



**A Future for Peace: Rethinking
our Answers in an Unpredictable
Global Landscape**

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The world is currently facing numerous challenges that greatly impact global security and stability. The war in Ukraine, escalating rivalries among major powers, the detrimental effects of the climate crisis on livelihoods, and the rapid advancements in technology all contribute to an increasingly uncertain and unpredictable global landscape. In order to work towards peace, it is crucial to constantly reassess established approaches and seek innovative solutions.

Introducing the Austrian Forum for Peace, a groundbreaking event in Austria aimed at reevaluating conflict resolution methods and sustaining peace in the face of mounting uncertainty. This forum serves as a platform to bring together diverse experiences, perspectives, and approaches to shed light on pressing issues and foster meaningful discussions.

The conference, taking place from 3 to 6 July 2023, will focus on two key themes: „Peace Processes in a Fragmented World“ and „Innovation for Peace: Conflict and Climate.“ These topics will be explored through engaging panel discussions and parallel expert workshops, allowing for a comprehensive examination of the challenges and potential solutions.

As part of the final phase of the Austrian

Forum for Peace, a PeaceTech-Marketplace is planned. This marketplace will serve as a hub for various initiatives that utilize technology for peacebuilding, emphasizing the importance of leveraging technological advancements in promoting peace. It will act as a central point for collaboration and networking among stakeholders working towards peace through innovative technological approaches.

The Austrian Forum for Peace presents an unparalleled opportunity to rethink established paradigms, encourage dialogue, and promote innovation in the pursuit of peace. By bringing together a diverse range of participants and exploring critical topics, this forum aims to contribute to a more peaceful and secure world.

Team

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About the Austrian Centre for Peace (ACP)

The **Austrian Centre for Peace (ACP)** was founded in 1982 by Gerald Mader. We are located at Schlaining Castle in Southern Burgenland, with a liaison office in Vienna. Our work has earned us the status of an UN “Peace Messenger” and the UNESCO “Prize for Peace Education”.

Our Vision is a world in which people with different backgrounds and circumstances are willing and able to recognise and address conflicts by non-violent, constructive, and sustainable means.

Our Mission - We support people so that they can engage in conflicts non-violently, constructively, and sustainably. In doing so, we acknowledge the close interdependence between **research** on, **education** about, and the practice of **conflict resolution**. We conduct research projects on peace and security policy, are involved in mediation between conflict parties and engage in political consulting; we offer target group-oriented training programmes and advanced education for civilian experts and youth. The constant advancement of innovative theory and practice is built upon a foundation of dialogue and cooperation with international institutions, networks, theoreticians and practitioners of conflict transformation, peacebuilding, and conflict resolution.

Capacity Development - The ACP capacity development department focuses on two core areas: peace education and the training of international experts for peacebuilding and conflict resolution, who are or will be deployed in crisis regions. Every year more than 1,000 children and youth participate in our peace education programmes, and hundreds of civilian experts are trained within our various training programmes like ESDC, IPT, HAWA, and EUCTI. On request we develop and offer tailor-made training courses.

Conflict Resolution - At the ACP, our conflict resolution team is dedicated to promoting peace through mediation and negotiation support, multitrack dialogues, and expert exchanges, focusing on the Middle East, Africa, and Eurasia. Our tailored peacebuilding initiatives aim to prevent conflict escalation and to facilitate conflict transformation in diverse settings, working with stakeholders from across divides and from all levels in society. Within Austria, we specialise in designing and leading inter- and intra-community mediation processes that seek to further contribute to peaceful coexistence. Whether at home or abroad, we are committed to transforming conflicts and facilitating peace processes that are adapted to the unique needs and circumstances of each conflict, guided by the values of human security and transformational peace making.

About the Austrian Centre for Peace (ACP)

Research - In recent years, the environment and context for international actors engaging have changed considerably. The ACP research agenda aims to consider these changes and to focus on understanding possible consequences and shaping outcomes. Our research is also the basis for policy consulting. ACP publications include Policy Briefs and Reports.

Focus Topics - Our focus topics are reflected across all ACP activities:

ENVIRONMENTAL PEACEBUILDING

Conflicts can no longer be thought of in the same way as before in a world affected by the climate crisis. Because countries at war or where structures are destroyed need support to build a minimum of trust to deal with the threats of the climate crisis which ultimately affects everyone. Mounting evidence points to the fact that depleting natural resources and climate change impacts protracted conflicts where they already exist and run the potential of creating new conflict hotspots around the world.

