

Libya International Peace Forum (LIPF) Agenda & Detailed Program

Day 1, September 6

Arrival & Registration by Participants Sidi Bou Said Hall			8:00 – 9:00
Opening & Welcome to the Libya International Peace Forum Sidi Bou Said Hall			9:00-9:45
Plenary Session 1 Sidi Bou Said Hall The Role and Importance of Sub-National Mediation, Peacebuilding & Peace Processes in Libya Moderator: Manfred van Eckert (GIZ)			09:45 – 10:45
Coffee Break			10:45 – 11:15
Workshop 1 Sidi Bou Said Hall Libyan Municipalities: Peacebuilding Needs & Objectives Moderator: Arne Musch (VNG)	Workshop 2 Didon 2 Room The Critical Role of Women in Peacebuilding, Mediation & Peace Processes in Libya Moderator: Magda Elsanousi (UNSMIL)	Workshop 3 Salambo Room Supporting Sub-National Peace Processes, Mediation & Peacebuilding in Libya Moderator: Roberta Clarke (UN Women)	11:15-13:00
Lunch			13:00
Plenary Session 2 Sidi Bou Said Hall Improving Peace Support for Libya Moderator: Dr. Neila Akrimi (CILG)			14:30-15:15
Workshop 4 Sidi Bou Said Hall International Support to Peacebuilding & Mediation in Libya: The Role of Donors – Lessons Learned & Good and Bad Practices Moderator: Dr. Neila Akrimi (CILG)	Workshop 5 Didon 2 Room Addressing the Lasting Impacts of the War in Libya on Governance, Politics, Economics and Society – Charting Paths for Peace & Recovery Facilitator: Kai Brand-Jacobsen (DPO-PATRIR)	Workshop 6 Salambo Room Libyan Civil Society: Experiences, Challenges and Opportunities – A Vital Force for Peace in Libya Moderator: Remy Reymann (ACTED)	15:15-16:45

Day 2, September 7

Recap of Day 1 & Overview Day 2 Sidi Bou Said Hall			9:00
Plenary Session 3 Sidi Bou Said Hall Achievements of the Libya Local Governance & Stabilisation Programme Moderator: Yacine Ben Chikha and Yassine Turki (CILG)			9:15-10:45
Coffee Break			10:45-11:15
Workshop 7 Sidi Bou Said Hall Youth Peacebuilding Programming in Libya & Supporting Libyan Youth Peace Efforts Moderator: Suliman Bayoudi	Workshop 8 Didon 2 Room Local Reconciliation Agreements in Libya Since 2011 Moderator: Mostafa Abdelkebir (VNG-CILG)	Workshop 9 Salambo Room Facilitated Workshop: Lessons Learned in Libya – identifying & sharing good practices, bad practices and recommendations for improving peace support in Libya Facilitator: Kai Brand-Jacobsen (DPO-PATRIR)	11:15-13:00
Lunch			13:00
Plenary Session 4 Sidi Bou Said Hall A Dialogue on Peace, Coexistence and Recovery in Libya Moderator: Tahar Othman			14:30-15:15
Workshop 10 Sidi Bou Said Hall Opportunities & Challenges Facing Peacebuilding in Libya: Ensuring Libyan Ownership & Creating Strong Foundations for Peacebuilding and Mediation in Libya Moderator: Stefano Sotgia (EUD)	Workshop 11 Didon 2 Room Addressing Radicalisation & Violent Extremism: Evidence-based & Peacebuilding Approaches Moderator: Lasaad Abid	Workshop 12 Salambo Room Protecting Libyan Peace Activists: Addressing the safety and security of those working for peace in Libya Moderator: Jamal Keteb	15:15-16:45
Closing Celebration-Event Sidi Bou Said Hall			17:00

