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The view of the world from a peace and security perspective is bleak. Over 110 armed conflicts worldwide, violence and human rights abuses, and the ongoing climate crisis have resulted in death, destruction, displacement, and untold suffering. Persistent inequality, discrimination, and structural violence characterize large parts of our societies, coupled in many places with rising authoritarianism, nationalism, and militarization. Those who advocate for peace and human rights are often censored, persecuted, arrested, or even killed. The space for resistance and political engagement is increasingly limited. We can only meet these challenges together - by combining our knowledge and know-how, our initiatives and resources, our ideas and networks, and by working at all levels and in small steps, courageously, persistently and creatively for a more peaceful and just world.

The commitment of the Swiss Platform for Peacebuilding KOFF in 2022 thus extended from “practical peacebuilding on the ground” to “exchange and learning in the platform” and linking with the “policy level”: In Madagascar, a country marked by climate crisis and migration, the KOFF toolbox on “Peace and Migration”, which was developed by Andrea Grossenbacher based on a joint learning process, found a practical application (page 1). We learned from activists in Brazil during a KOFF Master Class on approaches and community responses to urban violence (page 3). KOFF’s traditional exchange on human rights in Central America continued in 2022, bringing Swiss civil society together with the new Swiss ambassador to Guatemala and Honduras (page 5). The four-part series of KOFF roundtables on the war in Ukraine sought to share experiences and perspectives, creating space for differentiated debate and critical (self-)reflection (page 7). For KOFF, it is also crucial to link the expertise and insights from the platform to the policy level. In 2022, the platform did so in the framework of “Women, Peace, Security” (WPS) at the two meetings of the state WPS network in Geneva and Pretoria, for which Switzerland co-chaired together with South Africa (page 9). Finally, KOFF dealt intensively with civil society perspectives on Switzerland’s seat on the UN Security Council 2023 - 2024 and organized the KOFF Peace Conference on this subject, which also looked at the issue from an artistic-speculative future perspective (page 11).

In view of the challenges described at the outset, this playful and visionary approach to KOFF’s work for peacebuilding is more than a nice change of pace. At a time when civil society’s room for maneuver and the financing of long-term processes are coming under increasing pressure, it holds great potential for creative and networked reflection on the diversity of contexts, topics and issues raised in the KOFF platform - and it generates courage and confidence to find new and better answers together to the challenges of this time. With this in mind, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the many KOFF members who constantly invest their time and resources in the platform, thereby strengthening networking, exchange, shared learning and civil society voices in the political and public debate surrounding peace policy and peacebuilding.

Anna Leissing
Head of the KOFF Platform

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MIGRATION & PEACEBUILDING AT KOFF - AND IN MADAGASCAR

As an extension of the KOFF joint learning process (JLP) on peacebuilding and migration launched in 2019, Project Manager Andrea Grossenbacher went on a one-year secondment with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in 2022 to evaluate and use the learnings in a context characterized by climate-related migration. She identified a former IOM project at the intersection of environment and migration as relevant for understanding the potential of migration for peacebuilding. This project aimed to provide livelihoods, migration governance, and conflict management tools to internally displaced persons affected by environmental issues in the Menabe region of Madagascar. The region has long faced the departure of its population, but migration has become more frequent in recent times, in part due to climate change and environmental protection legislation leading to the reduction of available land for habitation.

During her secondment, Andrea Grossenbacher has used the guidance, information, and toolbox resulting from the KOFF JLP to analyze what worked in this project and what could be learned to serve further peacebuilding practice dealing with climate change-related migrations. A more practical part of the project involved understanding the challenges and opportunities related to climate change and migration in the country. Together with OHCHR in Madagascar, Grossenbacher organized a workshop in which she presented the toolbox and used it as a basis for group exercises. She reports that these enabled the participants to think beyond migration as “the actual problem”

and led them to explore the root causes of this phenomenon, such as climate change, corruption, lack of education, etc.