This dynamic is both an additional challenge for conflict countries, but also an opportunity. On the one hand, conflict-affected countries and regions are the least equipped to deal with the disruptive effects of the climate crisis; on the other hand, this lack can be used to build trust between conflict parties, as the climate

crisis affects everyone and responsibility for it cannot be easily assigned. If this dynamic is approached in a targeted manner using methods from environmental peacebuilding, this trust can become cooperation and this cooperation can subsequently contribute to broader conflict resolution. An increasing part of the ACP's work is defined by this approach.

PEACETECH

„PeaceTech“ describes various tools and processes, such as social media, AI, geographic information systems, data analytics, virtual reality frameworks, and other digital technologies that can add value in the field of conflict prevention and resolution to enhance analytical tools. The ACP has participated in the development of an early warning system that uses algorithms and geospatial data to dynamically display conflicts before they arise. Research has shown that there is a great lack of technology-conflict-peace interfaces.

The ACP has also started to integrate PeaceTech into their capacity development programme. This includes the development of mixed reality trainings for civilian experts in crisis situations.

If you would like to
know more about our
work, visit:



Agenda - 3 July 2023: A Future for Peace

17.00 - OPENING EVENT *Granarium*
(Languages: German and English - with interpretation)

Opening

Norbert DARABOS, President, ACP, former Austrian Federal Minister of Defence

Welcome Address

Hans Peter DOSKOZIL, Governor of Burgenland, former Austrian Federal Minister of Defence

Written Message

Antonio GUTERRES, Secretary-General, United Nations

Read by Eva Huber, Deputy Director, ACP

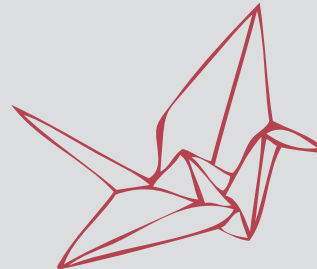
Opening Address

Robert MARDINI, Director-General, International Committee of the Red Cross

Hossam ZAKI, Assistant Secretary General, League of Arab States, ACP Advisory Board

Igor DJUNDEV, Chairperson, OSCE Permanent Council

Opening Panel: Challenges to Peaceful Co-existence in a World of Re-emerging System Rivalry



Speakers:

Moritz EHRMANN, Director, ACP

Susanne GLASS, Editorial Director, Bayerischer Rundfunk

Christina KOKKINAKIS, Director for Values and Multilateral Relations, European External Action Service

Peter NEUMANN, Professor of Security Studies, King 's College London

Hannah SHELEST, Director of Security Programmes, Foreign Policy Council "Ukrainian Prism"

Moderation: Damita PRESSL, Journalist, Neue Zürcher Zeitung

18.30 - RECEPTION

Castle Yard

Agenda - 4 July 2023: Peace Processes in a Fragmented World

The conflict dynamics of today's world are being shaped by new and reemergent geopolitical rivalries. Against the backdrop of the increasing fragmentation of power centres, international relations have become more polarized, creating an atmosphere of heightened unpredictability. Working for peace requires, now more than ever, a continuous process of transformation, reevaluating established solutions while acknowledging and appreciating diverse viewpoints. Each region, including Africa, Europe, and the Middle East, has its own unique stories to tell.

09.15 - PLENARY SESSION

Granarium

Ahmet UYSAL, Director, Center for Middle Eastern Studies

Keynote

Wolfgang PETRITSCH, President, Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation

Yiqi ZHOU, Research Fellow, Shanghai Institute for International Studies

Panel Discussion

Speakers:

Séverine AUTESSERRE, Professor and Chair of Political Science, Barnard College, Columbia University

Roswitha KREMSER, designated Chief Jmac, Minusca, Bangui, United Nations

Randa SLIM, Director of Conflict Resolution and Track II Dialogues Program, Middle East Institute

Nyachangkuoth Rambang TAI, Executive Director, Assistance Mission for Africa

Moderator: Walter KEMP, Director, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime

11.45 – EXPERT WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER SCHOOL * / TOURISTIC PROGRAMME**

13.15 - LUNCH

BurghotelSchlaining

14.15 - EXPERT WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER SCHOOL * / TOURISTIC PROGRAMME**

18.30 - HAYDN & WINE: Burgenland Evening

Castle Yard

Moderation: Damita PRESSL,
Journalist, Neue Zürcher Zeitung



*Please note that workshop participation is by personal invitation only.

