



Annual report 2021

Local learning for global impact



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Introduction

It has been marvellous, coming in as the new Executive Director in April 2022, to learn, feel and experience the excitement of GPPAC's achievements in 2021.

Our network of local peacebuilders and all it has accomplished is built on the foundation of their in-depth knowledge of peacebuilding tools and practices. It is wonderful to see that after passionately building peace together for over fifteen years, the GPPAC network still stands solid like a tree in the field of peacebuilding and conflict prevention, deeply rooted in knowledge and expertise. It is precisely this strong and diverse knowledge of how to do peacebuilding in different contexts that makes up the roots of our network, which helps it weather stormy times and act as a thought leader, generating knowledge informed by praxis.

Yet a tree can only continue to grow when its roots of knowledge and expertise are nourished. That is why in 2021, our members decided to focus even more on learning and



Alvito de Souza
Executive Director

knowledge exchange amongst each other so that their peacebuilding activities can become more impactful, life-changing, and life-saving on the ground.

In 2021, our network provided a safe – online – space for its members to meet and exchange wild ideas, proven best practices, daunting challenges, and big hopes. This promoted solidarity and gave members a feeling of belonging, a sense of being greater than the sum of its parts.

For example, youth peace leaders in Northeast Asia shared their knowledge on how to implement the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda with aspiring youth peacebuilders. Members from all GPPAC regions brought their first-hand knowledge and expertise of how to build peace amidst a global pandemic to the global policy and donor community. And local peacebuilders from Uganda, Palestine, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Zimbabwe, and Bosnia and Herzegovina together with a group of international finance experts exchanged best practices and explored how to shift power dynamics in the financing for peacebuilding system so that local peacebuilders are in the lead.

This annual report shares the learnings and achievements of our courageous peacebuilders who day in and day out work to make peace more powerful than conflict, more compelling than war. I hope that reading about their achievements gives you hope and the assurance that, despite these intensely fearful times of heartrending global conflicts, the GPPAC network stands strong and ready to build locally-led and locally-owned peace.

In peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H. H. H.', written in a cursive style.

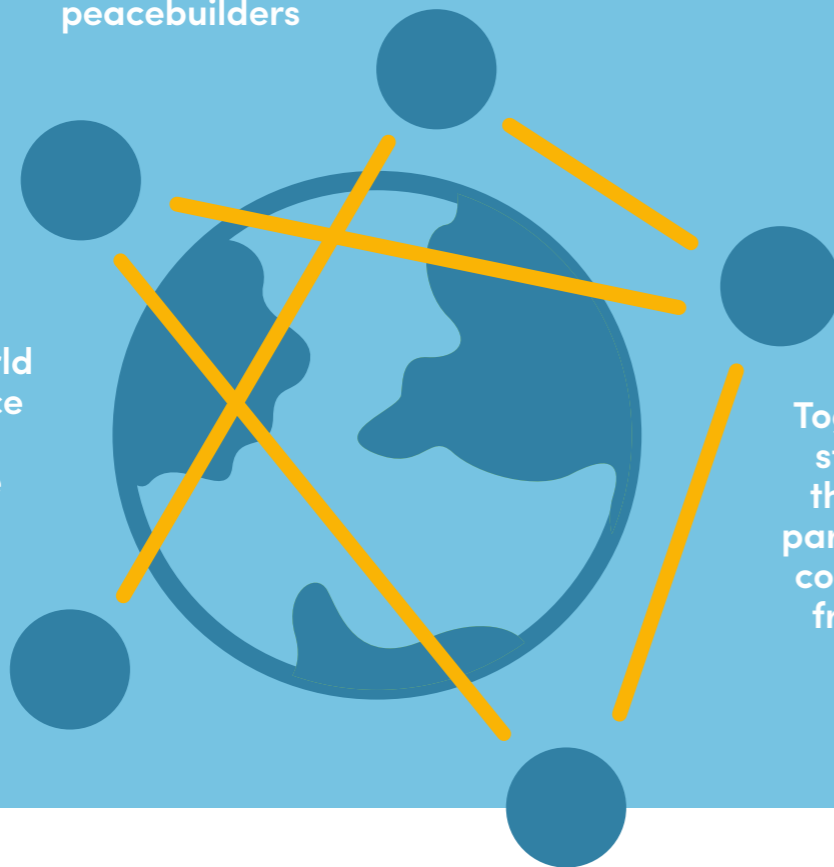
Our network

At a glance

We are the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC).

