



PeaceCon 2019

Seizing the Moment for Peace in a Disrupted World



Call for Proposals

October 2 – 4 | Washington, DC

ALLIANCE FOR PEACEBUILDING

HARNESSING COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR PEACE



The Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP) is the leading global network working to end conflict and sustain peace worldwide. Our 100-plus members work in 153 countries and include some of the world's largest development organizations, most innovative academic institutions, and the most influential humanitarian and faith-based groups. We bring together coalitions in key areas of strategy and policy to elevate the entire peacebuilding field, tackling issues too large for any one organization to address alone.

In partnership with the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), PeaceCon provides a dynamic platform for AfP members to network with the broader peace and security community, including funders, policymakers, members of the military, and professionals from a range of related disciplines, such as human rights, democracy and governance, development, and environmental protection. Each year, PeaceCon gathers together a diverse network of stakeholders to provide an opportunity to share their achievements, insights and, vision for the future of peacebuilding. The first day of PeaceCon is hosted at USIP's magnificent building on the National Mall in Washington, DC. USIP was founded in 1984 by the US Congress as an independent, national institute dedicated to the proposition that peace is possible, practical, and essential for U.S. and global security. The second and third days are held at FHI 360 near Dupont Circle.

Conference participants will have the opportunity to constructively engage in an array of activities and workshops structured around cutting-edge developments in the field of peacebuilding, from nonviolent action and narratives to technology and business. Participants in PeaceCon 2018 came from over 250 organizations and 40 countries around the world.

PeaceCon 2019 will feature the world's most inspiring and experienced national and local peacebuilders. Together, we will work together to address the most pressing issues in the peacebuilding field and elevate our policy influence and innovative practices. Currently, 1.5 billion people live under the threat of violence in more than 50 global conflict zones. At a time when violent conflict has forcibly displaced a record [68.5 million people](#) and cost the world an estimated [\\$14.76 trillion](#) annually, it is clear that the conference this year should be **"Seizing the Moment for Peace in a Disrupted World."**

PeaceCon 2019 will emphasize advancing **better frameworks** for solutions, open dialogue, and practical approaches to **addressing** conflict dynamics. Each session will go beyond exploring the problem to outline better practices and deliver learning outcomes. Finally, if we believe our programs are important and that they are effective at reducing violence and building peace, then we need to prove impact.

We encourage peacebuilders from across the world to share their ideas for panels, workshops, or other creative sessions. We are seeking submissions for breakout sessions with diverse institutional affiliations and speaker backgrounds. The sessions will be designed to stimulate discussion and audience engagement. Before submitting a proposal, please take note of the following:

- All proposals will be submitted through an online form. A link to the form can be found at the end of this document. Please carefully read the guidelines and instructions below before submitting your proposal.
- In an effort to promote collaboration, all proposals will require more than one session organizer, and must be thematically focused. Standalone proposals from individuals or entities will not be accepted. Proposals that focus on highlighting a single program or product will also not be accepted.



USIP Day – October 2

Focus at USIP would be to address the bigger picture issues and questions and to focus on three dimensions:

- Understanding the changing contexts of conflict and peace: would call for proposals that provide new frameworks and tools to analyze causes and dynamics of peace and violent conflict.
- ‘Organizations’ would call for proposals that outline: adaptive and agile organizational approaches for planning, management, implementation and learning in a disrupted world.
- People: would explore what it means and what it takes to be a peacebuilder today and in the near future, including knowledge, skills and experience. In particular, will our field continue to be driven by increased specialization and multidisciplinary approaches or the ability to solve problems through interdisciplinary knowledge.

Proposal Submission Guidelines

Selecting a General Area and Sub-topics:

When submitting a proposal, you must select one of the general areas listed below and then highlight which sub-topics the session will cover under that general area. To keep sessions focused on a primary issue, each proposal may only cover one general area. We understand that your proposal may link to other general areas and sub-topics and encourage you to discuss cross-cutting issues in your proposal description if applicable.

- **Rising Challenges**
 - Technology and Social Media (*at USIP focus on Ethics and Principles*)
 - Geopolitics and Hybrid Warfare
 - Balancing Security and Well Being
 - Corruption and Peacebuilding
 - Resource Scarcity, Pollution and Climate Shocks
 - Domestic Peacebuilding in the U.S. (will not be discussed at USIP)
 - Engaging the Private Sector in Peacebuilding
- **Policy**
 - US Government and other Government Approaches to Peacebuilding
 - Peacebuilding in Global Institutions
 - Sustainable Development Goal 16 and Other Frameworks
- **Empowerment**
 - 20 years of UN Security Council Resolution 1325: Progress & Gaps
 - Sustainable Development Goal #5: Gender Equality
 - Youth & Peacebuilding
 - Religious Actors in Peacebuilding
 - Local Peacebuilding
 - Movement Building
 - Peace Education
- **Practice**
 - Learning from Failure
 - Violence Reduction
 - Violent Extremism
 - Proving Impact/Program Effectiveness (DM & E)
 - Conflict Sensitivity
 - Conflict Resolution and Prevention
 - Nonviolent Action
 - Neuroscience and Trauma Healing
 - Solutions to Complex Contexts
 - Innovative Financing



Deciding Your Session Format and Structure

We encourage the development of participatory and interactive sessions. Below are sample structures and formats that should serve as guiding examples. Please note that these are only examples. AfP will consider the use of other formats not listed and encourage creativity and innovation. **All proposed sessions should not exceed 1.5 hours in length.**

Formal Presentation - Sample formats include:

- **Facilitated Panel Discussion** - Moderated discussion by no more than four panelists and one moderator.
- **Storytelling** –Speakers tell their stories to help illustrate the themes related to the conference. This session works best with 4 – 5 speakers each having around 15 minutes to tell their story.
- **Lightning Talks** – Lightning talks typically have a group of speakers that are allotted no more than 10 minutes to make each of their presentations. This session format ideally yields several informative presentations through encouraging presenters to be as concise as possible with their time constraints.
- **Ignite Presentations** - Ignite presentations are similar to lightning talks but use a PowerPoint presentation style with slides changing every 15 – 25 seconds. This format makes use of excellent visual presentations to support a very clear and articulated message.