Session Title	Description
<p><i>Opening & Welcome</i></p>	<p>Opening remarks and welcoming to the first ever Libyan International Peace Forum by dignitaries and municipal authorities.</p> <p>Speakers: Youssef Bdiri (Mayor of Gharien), Fathia Emhamed (Civil Society Activist, Sebha), Sheikh Omar Sandou, Bettina Muscheidt (Ambassador, EU Delegation Libya), Ambassador Erik Strating (Royal Netherlands Embassy), Dr. Neila Akrimi (Director, CILG)</p>
<p>Plenary Session 1 <i>The Role and Importance of Sub-National Mediation, Peacebuilding & Peace Processes in Libya</i></p>	<p>It can often be difficult to bring about national peace accords to end violence / war in a country. The 1st Plenary addresses a scope often neglected in peacebuilding but particularly relevant in the Libyan context: sub-national mediation, peacebuilding and peace process. Speakers will look at the potential for sub-national peace processes in Libya and how local, municipal and intra- and inter-regional peacebuilding and peace agreements within Libya can provide a foundation or support for ending violence in the country more broadly.</p> <p>Moderator: Manfred van Eckert (GIZ) Speakers: Fraj Aban (Mayor of Janzour), Nesrine Ben Ameer (Benghazi CSO), Kai Brand-Jacobsen (Director, Department of Peace Operations)</p>
<p>Workshop 1 <i>Libyan Municipalities: Peacebuilding Needs & Objectives</i></p>	<p>Mayors from all over Libya share their perspective on sub-national peace processes and the needs facing municipalities for peacebuilding. The speakers will elaborate how their needs as municipal authorities may differ from the needs of civil society, and speak about the objectives they have set for their communities and explain in what areas they appreciate external help – and in which areas they prefer no interference from the outside.</p> <p>Moderator: Arne Musch (VNG International) Speakers: Faiza Hamdi (Councilor of Zolten), Hana Khadura (Councilor of Misurata), Farad Milud M. Aban (Mayor of Janzour), Husien Mohamed M. B. Atia (Mayor of Tajoura), Mustfa Mohammed Mohammed Albaroni (Mayor of Zintan)</p>
<p>Workshop 2 <i>The Critical Role of Women in Peacebuilding, Mediation & Peace Processes in Libya</i></p>	<p>On 31 October 2000 the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 1325, urging the world to make peace processes more inclusive towards women. 17 years later, evidence shows that female participation drastically increases the chance for lasting peace agreements, yet far too little is often done to support the role of women and women’s participation and leadership in peacebuilding. Female peaceworkers from Libya will discuss and share their experiences, challenges, and recommendations for how to best support the role of women in peacebuilding in Libya.</p> <p>Moderator: Magda El Sanousi (Chief of Women’s Empowerment Section, UNSMIL) Speakers: Dr. Om Eliz Farsi, Zituna Moamar (Municipal Councilor Zuara), Sanna Kaskeala (Programme Analyst, UN Women)</p>
<p>Workshop 3 <i>Supporting Sub-National Peace Processes, Mediation & Peacebuilding in Libya: Case Studies</i></p>	<p>Organisations working on peacebuilding, mediation and peace processes in Libya will present the programmes they are implementing and discuss impact, challenges and opportunities. The purpose of this workshop is to learn from direct experiences of what is being done on the ground, and lessons and insights from mediation and peacebuilding programmes in the country.</p> <p>Moderator: Roberta Clarke (UN Women) Speakers: Manfred van Eckert (GIZ), Hilde Demag (Search for Common Ground), David Dennehy (International Republican Institute), Rafa Tabib (VNG-CILG Expert)</p>

Plenary Session 2
Improving Peace Support for Libya

Libyan and international actors come together to address the question of improving support for peacebuilding in Libya. What can be done to improve the work that is currently done, how can international actors complement and support the work of Libyans beyond capacity building?

Moderator: Dr. Neila Akrimi (Director, Centre for Innovative Local Governance)

Speakers: Dr Aref Nayed (Libyan Institute for Advanced Studies), Ayed Elbey Salem (Mayor of Tarhouna), Alafi Ahmed (CSO Morzouk), Anaam Alturki (Municipal Councilor Tripoli)

Workshop 4
International Support to Peacebuilding & Mediation in Libya: The Role of Donors – Lessons Learned & Good and Bad Practices

Donors play an important role in supporting peacebuilding efforts, mediation and peace consolidation. In this session, major donors in Libya will share their reflections on their support for peace efforts in the country, what they see as priorities, and the funding focus of their programmes going forward. This will be followed by interactive discussion with participants on lessons learned from donor support and how donors can best contribute to peacebuilding in the country.

Moderator: Dr. Neila Akrimi (Director, Centre for Innovative Local Governance)

Speakers: Piergiorgio Graziotti (EU Delegation Libya), Monique Korzelius (Dutch Embassy), Marlene vom Hofe (Cooperation Officer, German Embassy)

Workshop 5
Facilitated Workshop: Addressing the Lasting Impacts of the War in Libya on Governance, Politics, Economics and Society – Charting Paths for Sustainable Peace & Recovery

This session will look at the lasting impacts of the violence and war in Libya on the country's social, political, economic and cultural fabric. It will be a hands-on practical, facilitated process where participants will engage in mapping out the short, medium and longer-term issues and challenges which will face the country even after fighting stops. In many countries, little is done to prepare effectively for the process of peace consolidation and recovery *after war*. This session will look practically at what Libya will be facing *the day after war ends* and issues, needs and challenges to build real, and lasting peace – and to overcome the legacy and impacts of the war as well as the impacts of the decades that preceded it.

Facilitator: Kai Brand-Jacobsen (Director, DPO-PATRIR)

Workshop 6
Libyan Civil Society: Experiences, Challenges and Opportunities – A Vital Force for Peace in Libya

Libyan civil society organisations face many challenges in the current context in Libya but are also one of the strongest forces engaging and working for peace in the country. In this session, Libyan civil society organisations share their experiences and the challenges and opportunities facing them, key lessons, and recommendations for what is needed to strengthen and support Libyan civil society.

Moderator: Remy Reymann (ACTED)

Speakers: Dr Jazzia Shaeitir, Basem Ajili (Benghazi), Fethi Yusef (Jadu), Salem Al Gamody (Chairman, STACO)

Day 2, 7 September

Recap of Day 1 & Overview Day 2

Review of the results and recommendations from the Plenary and Working Sessions on Day 1 and overview of the agenda and programme for Day 2.