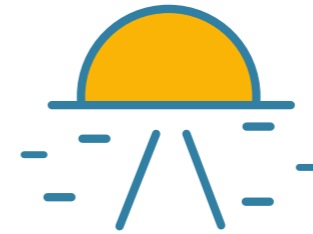
We are the world's largest global network of local peacebuilders

We seek a world where violence and armed conflicts are prevented



Together we are stronger than the sum of our parts because we constantly learn from and with each other

Our goal by 2025



Peacebuilding policies, practices and infrastructures are rooted in locally-led and locally-grounded peacebuilding.

We focus on



Locally-led peacebuilding action



Inclusion of Women and Youth Peacebuilders



Climate security and emerging threats



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in numbers

In 2021, over 1100 local peacebuilders participated in over 26 international exchanges to foster learning and fuel solidarity and led 30 trainings to promote inclusive, sustainable, and locally-led peace.



> **1100** local peacebuilders



26 international exchanges

Locally-led peacebuilding action ✓

Inclusion of Women and Youth Peacebuilders —

Climate security and emerging threats ✓



30 trainings



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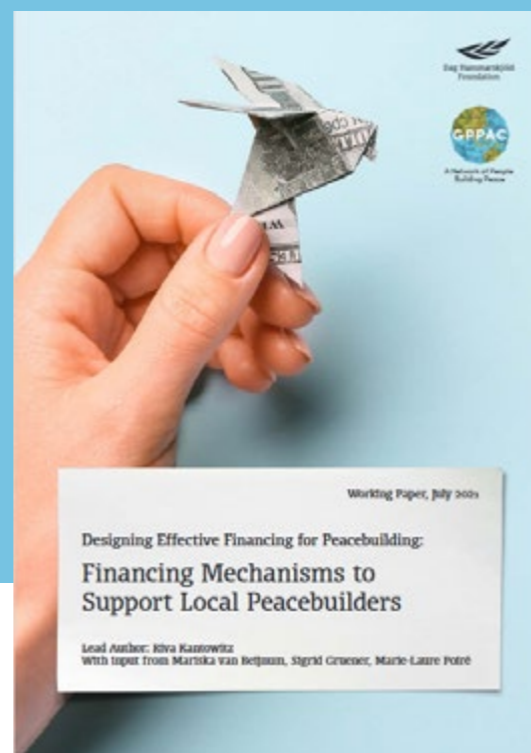
in numbers

In 2021, GPPAC members lent their expertise to inform almost 60 research publications, manuals, and policy briefs to highlight local peacebuilders' agency and influence policy. Some highlights include:

The UN System-Wide Community Engagement Guidelines on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace: A Practical Resource for Local Peacebuilders



Financing Mechanisms to Support Local Peacebuilders



Addressing Climate Change from the perspective of Local Peacebuilders: Priority Areas for Sustainable Peace





“As a global network, GPPAC’s strategies and activities are decided by local peacebuilders themselves. This ensures the network is a space for practice and learning grounded in local realities and contexts, connecting the local, regional and global.”

Meri Joyce

GPPAC Northeast Asia
Regional Liaison Officer,
Peace Boat International Coordinator, Japan



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Key Highlights



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Key Highlights of 2021

A year of learning from and with local peacebuilders

At the core of our global network lies the considerable local peacebuilding and conflict prevention expertise of GPPAC members. In 2021, we fostered 26 cross-networking sharing, learning and exchange sessions. We witness that creating a safe space for dialogue brings civil society actors together even across divides.