**Details on the Touristic Programme:

Agenda - 5 July 2023: Innovation for Peace - Conflict and Climate

The climate crisis is redefining the nature of conflicts. Countries and regions currently affected by conflict are often the least equipped to grapple with the disruptive impact of climate change. Paradoxically, the climate crisis also holds the potential to serve as a mutual challenge encouraging cooperation, which builds trust between conflict parties.

09.15 - PLENARY SESSION *Granarium*

Opening Address

Alexander VAN DER BELLEN, Federal President of the Republic of Austria (TBC)

Panel Discussion

Speakers:

Dlawer ALA'ALDEEN, Director, Middle East Research Institute

Laura AUMEER, Europe-Asia Director, Conciliation Resources

Chukwuemeka EZE, Executive Director, West Africa Network for Peacebuilding

Annick HIENSCH, Climate Peace and Security Focal Point, United Nations Department of Peace Operations

Lukas MANDL, Member of the European Parliament

Moderator: Patrick Fox, Senior Advisor - Environment, Climate and Security, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency

11.45 - EXPERT WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER SCHOOL * / TOURISTIC PROGRAMME **

13.15 - LUNCH *Burghotel Schlaining*

14.15 - EXPERT WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER SCHOOL * / TOURISTIC PROGRAMME **

16.30 - PANEL DISCUSSION: *Granarium* **Das Klima der Zukunft (Public Event)**

(German only)

19.30 - FILMSCREENING *Granarium* **Aya (Public Event)**

(Original language with English subtitles)

18.30 - DINNER *Burghotel Schlaining*

Moderation: Damita PRESSL,
Journalist, Neue Zürcher Zeitung



Agenda - 6 July 2023: PeaceTech Market Place and Outcome Session

Various organizations and initiatives will showcase Peace Tech in practice, by presenting projects, tools and innovative ideas in a bazaar-like setting. Through snapshot presentations, keynotes and teaser panels, participants will learn about different approaches, the latest projects and innovative ideas in this domain and how these tools are used to respond to conflicts and discuss potentials and pitfalls at the technology-peace-conflict nexus.

08.00 - SUMMER SCHOOL *

Michael BRENNER, Head of Design, Data4 Change

09.00 - PEACETECH MARKET PLACE with INTEGRATED LUNCH

Granarium

Michele GIOVANARDI, Coordinator, Global Peace Tech Hub

Aino PIIRTOLA, Project Officer, CMI

Keynote

Claudia MEIER, Europe Lead, Build Up

Moderator: Nathan COYLE, Senior PeaceTech Advisor to the ACP

Lightning Speeches

Diplomacy
Data 4 Change
University of Edinburgh
DIALECTIQ
Global Peace Tech Hub
PAX for Peace
PeaceEye
Austrian Institute Of Technology
CMI - Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation
Helsinki

13.30 - VISUALISING A

Granarium

FUTURE FOR PEACE:

Tentative Answers Illustrated by AI Art

Moderator: Markus KORNPROBST, Professor of International Relations, Vienna School of International Studies

Moderation: Damita PRESSL, Journalist, Neue Zürcher Zeitung

Panel Discussion

Speakers:

Claudia MEIER, Europe Lead, Build Up

**The updated programme
can be found here:**



Experts / Participants / Speakers



Eldridge Adolfo is the Senior Advisor, Dialogue and Mediation at the Folke Bernadotte Academy in Stockholm. He has extensive experience in negotiating with armed conflict parties, mediating inclusive peace processes and process design for mediation. He has worked as an advisor to senior envoys and diplomats, was previously Mediation Advisor at the European External Action Service (EEAS), Mediation Adviser in the United Nations to several Special Envoys and SRSGs, and a Conflict Researcher at the Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala, Sweden. Eldridge Adolfo has a range of mediation experiences from various countries across Africa, as well as in Colombia, Venezuela, Georgia, Myanmar, Ukraine, the Balkans and Afghanistan. He holds a Master's degree in International Relations from Stockholm University.



