Face-to-Face 2016: SDC Gendernet and CHRnet (30.5.-3.6.2016)

Gender Equality, Justice and Peace- & Statebuilding: SDC's contribution to the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030

1. <u>Introduction</u>

More than one third of the Swiss cooperation partner countries have not achieved the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) due to conflict, fragility and disrespect for human rights. These issues weaken the capacity and legitimacy of states to provide effective services, deliver peace and justice, and reduce people's insecurity. Conflict and fragility have a strong gender dimension as well, since women and men have different roles, needs and vulnerabilities. While on one hand women and girls are particularly affected by gender-specific violence during conflicts, on the other hand conflict situations also present opportunities for the empowerment of women as important actors in national and local governance, as well as in peace and transition processes. Finally, women's rights are human rights!

With the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals in September 2015, the global development community has a new road map to build a more equal, fair and inclusive world society. Two of the most challenging goals were strongly advocated by Switzerland and will be at the core of the new message 2017-20 for what concerns Gendernet and CHRnet: SDG 5 - *Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls*, and SDG 16 - *Peace, justice and effective institutions.* These goals are interlinked: sustainable peace requires inclusive peace- and statebuilding and the respect of human rights, and gender equality and women's rights must be at the centre of all efforts. Anchoring them high on the international development agenda was an achievement, supported by Switzerland basing on SDC's operational experience and policy engagement with the DAC Gendernet as well as INCAF and the New Deal.

At the Face-to-Face (F2F), we will reflect on what the Agenda 2030 means for SDC – both for our policy dialogue and our operational work in the field:

- What are the intersections between the SDGs 16 and 5? How can the links be strengthened - both on policy and field level?
- How to use the networks' learning and experiences to support effective SDG implementation in the field of gender equality, justice, peace- and statebuilding? Which projects and programmes have a potential for replication and scaling up? Which partners, instruments and approaches are essential?
- How are our guiding policy frameworks - the new message 2017-2020 and the Peace- and Statebuilding strategy, as well as the National Action Plan 1325 on Women, Peace and Security and the SDC gender strategy - informing our strategic orientation and operational work? And vice versa - what are the learnings from the field to be fed back into our guiding frameworks?

The ultimate aim of the F2F is to capitalize the learnings from the field and to define new work streams for 2016-2018 in order to support SDG implementation. The field has a prominent platform to show what has worked and what has not with regard to policy and operations.

2. <u>Objectives</u>

➢ **Learn and exchange with the objective of establishing a work-plan for the CHRnet**

Identify and prioritize work-streams of the CHRnet for 2016-2018 to support the implementation of Agenda 2030. Form thematic and regional priorities. Suggestion: working groups are organized regionally, which allows for productive work due to similar contextual and cultural challenges and smaller distances.

➢ **Get familiar with the Agenda 2030**

- **SDGs: a new development narrative?** What is new with the agenda 2030? How are SDG 16 and SDG 5 interlinked? Who has the obligation to implement them and how are they financed? How will progress be monitored? What are the stakes for Switzerland?

- **Strengthen connections between SDGs 16 and 5:** Identify opportunities, tools and thematic approaches to link SDG 16 (*Peace, justice and inclusive institutions*) and SDG 5 (*Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls*).

➢ **Understand the context and deepen our thematic knowledge**

- **Gender inequality, conflict and fragility:** Deepen our understanding of the interconnectedness between gender inequality, human rights violations, conflict and fragility. What is our analysis regarding root causes and drivers of violence, conflict and fragility, and what are our programmatic responses?

- What are key gender issues with respect to **gender & statebuilding** and the five Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Goals (PSGs)?

- What is our understanding of **violence and in particular gender-based violence in conflict and fragility** and what are our learnings and experiences with GBV work in different contexts? (SGBV capitalization)

➢ **Know our instruments**

- **Our toolbox:** Assessing the instruments of project cycle management and office management – what gender, human rights and CSPM tools do we have (and use)?

- **Gender and Conflict Analysis:** How can we strengthen our analysis to better understand the context? How to better integrate gender, human rights, conflict and context analysis?

- **How do we develop a relevant hypothesis of change** and formulate objectives and indicators that actually contribute to reducing fragility, conflict and gender inequality? What are our results and how do we report about it?

➢ **Identify good practices for scaling up and replication**

In the last years, SDC has strengthened its engagement in the field of Gender, Human Rights, Peacebuilding, and Statebuilding in fragile contexts.

- **Approaches:** Which SDC programs, methods and approaches were successful and had a larger impact? Which projects are suitable for replication and scaling up in in Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America?

- **Partnerships:** What are the comparative advantages and challenges to work with government partners, multilateral partners, civil society, private sector and the international development banks?

3. <u>How we want to work / Methodology</u>

➢ **Active participation and focus on operational experience:** Since the F2F is intended to be a platform for the field to share experiences and capitalize good practices, the active contribution of participants is of the utmost importance. You are therefore strongly encouraged to provide your input and proposals in the registration form – this is your F2F and it should revolve around your ideas and contributions!

➢ **Preparation:** As a means of preparation, a joint **e-discussion** by the two networks is planned for April 25 – May 4, 2016. Furthermore, a Shareweb page will be set up to foster the communication between participants already before the face-to-face takes place.

➢ **Format:** Document, share and communicate your programme achievements / challenges / messages in an attractive, modern format, making use of new presentation techniques such as audiovisual testimonies. The idea is that every country office should present one flagship project in the form of a digital story (1-3 min).

Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

- End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere
- Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation
- Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation
- Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate
- Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life
- Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences
- Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws
- Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women
- Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels

Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

- Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere
- End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children
- Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all
- By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime
- Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms
- Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels
- Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels
- Broaden and strengthen the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance
- By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration
- Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements
- Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for building capacity at all levels, in particular in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime
- Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development