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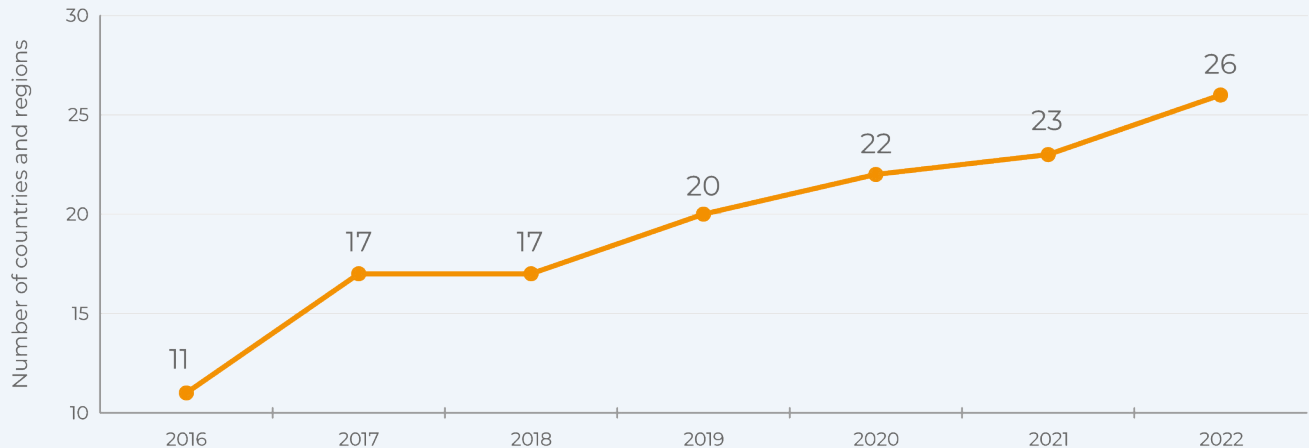
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In 2005, in resolutions [A/RES/60/180](#) and [S/RES/1645 \(2005\)](#), the General Assembly and Security Council established the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC), mandating it to provide political accompaniment and advocacy to conflict-affected countries, with their consent. In resolutions [A/RES/70/262](#) and [S/RES/2282\(2016\)](#), the Commission was mandated to advise the General Assembly and the Security Council on peacebuilding and sustaining peace; to promote an integrated, strategic and coherent approach to peacebuilding; to act as a bridge among the principal organs and relevant United Nations entities by sharing advice on peacebuilding needs and priorities; and to convene all relevant actors within and outside the United Nations. In resolutions [A/RES/75/201](#) and [S/RES/2558 \(2020\)](#), the Commission was called to continue strengthening its advisory, bridging, and convening roles in support of nationally-owned priorities and efforts in the countries and regions under its consideration.



COUNTRY AND REGIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

Country and Regional Engagements since 2016



The Peacebuilding Commission supports national and regional peacebuilding priorities, at the request of concerned governments. In 2022, the Commission engaged in support of 14 separate country- and region-specific settings¹, broadening its geographic scope, including by holding meetings for the first time on Timor-Leste, South Sudan and Central Asia.

Since its inception, the Commission has engaged with a total of 26 countries and regions. The Commission's activities include meetings, joint events, briefings and submissions to the main bodies of the United Nations (such as the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council) and other fora, as well as field visits and informal interactions with relevant stakeholders.

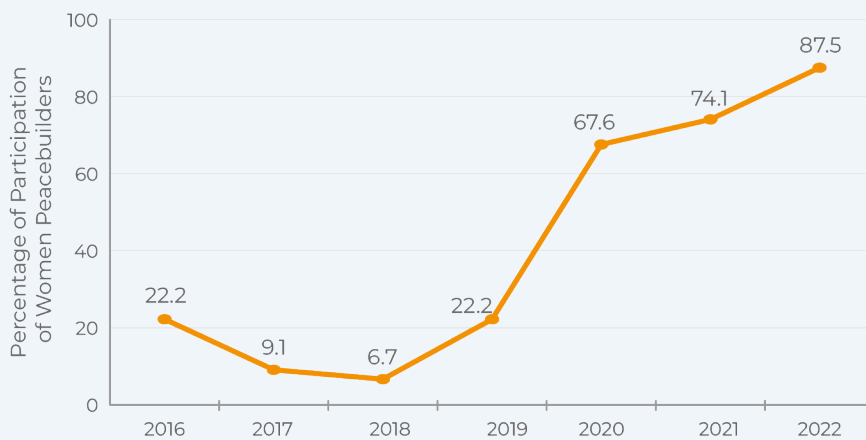
1. Burkina Faso, Burundi, the Central African Republic, Central Asia, Colombia, The Gambia, the Great Lakes, Guinea-Bissau, the Lake Chad Basin, Liberia, the Pacific Islands, the Sahel, South Sudan and Timor-Leste.