Plenary Session 3
Achievements of the Libya Local Governance & Stabilisation Programme

Achievements of the Libya Local Governance & Stabilisation Programme will present the key achievements of the VNG-CILG supported mediation and municipal peacebuilding engagements. The session will share lessons and experiences from the project and the real on-the-ground results achieved, followed by the **ceremonial signing of local peace charters**.

Moderators: Yacine Ben Chikha and Yassine Turki (CILG)

Speakers: Ahmad Snam (Wazen), Imed Meliane (Dehiba), Ahmed Mtawaa

(Municipal Councillor Nalut), Yahya Zaed (Nalut), Khaled Alzabi (Nalut), Faiza Alhamdi (Municipal Councilor Zolten), Mohamed Ramzi Elhadi Ali (Political Activist, Benghazi) and additional Libyan Municipal & Civil Society participants

Workshop 7

Youth Peacebuilding Programming in Libya & Supporting Libyan Youth Peace Efforts

Youth have been amongst the most heavily affected by the war and violence in the country, but are also a key actor for the future of Libya. This session will bring forward the voices of youth involved in peacebuilding efforts in the country and provide a platform for hearing their needs, vision and ideas for how to move forward in building real, lasting peace in Libya.

Moderator: Suliman Bayoudi (CSO Misrata)

Speakers: Amer Salim (Sabha), Mohammed Metto (Sabratah), Sanna Kaskeala (Programme Analyst, UN Women), Fathia Emhaned (Civil Society Activist, Sebha)

Workshop 8

Local Reconciliation Agreements in Libya

A review of local reconciliation agreements in Libya and what can be learned from these processes, as well as key issues for reconciliation and peacemaking going forward in the country.

Moderator: Mostafa Abdelkebir (VNG-CILG Mediation Expert)

Speakers: Hisham Al Windi (CSO), Ahmed Lafi (CSO), Fatimah Shalbak (Activist and Lawyer, Nalut), Jean-Louis Romanet (Expert on civil society in Libya), Muna Hdia (Municipal Councilor Khoms)

Workshop 9

Facilitated Workshop: Lessons Learned in Libya – identifying & sharing good practices, bad practices and recommendations for improving peace support in Libya

This session is a hands-on practical review with participants identifying good and bad practices in peacebuilding efforts, international support and donor engagement in Libya. Its purpose is to collectively identify and learn from what's been done, what's worked well – and what achievements have been made – but also to hear from participants what needs to be improved and done better. The session will develop concrete recommendations for improving peace support and peacebuilding efforts in Libya.

Facilitator: Kai Brand-Jacobsen (Director, DPO-PATRIR)

Plenary Session 4

A Dialogue on Peace, Coexistence and Recovery in Libya

Drawing upon the results of the first day and a half of the Forum this plenary will look at the way forward in Libya and provide a platform for discussing needs for coexistence and recovery in the country.

Moderator: Tahar Othman (CSO Peacemaker)

Speakers: Fethi Yusef (CSO Peacemaker), Fathia Emhaned (Civil Society Activist, Sebha), Omar Mohamed Ahmed (Sheikh Touareg), Sandou Mohamed Haay (Sheikh Tubu)

Workshop 10

Opportunities & Challenges Facing Peacebuilding in Libya: Ensuring Libyan Ownership & Creating Strong Foundations for Peacebuilding and Mediation in Libya

Real, lasting peace can only be built and owned by the people of Libya themselves. This crucial session will address the issue of ownership in peacebuilding in Libya and how to create foundations for lasting peace in the country.

Moderator: Stefano Sotgia (European External Action Service)

Speakers: Dr. Aref Nayed (Founder, Libyan Institute for Advanced Studies), Salem Al Gamody (Chairman, STACO), Youssef Bdiri (Mayor of Gharien), Batta Ahamed Shaghoul (CSO Sebha), Darine El Hage (United States Institute for Peace)

Workshop 11
Addressing Radicalisation & Violent Extremism: Evidence-based & Peacebuilding Approaches

Radicalisation and violent extremism threaten the potential for lasting peace in the country. This workshop will look at the scale of the challenge, why it is relevant, and *evidence-based* experiences in how to overcome and address violent extremism and radicalisation.

Moderator: Lasaad Abid (CILG)

Speakers: Ines Tlili (NOVACT), Sheikh Salah Alshaab, Kai Brand-Jacobsen (Director, DPO-PATRIR)

Workshop 12
Protecting Libyan Peace Activists: Addressing the safety and security of those working for peace in Libya

Libyan peace activists, human rights workers and civil society workers more broadly have faced many threats and risks working for positive change in their country. Many have lost their lives. This session will address the risks and challenges they face and what can be done to better support and protect Libyan peace activists.

Moderator: Jamal Keteb (CILG)

Speakers: Mohammed el Najem (Libyan Center for Freedom of Press), Mostapha Abdelkebir, Siham Hamid (Journalist), Salem Kaak (Director of Zoura Cross Border Port)

Closing celebration / event / session Day 2

At the end of the first ever Libyan International Peace Forum, a celebration for hope and to support the continuing effort and work of Libyan peacebuilders in their country.