Marion Akiteng is Gender Focal Person at the Centre for Conflict Resolution (CECORE). She is also Board member of Hands for an African Child (HFAAC) in Uganda.



Dlawer Ala'aldeen is the founding President of the Middle East Research Institute, based in Erbil, Iraq. Formerly, he was Professor of Medicine at Nottingham University, UK. From 2009 to 2012 he was the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research in the Kurdistan Regional Government.

Ertuğrul Apakan is an experienced Turkish diplomat in the international field. As Undersecretary of the Turkish MFA, he was part of efforts leading to a



rapprochement with Armenia. He also actively took part in the negotiating process on Cyprus. Later, he served as Permanent Representative to the UN and represented Turkey in the Security Council. Most recently, he was head of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine between 2014-2019. He is a member of the ACP advisory board.



Laura Aumeer is Conciliation Resources' Director of the Europe-Asia Department. She leads work on the thematic area of Climate Change, Conflict and Peacebuilding, and oversees work in the South Caucasus and South Asia regions.

Before Laura joined CR she set up and managed violence reduction programmes with a focus on learning and innovation. She previously worked in DFID, to support adaptive programming and learning.



Séverine Autesserre is an award-winning author, peacebuilder, and researcher, as well as Professor and Chair of Political Science at Barnard College, Columbia University. She is the author of three books: *The Frontlines of Peace*, *Peaceland*, and *The Trouble with the Congo*.



Sanja Badanjak is a postdoctoral research fellow with the Political Settlements Research Programme, where she is the data manager for the PA-X Peace Agreements Database. Her primary research is on institutionalisation, political parties, party systems, and elections. She is working on problems

of electoral politics in settings that are deeply affected by regional integration and globalization. Her research also encompasses problems related to international effects on national politics more broadly and applications of quantitative research methods to the study of political settlements.



Samuel Bahlsen is Project Manager in the EU Training Programmes at the ACP. His academic and professional background is in peacebuilding and conflict transformation, international development, human rights, and European external policy.



Roland Bernhard is Professor for „School improvement & Leadership“ at the University of Teacher Education of Christian Churches Vienna/Krems and lecturer at the University of Salzburg, where he habilitated in 2019. For many years he has been researching what distinguishes highly effective schools and educational systems, including as a post-doc research fellow at the University of Oxford, and heads the „School Quality and Teacher Education“ project funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF). Roland Bernhard research interests are school development, school quality management, leadership, personal development, work with parents, evidence-based teaching development, schools in challenging circumstances and history education, etc.



Fatima Betul Muhktar works at the Department of Plant Biology, Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria. She was the former Vice-Chancellor, Federal University Dutse, Jigawa State, and Founder of Kano Botanical Garden, established for conservation of indigenous plant species and public enlightenment.



Michael Brenner is a designer and facilitator with over 15 years of experience working with data and design in various contexts globally. Michael has collaborated and led on projects for organisations such as the UN, World Bank, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Google, Guggenheim Museum, MOMA, New York Times and more. He has worked for leading design studios in New York City, London and Rotterdam, where he founded and ran his own studio and taught at the Willem de Kooning Academy.



Lena Cataldo-Schwarzl currently works at the University College of Teacher Education Vienna / Krems (KPH) in the Department of Initial Teacher Education. She used to work at the centre for teacher training at the University of Vienna.



Jean-Paul Chami is Peace and Conflict Transformation Advisor, Facilitator and Trainer. He directs Peace Labs, a Lebanese peace NGO which he founded in 2011, and through which he advocates for bottom-up approaches to peace through supporting existing mechanisms for peace and conflict conciliators at the local level.



Chukwuemeka B. Eze is the Executive Director of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding. Between November 2016 and May 2017, he served as Senior Adviser on Mediation and Political Dialogue to the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in Guinea Bissau. Eze has 20 years' experience in peacebuilding, political dialogue, early warning and conflict assessment and intelligence analysis. He designed the early warning system of the government

of South Sudan and is the WANEP lead interface in the operationalization of the ECOWAS early warning system (ECOWARN) and AU Peace and Security Architecture. He also led the team that developed the concept of the WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS).



