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## Event Invitation



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The Quaker United Nations Office, the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform are pleased to invite you to the following lunch time briefing:

### **What role can economic, social and cultural rights play in the prevention of violent conflict?**

**30 June 2016**

**\*12:30 - 14:00** (\*sandwiches will be served from 12:00 - 12:30)

**Salle S9, Maison de la Paix**

#### **Background**

There is increasing evidence that violations of human rights, and in particular of economic, social and cultural rights are causes, consequences and often even predictors of social unrest and conflict. Violations of economic, social and cultural rights stem from a variety of factors, including unequal power distribution, discrimination and inequality.

In 2015 the 2030 development agenda plus three major UN reviews - on peace operations, the peacebuilding architecture and women, peace and security - have underlined the necessity to link peace, human rights and development approaches in order to achieve both sustainable development and sustainable peace. There has also been a reiteration of the need to prioritise prevention and a focus on root causes. In this context a focus on the relationship between economic, social and cultural rights and the prevention of destructive conflict and violence is an important element that has been relatively neglected.

#### **Agenda & Speakers**

This event will explore the role that economic, social and cultural rights can play in the prevention of violent conflict:

- *The place of economic, social and cultural rights in approaches to sustaining peace*  
**Amanda Cahill Ripley, Lecturer in Law, University of Lancaster, UK**
- *Presentation of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) June 2016 Report on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Early Warning of Conflict*  
**Jyoti Sanghera, Section Chief of Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues OHCHR**
- *Experience from Somalia and Kenya of the role of social, economic and cultural rights in the development of violent conflict*  
**Zaina Kisongoa, Country Representative for Somalia, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)**
- *Moderator*  
**Diane Hendrick, Representative Peace and Disarmament, Quaker United Nations Office**