



**THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE EUROPEAN UNION:
Strengthening partnerships and improving effectiveness in peacebuilding**

Final programme

Venue: Vesalius College & IES / Global Governance Institute, Pleinlaan 5, 1050 Brussels

Date: 25 March 2013

Experts workshop (by invitation only)

- 8:30 – 9:00 **Welcome and refreshments & Welcome Remarks**
Fernando Cavalcante (GGI) & *Joachim Koops* (GGI) / Vesalius College (VUB)
- 9:00 – 10:30 **Roundtable I: Synergies and possibilities for a strengthened EU-UN cooperation in the realm of peacebuilding**
Facilitator: *Steven Blockmans*, Centre for European Policy Studies, CEPS
Denisa-Elena Ionete, Fragility and Crisis Management, EuropeAid
Cedric de Coning, Peacebuilding Fund Advisory Group
Marc Van Bellinghen, Division for Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and Mediation, EEAS
Claire Vallings, Department for International Development, DFID-UK
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Roundtable II: How can the European Union contribute to a more effective UN Peacebuilding Architecture?**
Facilitator: *Jonathan Prentice*, International Crisis Group
Kristin de Peyron, Multilateral Relations Division, EEAS
Dan Smith, International Alert
Hubertus Jürgenliemk, Global Governance Institute, GGI
Esther Marijnen, Institute for European Studies, IES-VUB
- 12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

Conference

- 13:30 – 15:00 **Session I: The role of the new elements of the UN peacebuilding architecture in supporting peacebuilding processes**
Chair: *Joachim Koops*, GGI / Vesalius College, IES (VUB)
Frank Majoor, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to NATO
Roberto Balzaretto, Head of the Mission of Switzerland to the EU
Ejeviome Eloho Otobo, Director and Deputy Head of the UN Peacebuilding Support Office
- 15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee break**
- 15:30 – 17:00 **Session II: Recent UN and EU institutional developments on peacebuilding support**
Facilitator: *Fernando Cavalcante*, GGI
Jeremy Lester, Africa Department, EEAS
Mireia Villar Forner, United Nations Development Programme, Brussels
Catherine Woollard, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office, EPLO
Brian Williams, UN Peacebuilding Support Office, PBSO