Nathan Coyle recently began advising the ACP on its Peace Tech initiatives. From Kosovo to Palestine, he has worked with international governments to help them make their digital outreach more useful for civil society organisations through hackathons, civic tech, and human-centered design. He is also regarded as an

industry expert on changing the narrative surrounding open data to make it more understandable to activists using it for social good, speaking on the subject across Europe, including in a TEDx talk. In addition to writing for The Royal of Arts, for which Nathan is a Fellow, he has also written for The Huffington Post and Vice Media.



Anja Đajić is a researcher in Diplo's AI and Data team. She holds a BA in Signals and Systems from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, University of Belgrade, and is currently enrolled as an MA student at the same department. Anja is a big enthusiast in the field of artificial intelligence and data processing. In 2021,

she participated in a research internship programme organised by the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL) where she worked on a project in the field of artificial intelligence and image processing.



Norbert Darabos was Austrian Minister of Defence from 2007 to 2013 and Burgenland's State Councillor for Social Affairs and Health from 2015 - 2019.

He was a member of the Austrian Parliament for many years and in his function as Secretary of the Austrian social-democratic party (SPÖ) he led several election campaigns. As a historian, he is currently responsible for establishment of the „Museum for the Contemporary History of Burgenland“ at Schläining Castle. Since 2019 Norbert Darabos has been President of the ACP. (c) Ricardo Herrgott



Igor Djundev is the permanent representative of the Republic of North Macedonia to the United Nations in Vienna. (c) OSCE / Micky Kroell



Governor **Hans Peter Doskozil** studied law at the University of Vienna. His professional career was shaped by police activities, where he worked at the Ministry of the Interior, among others, and was appointed Provincial Police Director of Burgenland in 2012. Doskozil held this position until 2016. After holding

high-ranking positions in the office of former governor Hans Niessl, Doskozil was appointed Federal Minister of Defence and Sports in 2016, and from 2017 he took on the role of Provincial Councillor for Finance, Culture and Road Construction in Burgenland. Doskozil has been Governor of Burgenland since February 2019. (c) Manfred Weis



Moritz Ehrmann is the Director of the ACP. He brings to the ACP his extensive experience from varied contexts, including Iraq, Colombia, Jordan, Ukraine, and Yemen, and through his previous work with the International Committee of the Red Cross and as an Austrian diplomat. He began his career with the Austrian foreign service, for which he was most recently deployed to the Austrian OSCE

Chairmanship Task Force from 2016 to 2017. Since 2018, he has been engaged in informal international peace mediation.



Mohammed El Gammal is Minister Plenipotentiary and Deputy Director of the Department for Climate, Environment & Sustainable Development in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt.



Marc Elsberg is a former strategy consultant and creative director in advertising, both in Vienna and Hamburg, as well as columnist for the Austrian daily Der Standard. He currently lives and works in Vienna. With his internationally bestselling novels BLACKOUT, ZERO, and HELIX, he conquered the throne of science thriller writing. GREED is a nail-biting thriller and a fascinating

introduction to new concepts for general wealth. THE PRESIDENT'S FALL is an unputdownable political thriller. And °C – Celsius is an original climate thriller. Marc Elsberg has also made his mark as a panel discussion partner for political and economic players. (c) Clemens Lechner

Mohammad Mahmoud Farghal is the Programme Manager for ACP's Iraq activities focused on mediation and the promotion of dialogue between political actors in the country. He has extensive experience in political, international and humanitarian affairs, having served with the League of Arab States, the United Nations, the Government of Egypt, and the International Committee of the Red Cross. He holds a degree in Political Science from the University of Ottawa.

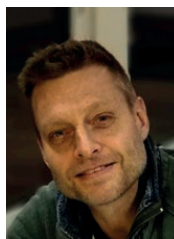


Stephanie Fenkart has been Director of the International Institute for Peace (IIP) since 2016. She is a member of the

Advisory Committee for Strategy and Security Policy of the Scientific Commission at the Austrian Armed Forces (BMLV). She is also a board member of the NGO Committee for Peace, Vienna and a Board Member of the Balkan Forum based in Prishtina.



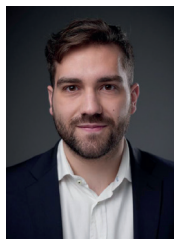
Victoria Fontan is Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and Provost at the American University of Afghanistan. Her research focuses on higher education in emergencies and open recognition networks to build sustainable peace.



