

**The Changing Landscape of Armed Groups:
Doing DDR in new contexts**

Date: **Tuesday, 1 May 2018**

Time: **10am to 12pm**

Venue: **Conference Room 8, UN Secretariat**

- ❖ *Introduction:* **Elizabeth Kissam**, Policy and Planning Officer, Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Section, Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations.

- ❖ *Panel Presentations*

Panelists:

Tatiana Carayannis, Director of the Social Science Research Council's new Understanding Violent Conflict Research Initiative and deputy director of the Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum. (Ms. Carayannis will also serve as moderator.)

Daniel P. Owen, Senior Social Development Specialist and Program Manager, Global Program for Reintegration Support, World Bank.

Thomas Kontogeorgos, Chief Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Section, Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations.

- ❖ *Open Discussion*

- ❖ *Conclusion*

Bios of Participants

Dan Owen is a Senior Social Development Specialist working in the Africa Social Development team at the World Bank. He was the Program Leader for the Transitional Demobilization and Reintegration Program, supporting post-conflict stabilization and DDR efforts in the Africa region and is currently the team lead for the new Global Program for Reintegration Support. He is the focal point for Labor issues (Labor and Working Conditions and Labor Influx) in the Global Practice for Social, Rural, Urban and Resilience. Previously, he worked in the Europe and Central Asia Social Development team, leading Community-Driven Development program design and investment operations in the fields of social inclusion and mining in Azerbaijan, Poland, Romania, Croatia and Serbia. In the World Bank, he has also served as coordinator of the Bank's anchor unit for Community-Driven Development, as a Social Development Specialist at the International Finance Corporation and participation and poverty specialist. His academic background is in Anthropology and he has attended the universities of Cambridge, Harvard and the London School of Economics.

Thomas Kontogeorgos has more than 19 years of experience in international cooperation with the European Union, NGOs and the United Nations. This includes 14 years with peacekeeping missions serving as a Civil Affairs Officer in Kosovo and Lebanon, and senior DDR posts in Haiti. Since August 2014, Thomas has served as a DDR Policy and Planning officer in UN Headquarters in New York, where he is currently the DDR Section Chief. He has a diploma in Mechanical Engineering and holds a Master's degree in International Humanitarian Assistance.

Tatiana Carayannis is director of the Social Science Research Council's new Understanding Violent Conflict Research Initiative and deputy director of the Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum. She also has a visiting appointment at the London School of Economics and Political Science's Africa Centre and Department of International Development. Tatiana leads the Council's China-Africa Knowledge Project, convenes the DRC Affinity Group, a small brain trust of leading Congo scholars and analysts, and is a research director of two international research collaborations, the Conflict Research Programme and the Centre for Public Authority and International Development (CPAID) based at the LSE. A scholar of UN peace operations in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in Central Africa more generally, her current research focuses on war networks and the shaping of public authority in Central Africa, and the impact of interventions for justice and security on local communities. Before joining the SSRC, she directed a research and publication program on the intellectual history of the United Nations at The City University of New York's Ralph Bunche Institute for International Affairs, and has published various books and articles. She holds a PhD in political science (international relations and comparative politics) from The City University of New York Graduate Center, and an MA in political science from New York University.

Elizabeth Kissam has over ten years of experience in peacekeeping. Before working with the DDR section Ms. Kissam worked as a Policy and Planning Officer in the Office of the Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions in DPKO where she served as the focal point for DDR and SSR issues since the establishment of OROLSI in September 2007. Prior to that, Ms. Kissam served in MONUC for three years as a Political Affairs Officer. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from Duke University and a Masters from the *Institut d'Etudes Politiques*, Paris.