Workshop - Workshops are typically interactive sessions that involve group-wide activities that can accommodate 20 – 40 individuals. Below are some sample formats:

- **Problem Solving Session** - Speakers pose a problem and lead attendees through an exercise to develop solutions.
- **Roundtables** – Roundtable workshops seat attendees around a table. Roundtable presentations typically include a presentation, followed by a discussion and feedback round. This session is ideal format for networking and in-depth discussion on a specific topic.
- **Campfire Session** – A group of facilitators first start with a brief presentation, but then shift the attention to the audience allowing for a facilitated discussion.

Example Session I

Session Title:

Evaluating Initiatives to Prevent Radicalization of Youth in the Sahel

General Area Selected:

- Practice

Topics Chosen:

- Violent Extremism

Session Format:

- Problem Solving Workshop

Example Session II

Session Title:

Raising the Bar – Meaningful Gender Inclusion in Peacebuilding

General Area Selected:

- Empowerment

Topics Chosen:

- Sustainable Development Goal #5: Gender Equality
- 20 Year of UN Security Council Resolution 1325: Progress & Gaps
- Youth & Peacebuilding

Session Format:

- Ignite Presentation

Example Session III

Session Title:

How to Pitch Peace to Governments: Building a Toolkit for Advocates

General Area Selected:

- Policy

Topics Chosen:

- Peacebuilding in Global Institutions
- US Government and other Government Approaches to Peacebuilding

Session Format:

- Roundtable



Know Before You Submit

Speaker Selection:

We encourage presenters to represent a variety of perspectives and backgrounds, including non-US voices, local peacebuilders, and having gender balance. AfP recommends reaching out to potential speakers before you submit your proposal to ensure they will be available. Accepted proposals will have **no more than 5 speakers, including the moderator.**

In order to ensure the greatest chances for success, we encourage those interested in submitting proposals to carefully review our guidelines. In addition, those interested should note the following:

- Proposals can be assigned for any time between 9:00am to 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 3rd and Friday, October 4th. Please do *not* submit a proposal if there is inflexibility in the time that it can take place, but also let us know if you have a general time preference, as we will do our best to accommodate these preferences. Almost all proposals will be considered for days 2 and 3 at FHI 360. Outstanding proposals may be considered for day 1 (October 2nd) at USIP.
- Please ensure proposals are detailed and substantive.
- AfP may not be able to guarantee all AV requests. Therefore, please indicate all AV needs when submitting your proposal.
- Due to the high volume of submissions, not all proposals will be accepted for the conference. We will review the proposals and determine if applicants with similar topics present together to produce a more dynamic session.

Responsibilities:

Organizers with accepted proposals are required to:

- Provide the contact information of all their speakers to AfP.
- Develop their session, and meet all AfP deadlines (see below). An AfP staff member will be assigned to provide guidance assistance. However, the applicant is **responsible for all session development including:**
 1. Confirming all speakers and communicating to them AfP's speaker registration policy (See below).
 2. Submitting information to promote their session.
 3. Coordinating session materials, handouts and powerpoints.

Please note that:

- AfP **does not provide** complimentary hotel/travel expenses for speakers.
- AfP **does not provide** free day-long admission for speakers at the conference (With the exception of day 1 at USIP). Speakers are allowed to attend their own session at no cost, but must register if they wish to participate in the conference.
- Speakers **DO** receive a set discount of **\$125** for admission to either days 2 and/or 3 of the conference. (Day 1 will be free for all speakers to attend):
 - Free admission to day 1 at USIP
 - \$115 set discount for admission to days 2 and/or 3 (**Discount applies to registration for one or both days. This discount does not double if you register for both days.**)



Submitting a Proposal

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| Conference Date: | October 2 – 4, 2019 |
| Location: | United States Institute of Peace/FHI 360 <i>(*Proposals may be considered for Day 1 at USIP. However, most proposals will be considered for Days 2 and 3 at FHI 360.)</i> |
| Who Can Submit a Proposal: | Any interested parties, but preference will be given to AfP members |
| Deadline for Submission: | May 20, 2019 |

All proposals must be submitted online via the link below.

[Click Here to Submit Your Proposal Online](#)

When submitting your proposal, you will be asked:

- For your contact information
- Conference areas and themes covered
- Speakers on your session
- A detailed description of your session
- How your session will be solutions oriented and practical
- Background and experience you and your session organizers have in relation to the topic
- Any AV equipment that will be needed

Please submit questions to Adam Wolf, Membership and Outreach Manager, at adam@allianceforpeacebuilding.org or call 202-822-2047.

Deadlines and Important Dates

If your proposal is selected, you and your speakers will be expected to meet the following deadlines:

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| May 20, 2019 | Session Proposals Due |
| June 14, 2019 | Notification of Acceptance |
| June 21, 2019 | Confirm Session Title and Short Blurb Describing the Panel |
| July 20, 2019 | Confirm Session Speakers and Submit Full Description for Conference Program to AfP |
| August 10, 2019 | Speaker Bios Requested for Conference App |
| September 16, 2019 | Communicate Final AV/Media Needs for Session to AfP |
| September 16 - 20, 2019 | Organize Call with AfP Staff Lead and Panelists to Finalize Panel Flow and Logistics |