Learning from and with each other gives local peacebuilders courage and the knowledge that they are not alone. This, in turn, strengthens their peacebuilding impact on the ground.

Armenian and Azerbaijani civil society representatives came together to discuss climate change issues in the region. Choosing this topic provided a common ground for exchange in a region marked by political instability. They showed a willingness to keep the space for dialogue for future discussions.

Policy Paper:

Transitioning Towards Green Economies:
Renewable Energy Sources in the South Caucasus

The Ulaanbaatar Process

The Ulaanbaatar Process, named after the Mongolian capital, is a unique civil society dialogue for peace and stability in Northeast Asia that dates back to 2015. Since then, civil society has stayed in conversation even during the most contentious geopolitical tensions showing that sincere and constructive dialogue is in fact possible in the region.



In 2021, GPPAC received funding from the European Union to build on the previous accomplishments of the Ulaanbaatar Process together with our members Peace Boat and Blue Banner.

[Learn more.](#)

“I realized that children of our generation can influence society, and initiatives we think are small can affect many people, countries, and even Northeast Asia.” – a young participant



What is the link between Youth, Peace and Security?
What issues do young people in Northeast Asia face in their lives in relation to peace and security? And how are youth taking action to create a more peaceful community, region and world?

Part of the Ulaanbaatar Process: A special training for youth peacebuilders. [Watch what happened here.](#)





Key Highlights of 2021

A year of ensuring meaningful youth inclusion in peacebuilding

We make meaningful youth participation in peace processes an absolute priority. Young people, in all their diversity, should be actively involved in peacebuilding and conflict prevention if we want to build sustainable peace.

That is why we focus on the implementation of the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda, which affirms the positive role young people play in preventing and addressing conflict and building peace.

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[Manual](#)

[For Youth and By Youth: Re-Imagining Financing for Peacebuilding](#)

Our Youth, Peace, and Security Working Group provided one-on-one coaching on meaningful youth inclusion for six GPPAC regions. On the global level, they advocated for youth-sensitive financing for peacebuilding.



“We need to raise awareness about young people’s positive and key role in peacebuilding, create spaces of inclusive decision making, accountability, transparency and build support mechanisms.”

Saumya Aggarwal
CEO & Co-founder,
Youth for Peace International, India



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A woman wearing a vibrant, patterned headwrap in shades of orange, teal, and black is shown in profile, listening intently. She has her hand near her chin in a thoughtful pose. In the background, other people are partially visible, suggesting a meeting or conference setting. A pink wristband with the name 'M. ETCHOWAM' is visible on her left wrist.

Key Highlights of 2021

A year of enhancing women's participation

In 2021, we entered into a partnership with the United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) for the implementation of its Rapid Response Window (RRW) on Women's Participation in Peace Processes. Together, we aim to advance women's meaningful participation in formal peace processes and the implementation of peace agreements.

[Learn more.](#)

GPPAC members brought their expertise on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) to the global level. Highlights include briefing the United Nations Security Council Members on the impact of the escalation of violence in Palestine and implementing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Somalia and Libya.

A year of elevating crucial local voices to support climate and security action

Climate and security are linked in complex ways. Local peacebuilders have long recognised that climate change can, in some cases, undermine peace and development. The growing body of evidence shows that the pathways through which climate change can contribute to insecurity are complex. However, most of this evidence and the associated policy discussions around climate and security are taking place at the global level.

We at GPPAC, know that local capacities are critical to supporting climate and security action. Local communities and actors possess first-hand knowledge and expertise that should be tapped into for local responses as well as decision-making at higher levels, from the national to the regional and global. In 2021, we mapped that knowledge and started bringing it to the global level.



