Regional Dialogues on Sustaining Peace:  
Shaping UN Strategies for 2018 and Beyond

An Informal Planning/Scoping Discussion at  
Columbia University Law School  
435 W 116th St., New York, NY 10027  
Jerome Greene Hall, Case Lounge, Room 701

Friday, 7 July 2017

8:30 am  Arrival and Light Breakfast

8:45 am  Welcome remarks and introduction of regional multi-stakeholder dialogues in support of  
the UNGA High-Level Meeting on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace in 2018 and UN  
Sustaining Peace Report H.E. Ambassador Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani (Permanent  
Representative of the State of Qatar to the UN), Professor Larry Johnson (Columbia Law  
School and former UN Assistant-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs), Professor Ibrahim  
Gambari (Founder and Chairman, Savannah Center for Diplomacy, Democracy,  
Development), Brian Finlay (President, Stimson Center), and Dr. Henk-Jan Brinkman  
(Chief of Policy, Planning, and Application, UN Peacebuilding Support Office)  
followed by discussion

10:45 am  Coffee/Tea

11:00 am  Issues for discussion for the multi-stakeholder regional dialogues: Part I: Conflict  
Prevention, Peacemaking, Peacekeeping, and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding  
Chair: H.E. Ambassador Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani (Permanent Representative of the  
State of Qatar to the UN);  
Introduction: Ambassador Abdullahi Omaki (Executive-Director, Savannah Center for Diplomacy, Democracy and Development) and Dr. William Durch (Distinguished Fellow, Stimson Center), followed by discussion.

12:30 pm  Working Lunch including remarks by Professor Ibrahim Gambari on “Lessons from the  
Field for the United Nations’ Sustaining Peace Agenda”, then Q&A

1:30 pm  Issues for discussion for the multi-stakeholder regional dialogues: Part II: Linkages  
between Sustaining Peace, Sustainable Development, and Human Rights  
Chair: H.E. Ambassador Juan José Gómez Camacho (Permanent Representative of Mexico  
to the UN and Chair of the UN Group of Friends for Sustaining Peace);  
Introduction: Katy Thompson (Team Leader – Conflict Prevention, Governance and Peacebuilding, Bureau for Programme and Policy Support, UNDP) and Tatyana Jiteneva (Women, Peace and Security Specialist, UN Women), followed by discussion

3:00 pm  Coffee/Tea

3:15 pm  Next Steps: Chair: H.E. Ambassador Juan José Gómez Camacho (Permanent  
Representative of Mexico to the United Nations);  
Introduction: Dr. Richard Ponzio (Director, Just Security 2020 Program, Stimson Center) and Dialogue Co-Hosts  
4:00 pm  (until