

Beat: News

IOM Brings together communities in Malakal for Peace Dialogues

ReliefWeb Press Release

New York, 11.10.2022, 04:41 Time

ARAC International StratCom - IOM Brings together communities in the Protection of Civilians Site in Malakal for Peace Dialogues
Format

News and Press Release

Source:IOM | Posted:10 Oct 2022 | Originally published:10 Oct 2022

Malakal - Following recent tensions and hostilities in the Malakal Protection of Civilians (PoC) Site, the International Organization for Migration has kicked off a series of dialogues that will run between 4th-24th October on Cultivating Peace and Promoting Diversity.

The Peace Dialogues aim to bring together youth, women, elders, and block leaders to identify root causes of recent hostilities and possible solutions to ongoing tensions. This peacebuilding intervention will create platforms for dialogue on issues that drive conflict and can potentially trigger violence. Each of the seven blocks in the PoC will have a one-day dialogue which may lead to entry points for a joint dialogue for reconciliation between participating groups.

Spearheaded by IOM's Transition and Recovery efforts, the programme is designed to rebuild relations and trust among the internally displaced communities living in the PoC in order to promote peaceful co-existence.

"The Peace Dialogues provide opportunity for everyone in the community to express their feelings and engage in a constructive conversation. That is why we are bringing representatives together from all groups, including women representatives in the PoC to voice their concerns and find solutions collaboratively. We believe that these peace dialogues must be inclusive" said Thudan Gai Majiok, IOM South Sudan Transition and Recovery Peacebuilding Officer.

During the ongoing discussions, participants identified trauma from past experiences, alcoholism, ethnic differences, and unemployment as some of the major causes of conflicts in the PoC. Participants also added that one of the biggest challenges hindering their return to Malakal town is land conflict. In light of these concerns, participants encouraged the continuation of peace dialogues among POC residents and between Malakal town residents to rebuild trust.

"The war that happened in 2013-2018 terribly divided all the communities of Upper Nile State. The only way we can reconcile, rebuild trust and be able to forgive ourselves is if we actively participate in these dialogues", said Stephen, one of the participants.

The initiative is generously funded by the Secretary General's UN Peacebuilding Fund.

For more information, please contact Nabie Loyce at IOM South Sudan, email: nloyce@iom.int, Tel: +211 912380115

Source: ReliefWeb, UN OCHA Services

Office of Strategic Communications & Analysis
ARAC International, Global Security Analyst | Human Rights Consultant
Certified by the U.S. Institute for Diplomacy and Human Rights
Institute for Economics and Peace Ambassador
<https://iep.arac-international.org>

Article online:

<https://www.uspa24.com/bericht-21701/iom-brings-together-communities-in-malakal-for-peace-dialogues.html>

Editorial office and responsibility:

V.i.S.d.P. & Sect. 6 MDStV (German Interstate Media Services Agreement):

Exemption from liability:

The publisher shall assume no liability for the accuracy or completeness of the published report and is merely providing space for the submission of and access to third-party content. Liability for the content of a report lies solely with the author of such report.

Editorial program service of General News Agency:

UPA United Press Agency LTD

483 Green Lanes

UK, London N13NV 4BS

contact (at) unitedpressagency.com

Official Federal Reg. No. 7442619