UN Photo/Eskinder Debebe
(locals in Tebikenikora, a village in the Pacific Island nation of Kiribati)

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[Policy brief](#)

[Addressing Climate Change from the perspective of Local Peacebuilders: Priority Areas for Sustainable Peace.](#)

[Download](#)



[Mapping brief](#)

[At the Forefront of Climate Action: Local approaches to climate-sensitive conflict and violence prevention](#)



“Mexico is not as much on the global radar when it comes to climate change and sustainability. Therefore, opportunities such as the High-Level Political Forum do not come often. In this sense, it has been a unique opportunity to shed light on the critical situation of human rights and environmental defenders in Mexico.”

[Click here](#) to read the full interview with GPPAC member Daniel Antonio Martín Villar who participated in the High-Level Political Forum. He unpacks how the Escazú Agreement is an instrument for peace and security for human rights defenders in Latin America and the Caribbean.



Daniel Martín Villar
Centro de Colaboración Cívica,
Mexico *(until December 2021)*

A year of shifting the power dynamics to better invest in peace

We are convinced that for peacebuilding to be more effective and sustainable, local communities need to be in control of their own peacebuilding efforts. That is why we work to increase direct access to financing for local peacebuilders for sustainable peace. Learn more about our [financing for peacebuilding work](#).

In 2021, together with like-minded partners such as the Dag Hammarskjold Foundation and Radical Flexibility Fund, we created a safe learning space for the donor community, including the major global funds managers, donor countries, and international financial institutions, to explore opportunities and challenges towards ensuring accessible funding for local peacebuilding action. Watch a stimulating conversation [here](#).

“Effective peacebuilding requires local organizations to be in the lead. But in the current aid system, they are mostly dependent on intermediary partners to access funding and have limited opportunities to set peacebuilding priorities. To address this power imbalance, donors and intermediaries should jointly push the boundaries and pilot new approaches to ensure leadership from local organisations.”



Mariska van Beijnum
Special Advisor on Financing for Peacebuilding GPPAC,
Director Clingendael Conflict Research, the Netherlands

Thank you to donors

Our donors are part and parcel of our collective effort to build locally-owned and locally-led inclusive, sustainable peace. The whole GPPAC network thanks them for their continued support and trust in making our work possible.

When you give to GPPAC, what you give is trust. You create the conditions for the peacebuilders in our network to unite. You give them training, safe spaces to meet and learn from and with each other, the knowledge that they are not alone, and a platform from which to tell their stories.

**You embolden
peace.**

**You enable
peace.**

**You make peace
more powerful.**



Integrity

Integrity and accountability are at the heart of our network's work. We strive to conduct all our operations with honesty and transparency. Two policies are at the core of the integrity system: the Global Secretariat Code of Conduct, and the GPPAC Network Integrity policy. The GPPAC Integrity Committee is composed of a member of the network, a Board member and the Executive Director of the Global Secretariat.

- The Global Secretariat Code of Conduct applies to all our employees, interns, contractors, as well as GPPAC Board members. It outlines the need to protect the organisation's legality and thus behave ethically and responsibly concerning the organisation's finances, partnerships and public image.
- The GPPAC Network Integrity policy sets out how member organisations, their employees, interns, volunteers and others associated with them should put into practice the same principles of the Code of Conduct in their involvement in GPPAC activities, and when representing GPPAC in any way.

There were no breaches of integrity reported in 2021.



Financial report 2021



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Balance sheet

as at December 31, 2021 (after appropriation of the result)

Assets

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	2,777	7,030
Intangible assets	16,553	24,829
	19,330	31,859
Current assets		
Receivables	182,112	184,165
Cash and cash equivalents	896,425	578,034
	1,078,537	762,199
	1,097,867	794,058

Liabilities

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Reserves		
Continuity reserve	87,407	82,477
Earmarked reserve	18,920	34,298
Short-term reserve	0	652
	106,327	117,427
Short-term liabilities		
Accounts payable	5,868	27,098
Taxes and social security payments	24,086	65,356
Received pre-payments donors	864,369	280,410
Accruals, provisions and other liabilities	97,217	303,767
	991,540	676,631
	1,097,867	794,058