Patrick Fox is the Senior Strategic Advisor specialising in Environment, Climate and Security nexus at MSB (Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency) and previously the Environmental Coordinator at CPCC, EEAS supporting the EU CSDP Missions 2019-21.



Ursula Gamauf-Eberhardt is Senior Project Manager for the peace education portfolio. In this function, she represents the ACP at the UNESCO Advisory Board for Transformative Education and various PE Networks. Ursula is also involved in various OSCE training programmes. Her thematic focuses include peace education, global citizenship education, transformative education et al.



Michele Giovanardi is Coordinator of the Global PeaceTech Hub and the Algorand Centre of Excellence for Blockchain Regulation and Innovation (ACE BRAIN) at the European University Institute's School of Transnational Governance. Previously, he worked in the field of communication, digital education and learning technologies at the European University

Institute and as a researcher at the Institute for Conflict, Cooperation and Security at the University of Birmingham. A graduate in Strategic Studies from the University of Bologna, he studied International Relations at the University of Antwerp, Political Psychology of International Relations at the University of Birmingham, and E-Learning Instructional Design and Development at Oregon State University. As a student, he designed and managed a wide range of projects as a member of the national board of the 'Student Movement of Catholic Action' and as a founding member of 'Pensare Politico', a non-profit organisation in the field of citizenship education.



Susanne Glass, who holds a doctorate in political science, is editorial director for foreign affairs and political background at Bayerischer Rundfunk in Munich. From January 2016 to December 2021, she headed the ARD Middle East studio in Tel Aviv as Chief Correspondent. Before that, she was responsible for reporting on Austria and Southeast Europe for 16 years as ARD correspondent / studio director. (c) ARD TLV



Ameyu Godesso Roro is currently an Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology, Jimma University, Oromiya, Ethiopia, where he teaches anthropology and sociology courses. Ameyu is also a Cooperation Partner at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle (Saale), Germany, where he completed his PhD in 2017. Currently, he is the Managing Editor of the Ethiopian Journal of Social Sciences and Language Studies, one of the nationally accredited journals in Ethiopia. His research interests include peace and conflict studies, displacement and migration. He has co-authored a number of publications.



David Golding is Chair of the Division of Social Science and Humanities at the Parami University. He obtained his Ph.D. in Education and Social Justice from Lancaster University. He is also an honorary postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Sociology at Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada.

David's research looks at coloniality, development, international education, governmentality, and neoliberalism.



Liz Gulliford is Associate Professor in Psychology at Northampton University. She has a long-standing interest in character strengths and her work has been published across a range of academic disciplines, including psychology, education, and philosophy.



Susanne J. Györög is the Programme Manager of the training section of the cooperation programme with the Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence and is in charge of managing the specialisation courses in the framework of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC). She brings 30 years of

experience to the ACP, including some 20 years of field experience in humanitarian aid, post-conflict recovery, security sector reform in complex emergencies as well as peace missions with additional 10 years experience in development and conduct of specialised trainings in the framework of UN and EU peace missions.

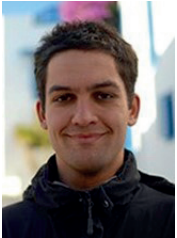


Dida Habiba Lelo is Program Coordinator on water, climate change and Gender projects for Spring of Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (SASAL) and the president and founder of the World youth parliament Kenyan chapter. Dida has a

background in International Relations and Diplomacy and five years of diverse work experience in advocacy, policy analysis, and program operations in sectors such as youth and women, peace and security, climate resilience, and capacity building.



Martin Hainz is Head of the Research Unit at the Private University College of Teacher Education Burgenland.



Adham Hamed is Head of Peace Research at the ACP. He is a diplomat and peace and conflict researcher and previously served at the German Foreign Office in Berlin, where he worked as Desk Officer for the Protection of Journalists, Media Makers and Free Speech Defenders in Crises and Conflicts.



Jan Hanrath, studied political science, European law and psychology (focus on intercultural communication) at the University Duisburg-Essen. From 2008 to 2014 he was researcher at the Institute for Development and Peace (INEF) at the University Duisburg-Essen and focussed inter alia on the transport of conflicts in migrations processes as well as on German Middle East policies. As co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of CARPO he is involved in various projects and coordinates the day-to-day operations of the organization. In recent years he has worked as a researcher and coordinator in projects on, among other things, Iran-Saudi dialogue, economic development in Yemen, migration and conflict, political transformation in the Middle East, and academic exchange.