Through her secondment, Grossenbacher was able to confirm several recommendations of the toolbox to consider when working on migration, such as the importance of promoting social cohesion for peacebuilding purposes. However, she also observed gaps, for example related to the integrated framework for analyzing the linkages between peace and migration. She noticed that the three steps of this framework (1. understanding the migrants’ situation, 2. understanding the migration and conflict context, 3. identifying risks and opportunities at the peace-migration nexus) should not be followed strictly in a chronological order but instead considered as three elements of an analysis. “As an outsider”, she says, “you often don’t have direct access to people, let alone the migrants themselves. This is why doing this analysis in three steps is impossible”. Concluding, she reiterates that the toolbox should be used as a guidance to start a conversation that will eventually be complemented by other indicators, depending on the context in which the practitioner works.

With this secondment, Andrea Grossenbacher has ended her involvement in migration and peacebuilding at KOFF/swisspeace. Her work will be considered in further KOFF-related projects. Her expertise also fed into the KOFF Essential on joint learning processes, identifying and capitalizing on the lessons learned from previous JLPs.



Picture: Maherisoa Rakotomalala
Text based on an interview with Andrea Grossenbacher, KOFF/swisspeace

2022 in brief

Based on the [joint learning process on migration and peace \(JLMP\)](#) and the resulting [toolbox “Addressing Migration in Peacebuilding”](#), Andrea Grossenbacher applied the tools and learnings in the frame of her secondment to the International Organization on Migration (IOM) in Madagascar. She also engaged with Save the Children on a research project addressing violence against youth and children at borders. Finally, the topic of migration was addressed at one of the [KOFF roundtables](#) on Ukraine with the Section [Forced Displacement and Migration of the FDFA](#), [terre des hommes Schweiz](#), [HELVETAS](#), and [cfd – the feminist peace organization](#).

COMMUNITY-LED RESPONSES TO VIOLENCE IN BRAZIL

Peacebuilding in (urban) non-war contexts is a crucial area for many members of the KOFF platform. Issues such as systemic violence, marginalization, and economic and social precarity require responses at different levels. Activists, researchers, and civil society organizations engaged in peacebuilding have a lot to offer in this regard.

In June, terre des hommes schweiz and swisspeace organized the KOFF roundtable “Community-led responses to violence in Brazil - lessons for Urban Peacebuilding”. The event discussed how to promote peace in violent urban areas and shed light on the impact of police violence on community life. Participants exchanged on the need to address the root causes of violence while creating inclusive communities that encourage cooperation and reduce social and economic inequalities. Ultimately, the discussion emphasized the importance of building communities that prioritize understanding and dialogue.

The roundtable featured two guest speakers, Luiz Eduardo Lopes, human rights defender, and professor at the Federal University of Maranhã, Brazil, and Siobhan Wills, professor at Ulster University, Northern Ireland. They shared their experience in conducting participatory action research in violence-ridden neighborhoods in various Brazilian cities. They explained how physical violence is embedded in much larger economic, cultural, and political forms of violence that particularly affect the racialized and urban poor. From their presentations, it became clear that there is an “undeclared conflict” going on in Brazil due to the war-like police operations that terrorize entire peripheral and racialized neighborhoods.

Professor Lopes comes from a marginalized neighborhood in São Luís. Since he gained access to university, he has been invested in ensuring better representation of the concerns and realities of communities affected by police violence in academic research. He engages in public security observatory, which is part of a broader network, tracking violence and human rights indicators (Rede de Observatórios de Segurança). He stressed the importance of “data activism” in contexts where official statistics do not realistically reflect the extent of violence, especially regarding police brutality. With colleagues, community leaders and artists, he is involved in cultural mediation to raise awareness about violence and strengthen communities’ resilience.

Prof. Wills gave examples of how whole communities are traumatized by militarized police operations based on her participatory research with mothers who have lost their sons due to police violence. Together with filmmaker Cahal McLaughin, she presented the film *It marked me a lot*, which gives a voice to these women activists, showing how they mobilize to fight against impunity and deal with the violence-related traumas of their communities.

Finally, participants at the roundtable discussed concrete possibilities for a police reform and how to support progressive forces within the security agencies. Related to this – and relevant for the Swiss based KOFF members – is the question on the role of (small) arms in violence and the potential of the regulation and control of arms exports from Europe, including Switzerland to Brazil – an issue that terre des hommes schweiz has worked and published about in recent years.