Statement of income and expenditure

for the year 2021

	Realisation 2021	Realisation 2020
Income		
Grants from governments and others	1,698,785	3,287,886
Income other than grants	4,931	3,565
Sum of income	1,703,716	3,291,451
Expenses		
Expenditure on behalf of the objective		
Result area 1: Network and Learning	970,021	1,906,411
Result area 2: Policy change	454,764	1,153,250
Online partnerships	0	115
	1,424,785	3,095,776
Expenditure fundraising		
Costs obtaining government grants and others	104,260	85,647
Management & administration		
Costs management & administration	185,771	159,505
Sum of expenses	1,714,816	3,304,928
Surplus/deficit	- 11,1008	- 13,477

Appropriation of result		
Continuity reserve	4,930	3,565
Short-term reserve	-652	0
Earmarked reserve	-15,378	-17,042
Result	- 11,100	-13,477

GPPAC International Steering Group

Eastern and Central Africa

Center for Conflict Resolution (CECORE)

Southern Africa

Network of African Peacebuilders (NAPS)

West Africa

West Africa Civil Society Forum (WACSOF)

Latin America and the Caribbean

Regional Coordination for Economic and Social Research (CRIES)

North America

Centro de Colaboración Cívica (CCC)

Western Balkans

Nansen Dialogue Centre Mostar

South Asia

Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS)

The Pacific

Transcend Oceania

Southeast Asia

Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID)

Northeast Asia

Peace Boat

Central Asia

Foundation for Tolerance International (FTI)

The Middle East and North Africa

Permanent Peace Movement (PPM)

Eastern Europe

Non-Violence International

Caucasus

International Center on Conflict and Negotiation (ICCN)

Non-Regional ISG Members

World Vision International

World Federalist Movement -
Institute for Global Policy (WFM-IGP)

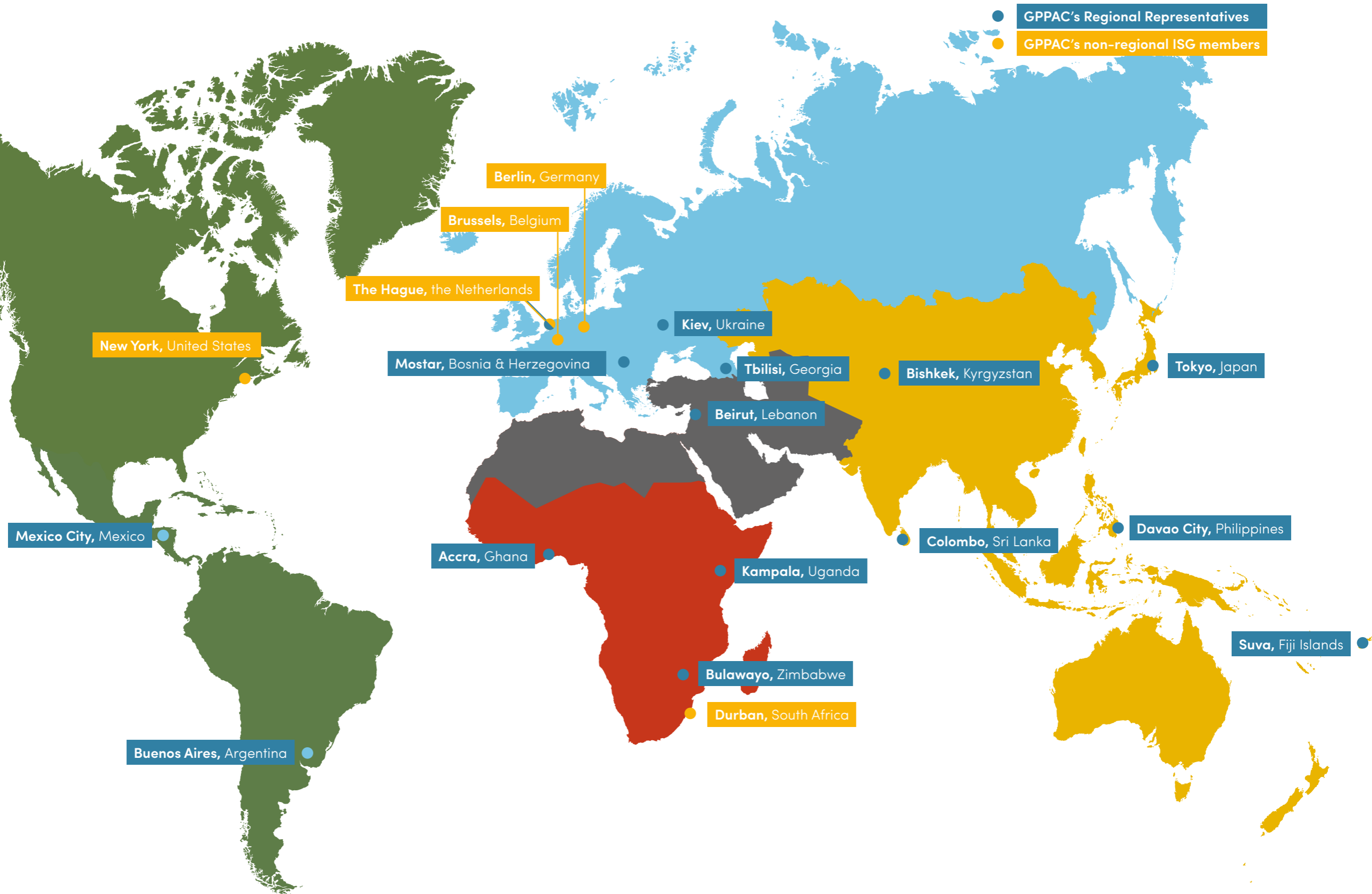
European Peacebuilding Liaison Office
(EPLO)