Niamh Henry is with the Political Settlements Research Programme, where

she is a Data Engineer for the PA-X Peace Agreements Database. She is working on organisation and extension of the database to facilitate qualitative and quantitative research methods to study political settlements.



Anna Hess is an international affairs professional with extensive experience in peace and conflict studies and peace mediation. Over the course of her career, Anna has designed and supported a number of formal and informal peace processes, as well as developed and led educational programs in the field of peace and conflict studies. Parallel to her practical work, Anna has authored a number of publications. Her research focuses on the impact of geopolitical tensions on the settlement of protracted conflicts, particularly in the OSCE area. In her capacity as the Head of Conflict Resolution, Anna is responsible for leading the team`s work in dialogue and mediation across the Middle East, Africa and Eurasia.



Annick Hiensch has 15 years of experience in the United Nations and serves as the Team Leader for Partnerships as well as Climate, Peace and Security in the Department of Peace Operations, which provides political and executive direction to UN peacekeeping operations around the world. Prior to her appointment, Annick Hiensch worked for the Office of the Under-Secretaries-General for Counter-Terrorism as well as Peacebuilding and Political Affairs. Previously, she supported the establishment of the UN Liaison Office for Peace and Security in Brussels and worked for the European Commission`s Development Directorate and the World Food Program.

Bernadette Holzer-Knauder is Programme Manager at the World University Service (WUS) in Austria, where she is responsible for strategic coordination,

project development, and project management. She has over 10 years of international experience in capacity building, strategic programming, research, and project and training management at the nexus of human rights, peace, and development.



Astrid Holzinger is the Senior Project Manager of the International Civilian Peacebuilding Training Programme and has multiple years of experience with the UN, OSCE and EU as well as the Austrian civil service. Capacity-building, crisis management, and programme coordination within the UN Mission in

South Sudan, protection of civilians in armed conflict, the promotion of women, peace and security agenda, and international security are among her areas of expertise. She holds a master's degree in international relations.



Eva Huber is ACP's Deputy Director and in this capacity responsible, among other things, for the ACP's cooperation portfolio with the Austrian Ministry of Defence as well as other individual projects. She has a background in political science, African studies, and public international law and more than 10 years of experience

working for UN peace operations and agencies as well as NGOs. She has supported peace processes through political liaison, strategic planning, capacity-building, community engagement, and programme coordination. In addition to having headed the ACP's project portfolio in Sudan and South Sudan, the peace process in Colombia is currently her area of expertise. (c) Andi Bruckner



Marylia Hushcha is a Researcher at the International Institute for Peace in Vienna and a member of an Austrian grassroots think tank Ponto. She previously worked

at Pontis Foundation in Slovakia, where she managed a capacity-building project for NGOs in Russia. Marylia has completed training and fellowship programmes at the United Nations Office in Belarus, the European Academy of Diplomacy in Warsaw, and the University of San Diego. She holds a Master's degree in European Studies from Comenius University in Bratislava.



Melanie Hussak is Research Fellow at the Peace Institute Freiburg / Protestant University of Applied Sciences Freiburg and Co-leader of the international network project "Developing the Next-Generation of Shared Society Theory and Practices" at University of Haifa.



Eemeli Isoaho serves as Program Coordinator for the Master of Advanced Studies ETH Mediation in Peace Processes program at ETH Zurich in partnership with the United Nations and the Governments of Switzerland, Germany, and Finland. He previously worked as Programme Management Officer at CMI.



Caroline Jäckl is head of the European Office of the Board of Education for Vienna, Diversity Manager, Member of the Eurocities Network in the Working Group Education, Teaching degree for elementary schools, Master degree for Special Education.



Uli Jäger is Head of the Department for Global Learning for Conflict Transformation and is responsible for the peace education team of Berghof Foundation. He has been co-director of the former Institute for Peace Education and worked in Sri Lanka, India, Macedonia, Russia,

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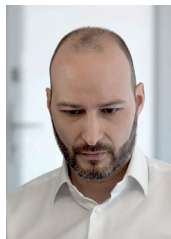


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