

**Community Security & Arms Control Project
Project Board Meeting**

MEETING MINUTES	
Subject:	CSAC Board Meeting Minutes
Date and duration:	2 nd of June 2017, 11:00am – 01:00pm, UNDP Erick de Mull Conference Hall
Participants:	Annex 1 – List of Participants

	Agenda	Discussion	Decision/Action
1.	Welcoming and Introduction	<p>Remarks by UNDP UNDP Country Director’s Representative, Biplove Choudhary, Senior Advisor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The representative gave a word of welcome to all board members and thanked the leadership of the SSPRC and BCSSAC for their guidance of the Community Security and Arms Control project. He also commended the Chair of SSPRC for his appointment as a member of the steering committee for the national dialogue. • He noted that the current y context in the country and the situation remains challenging, making reference to the continued incidences of conflict across parts of the country, the declaration of famine, food insecurity and macroeconomic problems. , Nevertheless, he noted that there are opportunities for engagement through the national dialogue and stepping up community dialogues as well as strengthening the framework for addressing issues of proliferation of small arms and light weapons. • He highlighted the significance of the board meeting to build consensus around the transition from CSAC Project to the new Peace and Community Cohesion (PACC) Project. • He also stressed challenges of resources mobilization and explained that the 2017 work plan is only partly funded. He welcomed the interest of Sweden to support the project and thanked Japan for funding grassroots peace initiatives that will contribute to an inclusive national dialogue. Then he welcomed the Chair to lead the deliberations. <p>Remarks from the Chair of the project board, Hon. Chuol Rambang Luoth, Chairperson of the South Sudan Peace and Reconciliation Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project Board Chair expressed his appreciation to UNDP and partners for their continued support to the people of South Sudan. • The Chair highlighted that the planned support during the new project phase ensures peace dividend and seeks to break the cycle of violence in communities. He pointed out the importance of the following integrated pillars: support to communities to enable them anticipate and manage conflicts; establishment of economic and cultural infrastructure to facilitate cooperation among communities; and support to the national process of 	

		<p>reconciliation and healing including protection and empowerment of women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Chuol stated that the 2017 AWP is a reflection of the needs expressed by the South Sudanese people and that success of the implementation will be determined by common levels of expectation for all stakeholders involved. • He noted that the peace process is more than the Transitional Government of National Unity and/or the Transitional Security Arrangements. We all must be reminded of the dangers of communal conflicts. The security of the state depends on strong investment in community cohesion. <p>Remarks from the Representative of Co-Chair of the project board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. John Chiek, speaking on behalf of the co-chair and the chairperson of the Bureau for Community and Small Control (BCSSAC) gave apologies for the absence of the Co-Chair of the Bureau due to ill-health. He thanked the Chair, donors, and UNDP for their continued support. • He highlighted the collaborative partnership between the Government and UNDP and noted the tangible success as a result of this collaboration. He appealed to the donors to continue supporting this partnership for the sake of the people of South Sudan. 	
2.	Approval of minutes from November 10 2016 Project Board meeting	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small arms baselines survey report: The survey was completed and report validated. The final product to be shared in the coming days; • Revision of project document: Project document has been revised and finalized and presented to the board for approval; • CSAC summative evaluation: Data collection finalized, report validated and short presentation to be made during the board meeting; • Annual review: Report shared. 	Minutes from 10 November 2016 Project Board meeting adopted.
3.	Consideration of CSAC Annual Report (2016)	<p>Presentation of key points from 2016 Annual Report by CSAC Project Manager:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key highlights: Finalization of firearms law and regulations and roadmap developed; total of six million people reached with messages of Peace; two community wrestling grounds completed; community cohesion linked with livelihood; revision of SSPRC Act initiated, and strategic plan launched; peace actors forum revived in Juba, Bor and Rumbek; three public debates held in Bor, Rumbek and Wau; partnership built with 23 CSOs for grassroots peace initiatives; CSO capacity strengthened; work with media ongoing to build a culture of peace journalism • Key challenges: Creation of 28/32 states; economic hardship and inflation; insecurity and instability; declaration of famine and food insecurity • Key lessons learned: Working directly with communities has greater traction; investment in baseline data important; continued analysis of dynamics improves results • Budget utilization: Annual budget USD 5,843,869; Expenditure USD 5,128,724 	2016 Annual Report approved

