

Key note Round Table on Peace Finance

- **Protracted conflicts across the globe have impeded development efforts and have led the UN SG to call upon the international community to intensify efforts for peace and identify new sources for financing for peace.**
- **Recently, UN Member states reiterated their commitment to building and sustaining peace when endorsing the Pact for the Future. However, public resources are scarce and we need more sustainable financing for peace.**
- **While the UN and its Member States continue to carry the main responsibility for international peace and security, the financial needs exceed capacities for public funding;**
- **The challenge before us is immense: We need to turn the vicious cycle of violent conflict that deters private investments and thus minimizes incentives for warring parties to subscribe to political solutions into a virtuous cycle: hedging risks for investments in conflict affected areas, unlocking economic activities that disincentivize armed groups from engaging into conflict and trigger a self-sustaining positive dynamic that yields high returns for investors.**
- **Since 2020, Germany has spearheaded innovative financing for peace, with two primary objectives:**
 1. **We want to mobilize additional capital for investments in fragile, conflict-affected areas. With the “Investing for Peace” Initiative, we are currently developing, together with UN partners, a concrete investment vehicle which will undertake peace positive investments in fragile and conflict affected regions. We expect these investments to incentivize profit seeking investors to follow.**
 2. **We need to ensure that these investments go beyond the "do no harm" approach and positively impact local peace. “do no harm” is not good enough to achieve lasting, sustainable peace and stability. We need “Finance for Peace”.**

- **For this, Germany is partnering with Interpeace to develop a Peace Finance Impact Framework and Peace Finance Standards. These tools are supposed to measure peace-positive investments and guide responsible private sector involvement. On behalf of my government, I would like to thank Interpeace for the cooperation and for their excellent work over the past years.**
- **A lot of this conceptual work has already been done and we need to move to the implementation phase. We welcome today's platform to discuss peace-positive investment opportunities in Kenya, as well as practical challenges and ways to implement peace positive financing on the ground. In this regard we are also very proud of our cooperation with Interpeace in strengthening local resilience for sustainable peace in Mandera, Wajir, Turkana, Samburu, West-Pokot, Baringo and Elgeyo-Marakwet since 2019.**
- **On the basis of the extensive research and lessons learned from peacebuilding in Northern Kenya, we invite all our partners to engage with the F4P and I4P Initiatives and to partake in the development of innovative financing solutions for peace that include and strengthen the local private sector.**