Picture: «Street art, Pedra do Sal, Rio de Janeiro» (CC BY-NC 2.0) by Second-Half Travels (cropped from original)

Text by Andrea Zellhuber, terre des hommes schweiz

2022 in brief:

Urban areas in non-war contexts are emerging as targets and arenas of violence, with profound consequences for urban populations. On behalf of the platform KOFF, Dr. Claske Dijkema approached this issue within a [Master Class](#) in April. Building on this event, KOFF, together with terre des hommes schweiz, organized a [roundtable discussion](#) on the impact of urban police violence on community life in Brazil and responses from civil society and researchers. Dr. Claske Dijkema further published on connected issues such as [urban peace and space in peacebuilding](#) or on [subalternised voices in peace research](#).

GUATEMALA AND HONDURAS – A HINT OF HOPE AND SOME NEW SETBACKS

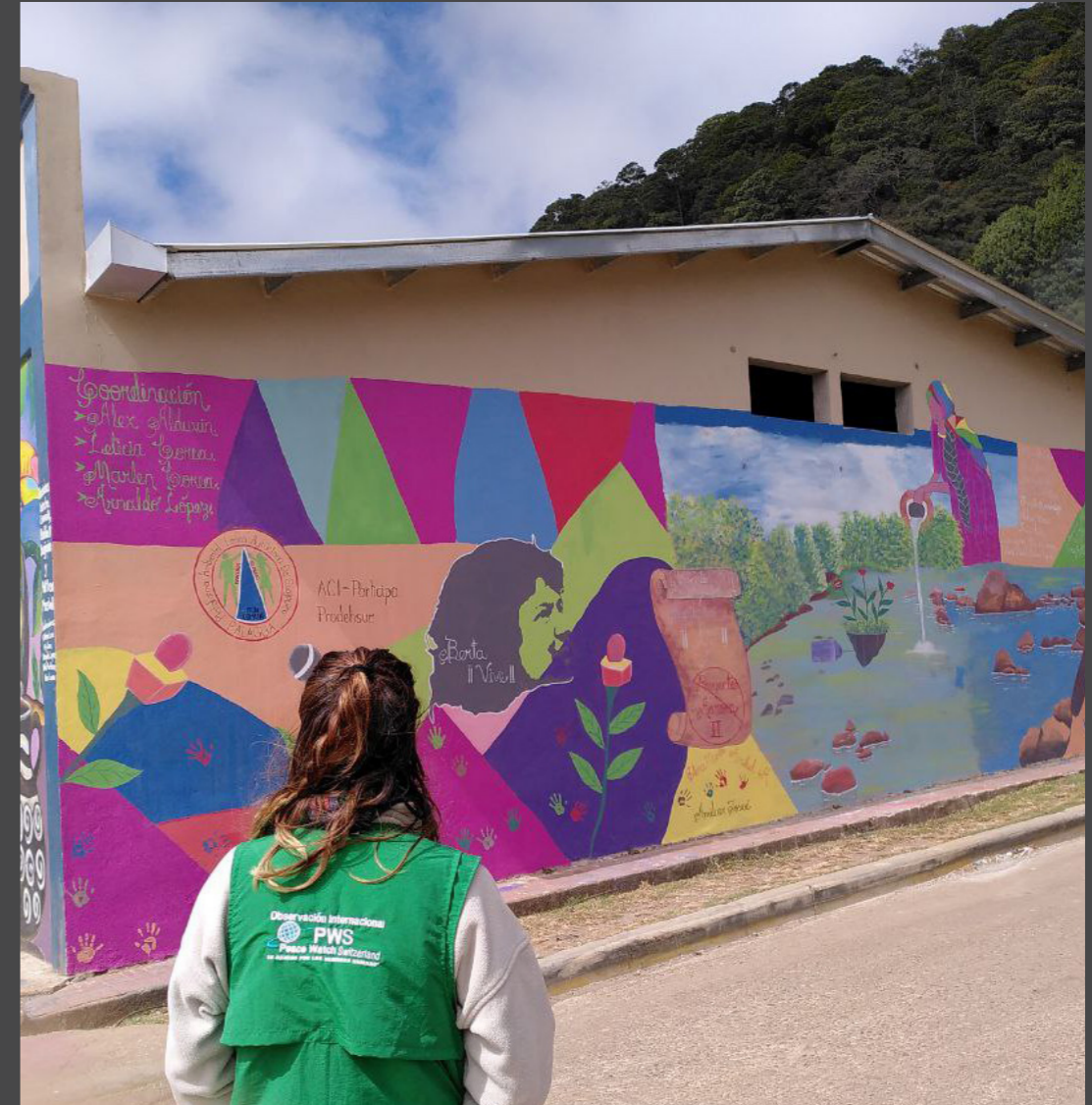
KOFF has been working alongside the organizations within the “Swiss Forum for Peace and Human Rights in Guatemala and Honduras” (“Foro Suizo”) for several years. Analyzing data together and sharing information remains as crucial as ever as the countries in the region continue to be affected by the insufficient rule of law, impunity, criminalization, and violence.

