



We hereby invite you for our annual **PAX Protection of Civilians Conference 2021**, a hybrid conference on **December 1-3, 2021**. The conference is organized by PAX's Protection of Civilians (PoC) team, bringing together a global network of experts in the field of civilian protection, as well as civilians living in situations of conflict.

In this conference, civilian perspectives will be at the center while we explore **international support to local security actors, accountability for military missions, and PoC champions in the future of warfare**. It will provide participants with diverse backgrounds and perspectives the opportunity to share knowledge, lessons learned, and ideas for how to advance the field. We intend for the event to be hybrid in nature, with the opportunity for both virtual and in-person participation, conditions allowing.

This hybrid conference is open to a global audience. [Registration via this online form](#) is required.

For in-person participation in the Hague, please register before November 15

PROGRAM



DECEMBER 1ST 2021 **International support to local security actors**

DAY 1

Many international attempts have been made to improve the capacity of national security forces. This day will discuss multiple cases in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Sahel region, asking what lessons we have learned about improving partners' capacity to employ force while safeguarding civilians from potential harm.

- Law enforcement gap in South Sudan: *Local perceptions on what can be provided (inter)nationally*
- International support to local security actors *in the Sahel*
- Keynote speech by Shah Wali *Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees*
- Training local forces: *Lessons learned from Afghanistan*
- Training local forces: *Iraq*
- Training local forces: *Applying lessons learned from Afghanistan to Iraq*



DECEMBER 2ND 2021 **Accountability for military missions**

DAY 2

How can we make sure that civilians can hold security actors to account, both during and after missions? On this day, we will hear from local witnesses about the long-term effects of the bombing of Hawija, we will discuss examples of

accountability in practice and their limitations, and we will reflect on how questions around accountability should guide international security forces on how they plan the end states of their intervention.

- Hawija as told by residents
- Waiting for accountability: *6 years after 'Hawija'*
- Accountability in practice: *examples from ISAF and AFRICOM*
- Accountability beyond missions



DECEMBER 3RD 2021 **PoC champions in the future of warfare**

DAY 3

With trends in security for civilians worsening and ready capability to protect civilians waning, countries must step forward to champion progress on PoC in practice. This day will focus on how future conflicts may threaten civilians and the responsibilities we face to proactively mitigate these consequences.

- Keynote speech by Adm James G. Stavridis *Former US Navy & Supreme Allied Commander at NATO*
- A Dutch perspective on PoC Champions
- Expert interview: *Connecting realities on the ground with international discourse on PoC*
- Championing PoC in international and regional organizations: *Political Workshop*
- A critical connection: *Resilience and PoC*

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

- Abdullahi Hassan *Amnesty International*
 Adm James G. Stavridis *Former US Navy & Supreme Allied Commander at NATO*
 Andrew Hyde *Stimson Center*
 Assitan Diallo *Association des Femmes Africaines pour la Recherche et le Développement (AFARD)*
 Brittany Roser *PAX*
 Chris Woods *Airwars*
 Ghassan Jawad Kadhim *Political Advisor to the Iraqi Ministry of Interior & Main Liaison between NATO Mission Iraq and the Iraqi Council of Ministers*
 Hans Rouw *PAX*
 John Malith Mabor *PAX*
 John Mohammad Butt *Broadcaster and Islamic Scholar*
 Julia Steets *Global Public Policy Institute*
 Lauren Gould *Utrecht University, Intimacies of Remote Warfare*
 Lt Col Andy Atkinson *Defence Consultant*
 Marco Grandi *PAX*
 Marla Keenan *Stimson Center*
 Mariët Schuurman *Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
 Mohammed Abdulkareem Khthar *Al-Ghad League for Woman and Child Care*
 Olivier Guiryanan *Bureau de Conseils, des Formations, de Recherches et d'Etude*
 Saba Azeem *PAX*
 Sabhan Khalaf Ali *Mayor of Hawija, Iraq*
 Shah Wali *Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees*
 Steve Driehaus *National Democratic Institute*
 Tawafan Abdulwahhab Awad *Al-Ghad League for Woman and Child Care*
 Yéri Alice Kambiré *West Africa Network for Peacebuilding*

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