CROSS-CUTTING AND THEMATIC ENGAGEMENTS

The Commission's cross-cutting and thematic engagements take place through country-specific and regional discussions, providing an opportunity for countries to share experiences and good practices in peacebuilding. Such issues include **institution building, transitional justice and rule of law, electoral processes, displacement, climate change, socioeconomic development and partnerships for peacebuilding**. In addition, the Commission hold thematic engagements on the **women, peace and security** and **youth, peace and security agendas**. The Commission continues to advance exchanges and sharing of experiences and good practices on peacebuilding, including in the context of **South-South and triangular cooperation**.

ADVANCING INCLUSIVITY

Briefings to the PBC by Women Peacebuilders



The Commission's [Gender Strategy](#) and its [Action Plan](#) has resulted in women peacebuilders participating in meetings of the Commission at a growing rate since 2016, from 22 percent in 2019 to nearly 88 percent in 2022. The Commission's country, regional and thematic activities, including country visits, integrate gender dimensions of peacebuilding and reflect the perspectives and priorities of women peacebuilders. The Commission regularly reflects gender issues in its outcome documents and advice to the Security Council.

In accordance with its [Strategic Action Plan on Youth and Peacebuilding](#), the Commission is committed to mainstreaming youth considerations in its work and to advocating for the critical role played by young people and youth organizations in peacebuilding. The participation rate of representatives of youth organizations and initiatives in the Commission's meetings was 37.5 percent in 2022.

ADVISORY AND BRIDGING ROLES

The Commission has a unique advisory role to the **General Assembly** and the **Security Council** and a bridging role between the Assembly, the Security Council and the **Economic and Social Council**. In 2022, there was a sharp increase in the number of times the Commission submitted its advice to the Security Council, which testifies to a growing recognition of the relevance of peacebuilding for the work of the Council. The Commission's advice to the Council in 2022 addressed situations in Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic, Colombia, Central Africa, the Great Lakes region, the Gulf of Guinea, West Africa and the Sahel, and also focused on cooperation with the African Union, Women, Peace and Security and resilience-building in peace operations. In 2022, the Commission continued to provide advice to the General Assembly and inputs to the Economic and Social Council, covering topics including the COVID-19 pandemic, natural resources, food insecurity, and financing for peacebuilding.



CONVENING ROLE

The Commission promotes **coherent** approaches to United Nations system-wide support to nationally-led peacebuilding efforts, with a special focus on UN mission transitions and conflict-affected settings. The Commission invites briefers from the United Nations peace operations to its country and region-specific meetings.

Briefers from UN missions comprised 24 percent of all United Nations briefers at the meetings of the Commission in 2022. United Nations Country Team representatives that briefed the Commission comprised 15 percent of all United Nations briefers in 2022, demonstrating that the Commission is a unique platform for discussions at the nexus of peace and development.



The Commission provides a platform for **a wide range of peacebuilding actors at the global, regional, national and local levels** to come together to discuss peacebuilding opportunities and challenges. In 2022, non-United Nations partners that provided briefings at Commission meetings included national and local government officials; regional and subregional organizations (including the African Union, East African Community, ECOWAS, European Union, Group of Five for the Sahel, Intergovernmental Authority on Development, Lake Chad Basin Commission, Pacific Community, Pacific Islands Forum); other intergovernmental organizations (including the Group of Seven Plus (g7+)), civil society organizations; international financial institutions (African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, International Monetary Fund, Islamic Development Bank, World Bank); and private sector actors.