At the start of the year, there was some pleasing news out of Guatemala with respect to dealing with the country’s past. In a case relating to the rapes of Indigenous Achi women during the civil war, five former paramilitary patrolmen were each sentenced to 30 years in prison. Setbacks in terms of the rule of law, however, significantly outnumber these successes under Alejandro Giammattei’s government. Judges and judicial officers who handle cases involving crimes against humanity and corruption cases at the highest level are being attacked more than they have been for a long time. Independent media has reported 86 affected judicial officers and the NGO UDEFEGUA has documented more than 30 people living in exile as a result. On April 7, 2022, the European Parliament published a resolution highlighting the abuse of the Guatemalan justice system and criticizing the criminalization of journalists and human rights activists. The government, as expected, refuted these claims.

In Honduras, the year started with a cause for hope for large parts of the population with the election of the new government led by Xiomara Castro. But the political power structure, rife

with corruption and impunity, is preventing transformation. This can be seen in the uphill struggle regarding the election of the 15 members of the new Supreme Court by the National Congress. The process of appointing the nomination committee and agreeing on the list of candidates took the entirety of last year. The Supreme Court will play a pivotal role in the upcoming decision on the creation of a UN-supported International Commission Corruption against Impunity in Honduras (CICIH). In terms of counteracting violence in the public and private spheres, the Honduran president took a leaf out of her El Salvadoran counterpart’s book in late 2022. A state of emergency was declared in the country’s largest urban centers and other municipalities. Civil society organizations criticized the measure. They had hoped that the new government would increase policing powers and improve the services offered by the country’s institutions rather than restricting its people’s fundamental rights.

At the KOFF roundtable with the Swiss ambassador to Guatemala and Honduras, Roger Denzer, in August, the Swiss NGOs outlined several key points and asked for support, specifically in fighting corruption through multilaterally supported instruments, strengthening institutions in enforcing the rule of law and constitutionality, and protecting people who see their rights being threatened everywhere they turn.



Picture: Mural in Guajiquiro, a community in the department of La Paz affected by a hydroelectric project. Peace Watch Switzerland (PWS)

Text by Katia Aeby, [Peace Brigades International](#) and Marianne Widmer, [Peace Watch Switzerland](#)

2022 in brief:

In August, KOFF and the Swiss Forum for Human Rights and Peace in Guatemala and Honduras (Foro Suizo) organized an open exchange with the new Swiss Ambassador for Guatemala and Honduras Roger Denzer. Also, Anna Leissing contributed to strengthening a culture of peace among civil society organizations in Nicaragua in the frame of her backstopping mandate to the [Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation \(SDC\)](#) of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) in the country. Finally, Anna Leissing has started a process of experience capitalization on the use of Conflict Sensitivity and the Psychosocial Approach by SDC in Latin America.

THE KOFF PLATFORM AND THE WAR IN UKRAINE

More than a year has passed since Russia's military invasion of Ukraine. According to the UN, the war has since claimed more than 8,000 lives and left almost 15,000 Ukrainian civilians injured. Buildings, infrastructure and livelihoods have been destroyed and millions driven from their homeland.

