

## **Towards a Unified Agenda: Armed Violence and the Millennium Development Goals**

Monday, 13 September 2010, 12:30-14:00  
Venue: WMO/OMM Building,  
7bis Avenue de la Paix, Room C1 (floor -1)

### **CHAIR**

**Dr David Atwood**

Director, Quaker UN Office,  
Executive Member of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

### **SPEAKERS**

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Policy-makers have become increasingly aware that armed violence undermines development and aid effectiveness, posing serious obstacles to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Today, there is a growing international momentum to include armed violence and reduction considerations in the drafting of development agendas. Doing so, however, requires transcending sectoral approaches to international cooperation and fostering collaborative efforts across the wide array of communities active in disarmament, peacebuilding, human rights, humanitarian aid and development.

On the eve of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the UN General Assembly (20-22 September 2010, New York), which will review the progress towards the MDGs, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development and the Geneva Forum will present two recent reports that bring new light on the relationship between poverty, armed violence and MDGs, offering an important opportunity for a varied audience of practitioners, scholars and policymakers to discuss and complement their findings.

The first paper "More Violence, Less Development: Testing the relationships between armed violence and MDG achievement" - supported by the UNDP and the Geneva Declaration Secretariat - features a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the relationship between armed violence and specific MDG outcomes, both in conflict and non-conflict situations. The second paper, "Preventing and Reducing Armed Violence. What Works" - prepared by UNDP and the WHO - brings together emerging evidence of what works to prevent interpersonal armed violence, primarily in non-conflict situations. The presentations will be complemented by comments from two discussants from the peacebuilding and disarmament communities. Copies of the reports will be made available during the seminar.

We invite you to join us for this discussion and encourage you to share this invitation with any colleagues who may be interested. To register, please simply reply to this email with your full contact details ([gpp@gcsp.ch](mailto:gpp@gcsp.ch)) by **Friday 10 September, 18h**.

*A sandwich lunch will be served in the bar area on the WMO ground floor from 12h.*