

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

THE IMPORTANCE OF CRISIS PREVENTION AND PEACEBUILDING IN AN AGE OF GEOPOLITICS



The conference language is English
(with simultaneous translation into German).

The conference will be held in person at the
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation
and Development (BMZ) in Berlin and online.

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Tuesday, 5th November 2024
9 a. m. – 6 p. m. CEST
at the Federal Ministry for
Economic Cooperation
and Development (BMZ)
and online

Location:

Federal Ministry for Economic
Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Stresemannstraße 94 | 10963 Berlin

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 organisations. 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.

The international rules-based order is under increasing pressure due to escalating crises. While Russia directly threatens European democracies and war rages in Ukraine, the Middle East, and Sub-Saharan Africa, the systemic rivalries of global powers intensify, and deeply entrenched conflicts over political regimes, resources, and zones of influence are re-emerging. How should and can a value-based and interest-driven foreign and

development policy stand its ground in these shrinking spaces? What role does civilian crisis prevention and peacebuilding still play?

The Berlin Peace Dialogue 2024 will focus on the role of civilian crisis prevention in a world driven by power rivalries and the expanding use or projection of military power. What are the conditions and limitations in cooperating with autocracies, and how are Germany's actions perceived globally? What can civil society organisations achieve for conflict resolution, especially in acute crises and wars, and where are their limits? To this end, this year's conference offers insights into the efficiency and efficacy of early crisis detection, environmental peacebuilding, and mediation.

The conference will be opened by Svenja Schulze, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development.



PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE

Master of Ceremonies:

Nora Müller, Member of the Advisory Board, Director of the International Politics Division & Director of the Berlin Office, Körber Foundation

8:00

ARRIVAL: COFFEE & TEA

9:00

WELCOME & OPENING

- Dr Kira Vinke and Dipl. Crim. Lars Wagner, Deputy Commissioner Crime (retired) Co-Chairs of the Advisory Board

9:30

KEYNOTE & TALK WITH THE MINISTER

Svenja Schulze, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development

Facilitation:

- Ginger Schmitz, Member of the Advisory Board & Managing Director of the Platform Peaceful Conflict Transformation
- Prof. Dr Andreas Heinemann-Grüder, Member of the Advisory Board & Fellow at the Global Public Policy Institute

10:20

COFFEE BREAK

11:00

PANEL 1: WHAT'S THE VALUE OF VALUES? GERMAN FOREIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND SECURITY POLICY IN AN AGE OF GEOPOLITICS

Key Questions:

- How politically relevant and how credible are the guiding documents of German policy (National Security Strategy, Crisis Guidelines) for policy in violent conflicts?
- Are human rights, climate change, civilian conflict management, and peacebuilding falling victim to the prioritisation of stability and “integrated security”?
- What expectations does the Global South have of German policy priorities?
- How do budget cuts affect the implementation of programmes in the HDP nexus?

Panelists:

- Dr Tobias Lindner, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office
- Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator and Vice-Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Group (tbc.)
- Ambassador Dr Len Ishmael, Former Ambassador of the Eastern Caribbean States to Belgium and to the European Union, Senior Fellow of the Policy Center for the New South and Distinguished Visiting Scholar of the GMF
- Dr Paul B. Stares, General John W. Vessey Senior Fellow for Conflict Prevention and Director of the Center for Preventive Action at the Council on Foreign Relations

Facilitation:

Dr Jana Puglierin, Member of the Advisory Board & Head of the Berlin Office of the European Council on Foreign Relations

12:30

LUNCH BREAK

13:30

PANEL 2: COMPROMISED PEACE COMPROMISES WITH AUTOCRACIES?

Key Questions:

- Autocratisation of political regimes is a global trend. 73% of the world's population live in autocracies. This trend also has important implications for international cooperation and world peace. Autocracies are more prone to violent conflicts and fuel them worldwide. International norms are changing.
- What are the limits of cooperation with autocrats and sham democracies?
- What trade-offs are justifiable?
- How justified is the criticism of the West that double standards determine its foreign policy actions?