For KOFF, the question rapidly arose in 2022 as to how the organization as a platform should respond to these events, and what it could do. These and other questions were discussed in a series of roundtables focusing on the war in Ukraine.

At the first roundtable on "Women in Dialogue", held in May in cooperation with PeaceWomen Across the Globe (PWAG) and the University of Bern, the guests included four women from Ukraine and one from Russia. The small room in Bern was filled with shared shock and the moving stories of the war and its impacts. Stories about how livelihoods, identities and world views suddenly disintegrated and the same question: "How do we stop the war?" Even though no answer has yet been found, the event served to signal solidarity and hope – a key function of a platform such as KOFF.

In August, the following roundtable on "Peace and Security", involving HEKS, GSoA (Group for a Switzerland without an Army), DCAF (Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance) and cfd – the Feminist Peace Organization – created space for a differentiated discussion on the issue of "Security". While the political and media discourse continues to be dominated by the very narrow issue of arms supplies, it was clear to the KOFF members at the roundtable that security needs to be more broadly defined and linked to a range of governmental and non-

governmental structures, as well as the concept of positive peace (a peace that goes beyond the absence of violence).

The Flight and Migration section of the FDFA's Peace and Human Rights Division (PHRD), terre des hommes suisse, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation, and cfd took part in the "Flight and Migration" roundtable in August. The event provided encouragement by presenting a raft of peacebuilding approaches and projects – such as psychosocial support, promoting social cohesion, participation and integration, access to information and services, and combatting human trafficking. A platform such as KOFF is thus able to gather important know-how and expertise, creating shared learning and synergies.

The roundtable in September on "Information and Media" with Fondation Hirondelle, IRAS-COTIS and swisspeace firstly highlighted the importance of independent media, high-quality journalism and conflict-sensitive reporting in war. It also covered polarization and radicalization in social media, and how these impact on the individual's communication about the war. This too is a key issue for KOFF, which can use its privileged position to make different and quieter voices for peace heard.

Even after the KOFF roundtable series on the war in Ukraine, a lot of unanswered questions remain. It has become clear, however that the exchange within the framework of the KOFF platform is vitally important, and particularly so, in relation to the situation in Ukraine: to promote solidarity and hope, to give space for differentiated debates and diverse perspectives, to share knowledge and experience and to learn together, and to make sure voices for peace are heard.



Picture: Mural in Yaslynska Street, Kiev, Ukraine, Zeynep Elif Ozdemir/Unsplash
Text by Anna Leissing, Project Manager, KOF/swisspeace

WPS AGENDA – FORGING AHEAD ON INTER-REGIONAL COOPERATION

Switzerland embarked as the co-chair of the Women, Peace and Security Focal Points Network (WPS-FPN) alongside South-Africa in 2022, guided by the principle “a peace without women is no sustainable peace”. The co-chairs hosted an Inter-regional Meeting in Pretoria, South Africa in December at which Yasmine Janah (KOFF/swisspeace) and Carla Weymann (PeaceWomen Across the Globe (PWAG)) provided insights of the “Alliance for Women, Peace and Security”.

This project was launched by KOFF, PWAG and cfd – the feminist peace organization in 2022, in close cooperation with the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. It builds on decades of collective networking and public engagement on the importance of a gender-specific approach in conflict resolution and peacebuilding. In particular, it draws on the outcomes from the previous project “Civil Society Contribution to the Swiss National Action Plan (NAP) 1325” (2018-2022).

Over the past 20 years, Swiss civil society has played a crucial role, both as individual actors and as a network, by bringing gender issues to the forefront of peacebuilding policy, and extensively contributing to the transfer of knowledge and exchange of experiences in this realm. The blueprint project aims to ensure that the know-how of the civil society is factored into the Swiss NAP 1325 and during Switzerland’s seat at the UN Security Council (2023-2024).

In this vein, the Swiss-South African co-chairship and the WPS-FPN meetings have been a learning opportunity to prepare the 5th Swiss NAP 1325. It brought together over 100+ representatives of member states, regional organizations, civil society, and the UN community. The meetings reflected the joint-focus on strengthening partnerships between governments and civil society – but most importantly on greater inter-regional cooperation and practical actions through NAPs 1325.

“There is large consensus across policymakers, peacebuilders and peace advocates: the implementation of the WPS agenda can only yield significant potential if it supports the partnerships with civil society voices. Civil society organizations represent the backbone in bringing gender justice onto the formal “security” agenda.” noted Yasmine Janah at the plenary panel on inter-regional cooperation to support women’s roles in peace processes. “Much has been done, yet considerable room remains. One recommendation is to build participatory joint-learning process to cement Switzerland’s WPS agenda, both at the multilateral and domestic fora.”

Only a few weeks after its co-chairship draws to a close, Switzerland sits now for the first time on the UN Security Council, opening a window for civil society to support Switzerland in solidifying the WPS agenda as a cross-cutting agenda among the Council’s 15 members.



PHOTOGRAPHIES

Picture: “_DSC3793AL” (CC BY-NC-SA 2.0) by Pascal Rey Photographies

Text by Yasmine Janah, KOFF/swisspeace and Carla Weymann, Peace Women Across the Globe

2022 in brief:

KOFF, PeaceWomen Across the Globe and cfd - the feminist peace organization completed the 4-year project on the Swiss NAP 1325. In summer, they launched the follow-up project “Alliance for Women, Peace, peace and Security”. As part of this new project, KOFF held a workshop on WPS at the KOFF Peace Conference in September and participated in two events of the WPS Focal Points Network: the 4th Capital-Level Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland in May and the Inter-Regional Meeting in Pretoria, South Africa in December. In parallel to the meeting in Pretoria, the Advisory Group for the WPS Alliance was constituted in Bern.

SWITZERLAND ON THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL – ALONGSIDE CIVIL SOCIETY?



Picture: Drawing based on a photo of the KOFF peace conference in September 2022
Text by Dorothea Schiewer, KOFF/swisspeace and Olivia Schneider, Politesse Publique

2022 in brief:

Even before the official election in June, KOFF was active with regard to the Swiss candidature for a non-permanent seat at the UN Security Council (UNSC). From its start, KOFF participated in the civil society working group UNSC led by the [Gesellschaft Schweiz-UNO](#) and in the structured dialogue with the FDFA with a strong focus on civil society expertise and participation in the frame of the UNSC. Finally, in September, KOFF organized the KOFF Peace Conference on civil society perspectives on the UNSC, including workshops, an artistic, speculative scenario, and a final panel discussion.

Following Switzerland's election to a non-permanent seat on the UN's principal organ for peace and security – the UN Security Council (UNSC) – in 2022, KOFF decided to work on the opportunities and challenges associated with this role from the perspective of Swiss civil society.

As part of the Gesellschaft Schweiz-UNO's working group on the Security Council and the structured dialog with the FDFA, KOFF focused on the involvement of civil society in multilateral, international and local decision-making processes, taking into account the sometimes limitations on civil society's capacity to take action worldwide. It also explored in greater depth four priority topics that are particularly relevant to KOFF due to its previous work and expertise on the platform: "Women, Peace, Security", "Migration and Peace", "Climate Change and Security" and "Digital Peacebuilding".

The highlight of this process was the KOFF peace conference in September, which was organized in conjunction with the Politesse Publique collective and several other KOFF member organizations and moderated by Anna Leissing (KOFF/swisspeace). In the first part of the event, more than fifty guests attended four workshops on the abovementioned topics. These focused on the needs and priorities of civil society with regard to the future of peace and security policy in Switzerland. Our thanks to all of the KOFF members and partners involved: Politesse Publique, PeaceWomen Across the Globe, cfd – the feminist peace organization, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation, Fastenaktion, Fondation Hirondelle, ICT4Peace and swisspeace.

The priority topics from the workshops were then incorporated into the second part of the conference: an artistic performance by Politesse Publique that explored a speculative vision for the UNSC of the future.

Those who were there will remember: It is the year 2049. Three women in light-colored uniforms and orange caps stand on the stage. A large screen displaying bureaucratic-looking slide flickers behind them. In formal Swiss High German, they explain to the audience what topics and objectives Switzerland is incorporating into its bid for a further term in office, around 30 years on from gaining its first non-permanent seat on the UNSC. The new agenda covers futuristic topics such as the renaming of the UN to the "United Nations and Ecosystems Organisation" (UNECO), "multi-species governance" for effective participation and the "responsibility to protect" with regard to ecosystems. According to the three uniformed women on the stage, the purpose of this event is to inform the public and hear their thoughts and feelings about the issues discussed.

In the third part of the peace conference, inspired by the vision of the future they had seen played out on stage, Flavia Keller (WILPF Switzerland), Bernd Steimann (HELVETAS), Anne-Maire Buzatu (ICT4Peace Foundation) and Daniel Hostettler (Fastenaktion) gathered on the stage to discuss the current challenges and opportunities associated with Switzerland's role on the UNSC. They all agreed that civil society has relevant expertise to bring to the table, but it requires a great deal of coordination, capacity and resources to be able to integrate it into the processes.

KOFF will consider the issue of civil society participation, the four thematic priorities and the long-term perspectives for peace and security discussed at the conference in its future work regarding the UNSC, for example by including them as topics in a series of its "Ton-Träger" podcast. KOFF has handed over the rotating responsibility for organizing the next peace conference to the Forum für Friedenskultur.

KOFF'S NEW MEMBERS



The United Nations University Centre for Policy Research (UNU-CPR) is a think tank within the United Nations that carries out policy-focused research on issues of strategic interest and importance to the UN and its Member States. UNU-CPR opened its Geneva office in June 2022 – with the generous support of the Government of Switzerland – to expand its support across the UN system, collaborate with the full range of policy actors in Geneva, and help bridge the policy ecosystems in Geneva and New York.



World Vision Switzerland & Liechtenstein is a foundation that aims to enable children to live without hunger and poverty, in safety and without violence, with perspectives of an education and a self-determined future. Together with the global World Vision network, the organization also provides emergency and disaster relief in crisis regions and actively advocate for children's rights worldwide. Since 2021, World Vision Switzerland & Liechtenstein has been funding a long-term Triple Nexus project (at the intersection of humanitarian aid, development and peacebuilding) in northern Uganda.



The Basel Peace Office advances research, teaching and policy-development programs dedicated to peace, conflict resolution and security to achieve the global abolition of nuclear weapons. It is a joint initiative of the Association of Swiss Lawyers for Nuclear Disarmament, Basel-Stadt Kanton, Global Security Institute, Middle Powers Initiative, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament, Physicians for Social Responsibility (IPPNW Switzerland), swisspeace, World Future Council and the University of Basel Sociology Seminary.



Picture: Katie Moum/Unsplash



Picture: Street art of Ciudad de México residents. Maria Fuentes/Unsplash

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	Accounts 2022	Budget 2022
swisspeace's contribution	254'284.05	290'804.07
Membership fees	18'600.00	20'000.00
TOTAL	273'084.05	310'804.07
Expenses		
Personal Costs	191'642.15	202'817.83
Activities	16'447.62	22'000.00
Organization & members	8'565.57	15'000.00
Direct costs (ZEWO)	48'371.06	58'986.24
Indirect costs	8'057.65	12'000.00
TOTAL	273'084.05	310'804.07

Staff members

- [Anna Antonakis](#), Gender & Peacebuilding Advisor
- [Emma Baumhofer](#), Digital Peacebuilding Expert
- [Leandra Bias](#), Gender & Peacebuilding Advisor
- [Claske Dijkema](#), Senior Researcher
- [Andrea Grossenbacher](#), Program Officer
- [Yasmine Janah](#), Associate Gender and Peacebuilding Advisor
- [Sanjally Jobarteh](#), Communication Officer
- [Chiara Lanfranci](#), Intern
- [Anna Leissing](#), Project Manager
- [Dorothea Schiewer](#), Intern

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LIST OF KOFF ACTIVITIES 2022

- January • Monthly KOFF Intervision Group Meeting
- February • KOFF Strategy Group Meeting
• Monthly KOFF Intervision Group Meeting
- March • [KOFF Roundtable](#): Breaking the Silence
• KOFF Advisory Board Meeting
• Monthly KOFF Intervision Group Meeting
- April • Yasmine Janah joined the team as Associate Gender & Peacebuilding Advisor
• KOFF Intervision Group Meeting
• [KOFF Master Class](#): Urban Peacebuilding
• Publication of the [Policy Brief “Centering Care in Women, Peace and Security”](#)
• [à propos magazine - Central America: Tackling Growing Hurdles to Peace](#)
- May • [KOFF Roundtable Ukraine Series](#): Women’s voices for peace and dialogue
• KOFF Annual Assembly
• Monthly KOFF Intervision Group Meeting
- June • [KOFF Roundtable](#): Community-led responses to violence in Brazil - lessons for Urban Peacebuilding
• [Monthly KOFF Intervision Group Meeting](#)
• [à propos magazine - Shrinking Spaces For Civil Society: A Balancing Act](#)
• [Launch of Digital Peacebuilding Toolkit](#)
- July • Monthly KOFF Intervision Group Meeting
- August • Ilanzer Sommer: [Film series](#) in collaboration with Cinema Sil Platz, Forum für Friedenskultur and KOFF member organizations
• [KOFF Roundtable](#): Switzerland in Guatemala & Honduras
• [KOFF Roundtable Ukraine Series](#): Peace & Security
• Dorothea Schiewer joined the team as an Intern
• Monthly KOFF Intervision Group Meeting
• [KOFF Roundtable Ukraine Series](#): Migration, Conflict & Peacebuilding

- September • [KOFF Roundtable](#) Ukraine Series: Media & Information
• Peace Conference
• Monthly KOFF Intervision Group Meeting
• [à propos magazine - Identities & Positionalities in Peacebuilding](#)
- October • Dr. Anna Antonakis joined the team as Advisor and Senior Program Officer for Gender & Peacebuilding
• KOFF Advisory Board Meeting
• Monthly KOFF Intervision Group Meeting
• World Vision, Basel Peace Office and UNU-CPR became new KOFF members
- November • Monthly KOFF Intervision Group Meeting
• [à propos magazine - MENA Region – Forgotten Conflicts?](#)
- December • [Inter-Regional Meeting of the Women, Peace and Security Focal Points Network](#)



The KOFF Platform brings together Swiss civil society and governmental actors active in the fields of peace and security policy, development cooperation, human rights, and gender equality. The strength of the KOFF Platform stems from the wide range of perspectives, experiences, and expertise provided by its Switzerland-based members and their partners abroad. Their skills form the basis for the platform's peace policy work and enable developing strategies and approaches for civil peacebuilding (practice).

The KOFF Platform is based at swisspeace and is headed by the KOFF Team. This team is in regular contact with members and maintains regular, transparent and inclusive communication with the entire platform. For the strategic direction and planning of the KOFF Platform, the KOFF Team consults the KOFF Advisory Board. This consists of member organizations that are actively involved in the strategic design of the KOFF Platform and advise and support the KOFF Team in the implementation of the strategy. The members of the KOFF Advisory Board are elected every two years by the General Assembly.

ae-centre	Graines de Paix	Peace Watch Switzerland
Alliance Sud	GSoA	PeaceWomen Across the Globe
APRED	HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation	Quaker United Nations Office
artasfoundation	HEKS/EPER	Swiss Peace Council
Baha'i	IAMANEH Switzerland	Swiss Red Cross
Basel Peace Office	IFOR/Mir Switzerland	Solidar Suisse
Brücke · Le pont	Interpeace	SOS Kinderdorf
Caux – Initiatives of Change	IRAS COTIS	Stiftung für Integrale Friedensförderung
cfed – the feminist Peace Organization	Lucerne Initiative for Peace and Security	Swissaid
Cuisine sans Frontière	medico international Switzerland	swisspeace
Coexistences	Mission 21	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC
DCAF	MIVA Schweiz	Terre des hommes schweiz
Eirene Switzerland	Nonviolent Peaceforce	United Nations University – Center for Policy Research
Fastenopfer	Peace Brigades International	World Vision – Switzerland & Lichtenstein
Fondation Hironnelle	Peace and Human Rights Division, FDFA	
Women for Peace Switzerland		