United Network of Young Peacebuilders
(UNOY)

African Center for the Constructive
Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)

West Africa Network for Peacebuilding
(WANEP)

Organisation & Governance



Organisation and Governance

The GPPAC Foundation is a Foundation under Dutch Law (stichting). The Board of the GPPAC Foundation consists of at least five members. Members of the Board are appointed upon nomination by the GPPAC International Steering Group (ISG). Each of the fourteen GPPAC regions is represented in the ISG, which determines joint global priorities and actions. The GPPAC Board provides leadership and is accountable to the ISG. Members of the Board serve for a period of three years, which can be renewed twice. Membership of the Board is voluntary and does not involve any form of financial compensation, other than the reimbursement of expenses.

The Board appoints and supervises the Executive Director of the GPPAC Foundation. The Executive Director is compensated

within the Terms and Conditions of Employment of the GPPAC Foundation, at a rate commensurate with the Guidelines for compensation of Directors of Charitable Organisations, established by the Netherlands Professional Association of Charitable Organisations.

The Executive Director is accountable to the GPPAC Board and takes financial and operational decisions within the policies and guidelines as set by the Board. Mrs Victòria Carreras Lloveras, was the interim director of the GPPAC Foundation until April 30, 2022. Her gross salary in 2021 amounted to EUR 90,588. This is including holiday allowance and balance of untaken holidays paid out in December, but excluding the employer pension contribution. No other allowances were paid to her.

The GPPAC Board

Sharon Bhagwan Rolls

Board Chair, Regional Representative of the Pacific, Fiji
(until December 2021)

Miguel Álvarez Gándara

Board Vice-Chair, President of SERAPAZ, Mexico
(until December 2021)

Rob Zeldenrust

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Board Treasurer, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Mariska van Beijnum

Deputy Head Conflict Research Unit, Clingendael Institute of International Relations, the Netherlands (until March 2021)

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Alvito de Souza

Senior Advisor, Tony Blair Institute, Kenya (until October 2021)

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