



Wilton Park

Programme

Conflict and Peacebuilding in Mozambique

**Tuesday 21 – Wednesday 22 September 2021 |
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This conference is a continuation in virtual format of an annual Wilton Park series on peacebuilding in Africa that started in 2015. Across this series of conferences, a persistent theme has concerned the need to move peacebuilding beyond state and elite-centred approaches to encompass the wider communities involved in conflict, including in particular youth and women's networks.

The last in person conference in the series in May 2019 focused on 'next generation African peacebuilding' as a conceptual framework for examining how to build and deepen relationships between a wide range of existing and potential peacebuilding actors.

This series of now virtual dialogues seeks to apply the conceptual outcomes of the conference on next generation peacebuilding to the dynamics of several conflict environments, first Northern Nigeria last May and now Mozambique.

The specific objectives of this virtual dialogue are, in the context of conflict and instability in Mozambique, to:

- Map existing and potential peacebuilding actors, to examine new and unexplored networks and relationships between these actors;
- Reflect on identity and statehood, focusing on youth and the regional conflict ecosystem and explore how to break cycles of violence via sustainable, non-military means;
- Re-examine peacebuilding narratives, the necessity of gendered approaches and focusing on youth agency;
- Consider how national, regional, and international stakeholders can better support diversity and inclusion in sustainable peacebuilding processes.

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Tuesday 21 September – webinar style, livestreamed and accessible to all

(Please note all times are in British Summer Time - BST)

1345-1400

Orientation session for speakers only

Technical check for speakers ahead of the official start of the meeting

1400-1410

Welcome and introduction

Robert Grant

Programme Director, Wilton Park

1410-1530

1. Town Hall Discussion: The future of peace in Mozambique

What actors have engaged in peacebuilding efforts in Mozambique, what obstacles have they faced and how could their efforts be strengthened? What does next generation peacebuilding look like in Mozambique? What has been the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on current peacebuilding efforts in Mozambique? What should peacebuilding initiatives look like now and after the pandemic? How has Covid-19 altered the cross-border and regional dynamics in Southern Africa? What are the cross-cutting issues at the regional level when it comes to inclusive peacebuilding processes?

Panel Discussion

Facilitator: Funmi Olonisakin

Vice President; Vice Principal International; Professor of Security, Leadership and Development; Founding Director, African Leadership Centre (ALC), King's College London

Panellists:

Welile Nhlapo

Senior Political Advisor, ACCORD, Pretoria

Adriano Nuvunga

Professor on Conflict Dynamics, Centre for Democracy and Development, Maputo

Constancio Machanguana

Researcher and Lecturer, Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo

Wednesday 22 September – closed, invitation only

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Programme Director, Wilton Park

Cyril Obi

Program Director, African Peacebuilding Network (APN), Social Science Research Council, New York

Shuvai Nyoni

Executive Director, African Leadership Centre (ALC), Nairobi

1410-1525

2. Identity and Statehood

What is the nature of the relationship between State and society in Mozambique? Which groups in Mozambican society feel left out of the social contract and why? Do intergenerational contestations come into play here? How can inclusive dialogue help address grievances that have contributed to the current upsurge in conflict in Cabo Delgado? What are the risks of relying exclusively or largely on a security focused response to the violence? What challenges do factors such as climate change, migration and Mozambique's geographical position as a corridor to Southern Africa, with multiple borders, and the historical interconnections of the region, raise?

Session Chair: *Fatima Mimbire

Human Rights Defender and Researcher, Mozambique

João Honwana

Consultant on Conflict Resolution, Mediation and Peacebuilding, New York

Brian Kagoro

Director, Programme Support Division, Africa Regional Office, Open Society Foundation (OSF). Johannesburg

1525-1535

Break

1535-1640

3. Break out session: strengthening the role of next generation peacebuilding actors

Participants will break into smaller groups to delve further.

- How can obstacles to inclusive, diverse and participatory peacebuilding processes be overcome?
- What approaches are needed to balance and achieve synergies between initiatives for inclusive dialogue and security responses to violence?
- Can decentralisation help facilitate effective and sustainable peacebuilding initiatives, and how should it be pursued?
- How can strategies for strengthening the role of the youth in peacebuilding in Mozambique be pursued?
- How should peacebuilding in Mozambique deal with the impacts of regional dynamics, what peacebuilding issues are mirrored at a regional level, and what lessons from Mozambique can be shared across the region?

Thematic break out groups:

Mozambican corridor: regional dynamics

Chair: Ichumile Gqada

Programme Manager, Open Society Foundation for Southern Africa, Cape Town

Lead discussant: Deprese Muchena

Regional Director, East and Southern Africa, Amnesty International, Johannesburg

Gender and reconciliation

Chair: Pravina Makan Lakha

Advisor on Women, Peace and Security, ACCORD, Durban

Lead discussant: Zenaida Machado

Angola and Mozambique Researcher, Africa Division, Human Rights Watch, Maputo

Future Governance

Chair: Duncan Omanga

Program Officer, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York

Lead discussant: Salomao Mungoi

Assistant Project Analyst, UNFPA, Bissau

Intergenerational contestations

Chair: João Honwana

Consultant on Conflict Resolution, Mediation and Peacebuilding,. New York

Lead discussant: Anselmo Matusse

Postgraduate Student, University of Cape Town

1640-1700

4. Reflections and conclusion

How can next generation peacebuilding move forward to overcome long-standing internal and regional challenges as well as new ones created by the pandemic?

Monde Muyangwa

Director, Africa Program, Wilson Center, Washington DC