

Peacebuilding Commission's engagement in the Sahel
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The resolutions on the review of the peacebuilding architecture (A/RES/70/262 and S/RES/2282 (2016)) encourage the PBC to consider diversifying its working methods to enhance its efficiency and flexibility in support of sustaining peace including by, among other things, enabling it to consider regional and cross-cutting issues relevant to sustaining peace.

of the PBC in response to Security Council PRST/2017/2 which emphasized the importance of convening role of the Commission in support of peacebuilding efforts in the Sahel. Participants pointed out that the Sahel and Lake Chad Basin face complex and multidimensional challenges that not only touch upon political and security dimensions, but also humanitarian and development ones. These include transnational and cross-border challenges such as terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism, illicit trafficking and other transnational crimes, weak institutions, climate change, migration, and displacement of populations. The meeting highlighted the need to strengthen partnership and enhance coordination between the countries concerned, UN actors, regional and sub-regional organizations, and international financial institutions in support of peacebuilding and sustaining peace in these regions.

On 30 January 2018, the Security Council issued another Presidential Statement (S/PRST/2018/3) reiterates the importance of the convening role of the PBC.

As part of PBC efforts to sustain its engagement on the situation in the Sahel, the Chair, together with the Permanent Representative of Chad and ASG PBSO, attended the 6th meeting of the "Ministerial Coordination Platform for the Sahel" on 15 March 2018 in N'Djamena, Chad. The meeting recognized that despite the considerable efforts to ensure peace and stability, the countries in the Sahel region were facing persistent and growing security challenges, in addition to the already serious economic, environmental and food security risks. It stressed the need for a holistic approach to deal with the multidimensional threats facing the Sahel region, calling on the relevant regional and international partners to act with greater synergy. The participants reiterated their commitment to the platform as the political and diplomatic platform for the countries in the Sahel, international, regional and sub-regional organizations to deal in a coordinated and coherent manner with the complex and transnational security, socio-economic and humanitarian challenges facing the region.

On 16 July 2018, the PBC convened a meeting on "Peacebuilding and sustaining peace in West Africa: recent developments in Liberia, Sierra Leone and the Sahel". On the Sahel, the meeting provided an opportunity to discuss the recent development in the security, political and humanitarian situation in the Sahel. The meeting welcomed cooperation among the countries in the Sahel, including through the G5 Sahel Force. The PBC stressed the importance of coordination and partnerships in efforts to address the multi-faceted challenges facing the region.

On 18 July 2018, the situation in the Sahel was discussed, among other country-specific and regional issues, in the meeting of the PBC with the AU Peace and Security Council. The meeting recognized the UN Support Plan for the Sahel