) and choose which workshop you would like to join.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR CIVILIAN CRISIS PREVENTION AND PEACEBUILDING

Learning for Peace: how failing can get us ahead



Thursday, 7 October 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CEST
hybrid: at the Federal Foreign Office (Weltsaal) and online

PROGRAM

10.00

WELCOME & OPENING

- Dr. Kira Vinke/Bodo von Borries – Co-Chairs Advisory Board for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding
- Niels Annen, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office

10.20

KEY-NOTE ADDRESS

- Bjørn Tore Godal, former Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs

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PARALLEL WORKSHOPS: LEARNING WHILE DOING ONE-MINUTE PITCHES FOR EACH WORKSHOP

Common guiding question:

- Which three factors have facilitated or obstructed learning processes on the part of international actors engaged in conflict resolution and peacebuilding and adaptation of their measures to new realities?

1. Nagorno-Karabakh:

Failing to learn, facing illiberal peace?

- Input: Olesya Vartanyan, International Crisis Group
- Discussants:
 - Dr. Stefan Meister, German Council on Foreign Relations
 - Anke Konrad, Head of Unit 207, Federal Foreign Office
- Facilitation: Dr. Sonja Schiffers, Advisory Board/ Heinrich Böll Foundation & Katja Giebel, Heinrich Böll Foundation

2. Who is monitoring, who is learning?

Supporting the Peace Process in Colombia

- Input: Ulrike Hemmerling, former Coordinator Civil Peace Service Colombia
- Discussant:
 - Tom Koenigs, former Envoy of the Federal Foreign Minister to the Colombian Peace Process
 - Rasmus Stern, former OAS/MAPP Monitoring Officer Cali, Valle del Cauca, ZIF
- Facilitation: Bodo von Borries, Co-Chair Advisory Board/VENRO & Maya Krille, VENRO

3. Learning while doing: Dealing with barriers to adaptive management in the Private Sector's engagement in conflict-affected contexts

- Input: Ben Miller, CDA Collaborative Learning (CDA), USA
- Discussants:
 - Dr. Martin Schuldes, Head of Division Peace & Security, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
 - Dr. Stella Voutta, Program Director Peace, Robert Bosch Foundation
- Facilitation: Caroline Kruckow & Elsa Benhöfer, Working Group on Peace and Development (FriEnt)

4. Learning from the climate crisis:

How to integrate climate mitigation and adaptation into development and foreign policy measures

- Inputs:
 - Jochen Renger, Head of Division 'Climate Change, Rural Development, Infrastructure', Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
 - Christina Wegelein, Deputy Head of Division, Unit 404, Federal Foreign Office
- Discussants:
 - Christophe Hodder, UN Environmental Advisor to Somalia
 - Marc Fiedrich, Head of Unit FPI.2, Service of Foreign Policy Instruments, European Commission
- Facilitation: Dr. Kira Vinke, Co-Chair Advisory Board/ German Council on Foreign Relations & Tim Bosch, German Council on Foreign Relations

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LUNCH BREAK

HOW CAN WE GET BETTER?

CONDITIONS FOR AND LESSONS FROM EVALUATIONS: AFGHANISTAN AND BEYOND

Key questions:

- Under which conditions do evaluations best produce learning effects?
- How much visibility is useful for strategic evaluations?
- How do we create incentives for learning processes?
- Should evaluations become a condition for German participation in international engagements?

Discussion:

- Prof. Dr. Cedric de Coning, Research Professor, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
- Prof. Dr. Christoph Zürcher, University of Ottawa
- Eva Gross, European External Action Service
- Dr. Kathrin Greve, Head of Unit S06, Federal Foreign Office
- Facilitation: Dr. Jörn Grävingsholt, Advisory Board/ German Development Institute & Tim Bosch, German Council on Foreign Relations

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COFFEE BREAK

LEARNING IN POLITICS: THE ONE WITH POWER DOES NOT NEED TO LEARN?

Key questions:

- Do only crisis situations make learning inevitable?
- Do risk assessments and foresight exercises play a tangible role in decision-making?
- How and under which conditions are critical messages perceived (or blocked) by policymakers?
- With the existing monitoring and evaluation measures in mind, what can policymakers learn for current engagements, for ex. in the Sahel region?

Discussion:

- Prof. Dr. Jörg Faust, Director, German Institute for Development Evaluation
- Prof. Dr. Hans-Joachim Giessmann, Advisory Board/Director Emeritus at the Berghof Foundation and Senior Advisor Afghanistan
- Dr. Gerrit Kurtz, Global Public Policy Institute
- Dr. Alema Alema, former Deputy Minister for Human Rights and Civil Society, Afghanistan
- Facilitation: Prof. Dr. Andreas Heinemann-Grüder, Advisory Board/BICC & Elsa Benhöfer, Working Group on Peace and Development (FriEnt)

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CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Dr. Kira Vinke/Bodo von Borries – Co-Chairs Advisory Board for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding