Breakout Sessions Participant Preparatory Note
1PM: Innovative Financing for Peace: Identifying Solutions

Topic: Explore and tackle challenges related to innovative financing in conflict-affected countries and jointly identify concrete and scalable solutions. Discussions will be held on the following four topics: Corporate Partnerships, Impact Investing, Social Impact Bonds and Blended Finance. We encourage participants to think about the connections they hope to make with government, CSO’s or companies during these round table discussions.

Set-up: four round tables covering these topics in the plenary room. Discussions will be introduced and moderated by experts on these topics. After the round table discussions, main outcomes will be shared with all participants taking part at the Innovative Financing for Peace breakout.

Table 1: Corporate partnerships. How can businesses collaborate with civil society organizations and governments to contribute to sustaining peace?

Table lead: Angela Sanchez, Director Corporate Affairs, AB InBev

Why join this discussion?
- When you are interested to learn how your company can set-up a partnership to support sustaining peace.
- When your civil society, or international organizations want to closer engage the private sector.
- When you want to learn about the potential of these partnership and challenges involved.

Question to consider in preparation?
- How does my business influence the peace process?
- How do my peacebuilding interventions impact the private sector?

Table 2: Impact Investing. Providing capacity and capital to businesses who have a dual objective of making financial and social returns

Table lead: Virgilio Barco, Latin America Director, Acumen

Why join this discussion?
- When you want to explore how your organization can become an impact investor or when you want to learn more about the mechanics and impact of impact investing
- When you are a social business in need of capacity and capital
- When you are an investor and want to share your experience
- When you are engaged in setting investment rules and regulations

Question to consider in preparation?
- What type of pro-peace interventions can companies provide?
- Which social businesses do not have access to financial service providers?
Table 3: Blended Finance. Blended Finance is the strategic use of development, public, and philanthropic finance for the mobilization of additional commercial finance. How can grant money unleash commercial finance?

*Table lead:* Luc Lapointe, Founder & CEO, Blended Capital Lab

*Why join this discussion?*
- When you are interested to learn more about the potential of Blended Finance
- When you are considering a public-private partnership in support of sustaining peace
- When you can share Blended Financing solutions in support of sustaining peace

*Question to consider in preparation?*
- How can blended finance support the SDG agenda, most notably goal 16 on Peace and Justice?
- How can grant financing reduce risk of private investment in conflict affected regions or countries?

Table 4: Social Impact Bonds. A Social Impact Bond (SIB) is a public-private partnership where one or more investor(s) provide “upfront” capital for the realization of public projects that generate target outcomes, verified by third parties. When target outcomes are achieved the “outcome funder” pays back the investor with a return.

*Table lead:* Milena Castellnou, Project Manager, Instiglio

*Why join this discussion?*
- If you want to learn more about social impact bonds and the impact on development?
- If you see opportunities to turn peacebuilding interventions into a social impact bonds
- When you want to invest in social impact bonds
- If you want to learn more about the mechanics of social impact bonds

*Question to consider in preparation?*
- Which peacebuilding interventions have concrete short- to medium term results which could be independently verified?
- What would hold back investors or outcome funders to participate in a social impact bond?