HIGHLIGHTS IN 2022



- ▶ The Commission provided advice to the Security Council on **Burkina Faso** following a coup d'état on 24 January. The Commission encouraged the country to ensure a peaceful and inclusive transition process that ensures respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law.
- ▶ The Commission discussed areas of cooperation between **Burundi** and the international community going forward, offering its continued support for their peacebuilding priorities.

- ▶ The Commission's engagement with the **Central African Republic** focused on rule of law, local elections, and the National Recovery and Peacebuilding Plan. The Commission provided advice to the Security Council on the mandate renewal of MINUSCA.
- ▶ The Commission convened its first-ever meeting on **Central Asia** titled "Women leadership for Women, Peace and Security agenda and the role of women in the context of climate change".
- ▶ The Commission continued to promote and support inclusive approaches to peace processes in **Colombia** and addressed the Security Council on Colombia for the first time.

- ▶ The Commission focused on the transitional justice process in **The Gambia**, including the Government's White Paper on the implementation of the recommendations of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission.
- ▶ The Commission continued its efforts to mobilize support for the implementation of the United Nations Strategy for Peace Consolidation, Conflict Prevention and Conflict Resolution in the **Great Lakes region** and its Action Plan.



- ▶ The Commission's engagement in support of **Guinea-Bissau** brought international attention and promoted dialogue on the country's peacebuilding priorities and socio-economic development, including poverty reduction and empowerment of women and youth.
- ▶ The Commission continued to engage with the **Lake Chad Basin** in support of the Lake Chad Basin Commission and its member countries, with the implementation of the Regional Strategy for the Stabilization, Recovery and Resilience of the Boko Haram affected areas of the region.
- ▶ The Commission's engagement in **Liberia** focused on ensuring sustained and coordinated international support for their peacebuilding priorities, including gender equality and women's empowerment, as well as preparations for the 2023 legislative and presidential elections.
- ▶ The Commission continued its engagement with the **Pacific Islands** with a focus on the impact of climate change on peacebuilding, featuring the screening of the virtual reality experience Sea of Islands, developed by the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs.



























- ▶ The Commission continued to support peacebuilding in **the Sahel**, with a focus on climate-related peace and development challenges in the region. The Chair also briefed the Security Council, echoing the calls to reinvigorate security and democratic governance response initiatives.
- ▶ The Commission convened its first meeting on **South Sudan** on "Building Peace through Institutions and Governance" and provided a platform for the Government to present its peacebuilding efforts for the implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement.

- ▶ The Commission convened its first meeting on **Timor-Leste** to discuss the country's peacebuilding experiences and good practices, including in the consolidation of peace and stability, promotion of social cohesion and strengthening of institutions.
- ▶ The Commission continued its collaboration with the **African Union Peace and Security Council**, with the focus on strengthening collaboration to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change on peacebuilding in Africa.








- ▶ The annual meeting on **Women, Peace and Security** focused on the important roles of women peacebuilders and peacekeepers, encouraging full, equal and meaningful participation of women in peacebuilding and sustaining peace.
- ▶ The annual meeting on **Youth, Peace and Security** reaffirmed the importance of placing young women and men at the heart of peacebuilding initiatives.
- ▶ The Commission's annual session focused on partnerships with **international financial institutions**, especially regional development banks, discussing their respective strategies and approaches on fragility and resilience.
- ▶ The **Economic and Social Council** and the Commission convened a joint meeting, with the focus on strengthening impact and coherence on the ground. The meeting was participated by a wide variety of the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes.

LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP 2023

Chair	Vice-Chairs	
 Croatia	 Bangladesh	 Germany
Members elected by the General Assembly	Members elected by the Security Council	Members elected by the Economic and Social Council
 Bulgaria	 China	 Brazil
 Dominican Republic	 Ecuador	 Croatia
 Egypt	 France	 Denmark
 Kenya	 Mozambique	 Italy
 Qatar	 Russian Federation	 Nigeria
 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	 United Kingdom	 Peru
 South Africa	 United States	 Republic of Korea

Five top providers of military personnel and civilian police to United Nations missions

-  Bangladesh
-  Ethiopia
-  India
-  Nepal
-  Rwanda

Five top providers of assessed contributions to United Nations budgets and of voluntary contributions to the United Nations funds, programmes and agencies

-  Canada
-  Germany
-  Japan
-  Norway
-  Sweden