4.	Consideration of 2017 Annual work plan	<p>Clarifications from CSAC Project Manager on 2017 AWP:</p> <p>The 2017 work plan combines the no-cost extension for CSAC with the new PACC project (Output 6-8). The outputs will be rolled out from July 2017 onwards. Resources for new PACC are yet to be secured. Total budget for 2017 is USD 5,950,126.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Output 1: The BCSSAC's capacity is strengthened to advance the agenda for small arms control in South Sudan • Output 2: Inter-communal stability and relations strengthened along common interests in targeted conflict clusters • Output 3: South Sudan institutions, constituencies and communities work together for inclusive peace and reconciliation • Output 4: Operational capacity of county governments in conflict-prone counties improved through infrastructure rehabilitation and provision of equipment (no active work) • Output 5: Strengthen civil voice, promote accountability and engender social cohesion • Output 6: Strengthened local and traditional mechanisms for addressing conflict drivers and insecurity in the targeted conflict clusters • Output 7: Relationships improved between divided communities through projects that build on common interests • Output 8: Policy frameworks and institutional mechanisms enabled for peaceful and inclusive management of emerging and recurring conflicts and tensions <p>Clarifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweden comments: Considering that current funding from Sweden comes to an end in June 2017, will be able to operate without new funding. The representative from Sweden stressed that new funding from Sweden will not be available before early November 2017. He advised that the proposal submitted to Sweden should provide details on how the project plans to bridge the resource gap, and whether the gap will have any impact on existing project staff. <p>UNDP Response: UNDP is committed to ensuring that some level of internal resources is made available to the project until new funding support from Sweden has realized. But there are still challenges. UNDP's country office and UNDP regional office (RBA) have been providing ongoing support to the project to bridge the resource gap. Additional resources have approx. USD 500,000 have been secured from the Peacebuilding Funds and also the Japan project runs until March 2018. The project is also in a discussion on partnerships with other donors.</p>	2017 Annual Work Plan approved
5.	1st Quarter Progress report	<p>1st Quarter report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key achievements: Training of interdependency steering committees in Bor and Rejaf; expansion of wrestling ground in Awerial; three public debates held in Rumbek, Bor and Wau; pool of conflict sensitive reporters 	1st Quarter Progress report approved.

		<p>increased; support and buy-in for peace conferences and dialogues created; training of peace committees in Jonglei, Lakes and Equatoria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key challenges: Unpredictability of funding • Key lessons learned: Inclusive peace committees are instrumental in addressing violence; linking local level peace work with livelihoods produces better results; synergies with UNDP projects and partners related to SGBV, economic empowerment and trauma pays off • Budget utilization: Available budget USD 2,327,813; Expenditure USD 1,469,445; 63% delivery 	
6.	AoB CSAC Summative Evaluation	<p>Presentation on CSAC summative evaluation report by consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key findings: CSAC is relevant at the community level by engaging communities at the grassroots in dialogue and conflict resolution; structures to prevent local resource based conflicts were created; CSAC's support at the national level was important and relevant even though overall results are limited • Challenges: The lack of financial resources from government (2012/2013); stalled peace process (2014/2015); changing conflict dynamics; creation of new states; SGBV and trauma became very sensitive topics • Recommendations: CSAC should continue to use the twin track approach; capacity for analysis should be strengthened; to be led by a well-articulated and tested theory of change <p>Clarification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions from Switzerland: The representative requested clarification on <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) how are the findings from the evaluation being taken forward into the new project? 2) How does the project see its capacity to work at the local level, considering presence of other actors in the same area? 3) Can conflict analysis be done by the project and shared? <p>UNDP Response:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The new project document builds on the recommendations from the evaluation as well as from DFID's Annual Reviews (e.g. that best results are achieved at the sub-national and local level); 2) The project targets specific areas within the identified conflict clusters and works closely with other local actors such as chiefs and local civil society organizations. Capacity development of these actors is part of the project activities; 3) Early warning analysis is a key part of the project and the work of the SSPRC. Also, all interventions are based on a community consultation process. The consultation reports can be shared. <p>BCSSAC addition to UNDP Response:</p> <p>The success of some of the community sensitive development projects were noted. However, issues of maintenance of equipment and infrastructure provided by UNDP remained a challenge (e.g. police stations). He further noted the challenges related to taking forward the issues of small arms control. The conditions and current context in the country are not conducive to disarmament.</p> <p>AOB:</p>	CSAC summative evaluation approved. UNDP to examine how the recommendations from this report feed into the new Peace and Community Cohesion project.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project is planning a joint donor field visit to Awerial County with participation of DFID by end of June/early July. An invitation for other board members to join the mission was made. The visit will include the handing over of the wrestling stadium and meetings with peace committee and women group members. The field visit is part of DFID's ongoing end of project review. • There being no other business the meeting came to a close at 12.45 p.m. 	
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