Panelists:

- Dr Elke Löbel, Director for Displacement and Migration; Crisis Prevention and Crisis Management at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Ambassador Anka Feldhusen, Director for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Stabilisation at the Federal Foreign Office
- Vianney Bisimwa, Regional Director for the Sahel Program of the Center for Civilians in Conflict
- Ulrich Lechte, Member of Parliament
- Nathalie Ndongo-Seh Kane, UN Director Political Affairs, Western Africa Division, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs

Facilitation:

Dr Julia Leininger, Member of the Advisory Board & Head of Research Programme at the German Institute for Development and Sustainability



14:30

PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

1. CRISIS EARLY WARNING IN A CHANGING CLIMATE ROOM 119

Panelists:

- Prof. Dr Nina von Uexkull, Professor of International Politics at the University of Konstanz and Adjunct Professor at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University
- Kristina Jonek, Head of Division S05: PREVIEW, Early Warning, Analysis, Information Management at the Federal Foreign Office
- Lisa Badum, Member of Parliament
- Dr Martin Schuldes, Head of Division G 23: Peace and Security at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Prof. Dr Christoph Meyer, Professor of European & International Politics at King's College London

Facilitation:

Dr Barbora Šedová, Member of the Advisory Board & FutureLab Leader at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

2. RUSSIA'S WAR AGAINST UKRAINE AS THE GREATEST SECURITY THREAT IN THE EURO-ATLANTIC SPHERE MAIN STAGE

Panelists:

- Prof. Dr Tetyana Malyarenko, Founder & Director of the Ukrainian Institute for Crisis Management and Conflict Resolution and Professor of International Security at the National University Odesa Law Academy, Ukraine
- Roderich Kiesewetter, Member of Parliament
- Rainer L. Glatz, Member of the Advisory Board, Lieutenant General (retired)
- Dr Christian Freuding, Major General, Director Joint Planning and Command Staff & Head of Situation Centre Ukraine, Federal Ministry of Defence

Facilitation:

Prof. Dr Andreas Heinemann-Grüder, Member of the Advisory Board & Fellow at the Global Public Policy Institute

3. CLIMATE CHALLENGES, PEACE SOLUTIONS: LESSONS LEARNED FROM ENVIRONMENTAL PEACEBUILDING MARIE-SCHLEI-SAAL

Presentation of Study:

Dr Kira Vinke, Co-Chair of the Advisory Board & Head of the Center for Climate and Foreign Policy, German Council on Foreign Relations

Panelists:

- Nasreen Al-Amin, Founder and Executive Director of Surge Africa
- Dr Florian Krampe, Director of the SIPRI Climate Change and Risk Programme
- Dr Eva Kracht, Director-General for International and European Policy, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV)
- Niklas Wagener, Member of Parliament

Facilitation:

Simon Ilse, Human Security Policy Advisor at Heinrich Böll Foundation

16:00

COFFEE BREAK

16:45

PANEL 3: CIVIL SOCIETY AND PEACE – POWERLESS OR POWERFUL?

Key Questions:

- What can civil society achieve for peace, especially in authoritarian contexts and acute crisis and war, and what are its limitations?
- What is the role of German civil society as an international partner, and how can local civil society effectively and appropriately be supported from here?
- Is Germany living up to its values-based foreign and development policy with regard to supporting and cooperating with civil society?

Panelists:

- PStS Dr Bärbel Kofler, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Rana Salman, Executive Director of Combatants for Peace
- Musa Ansumana Soko, Chair of Executive Committee of the Civil Society Platform on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding
- Anja Petz, Director of KURVE Wustrow
- Oksana Potapova, Women's Rights and Peace Activist and Co-Founder Theatre for Dialogue

Facilitation:

Dr Antonia Witt, Member of the Advisory Board & Head of the Research Group "African Intervention Politics" at the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt

17:45

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Dr Kira Vinke and Dipl. Crim. Lars Wagner, Deputy Commissioner Crime (retired), Co-Chairs of the Advisory Board

18:00