



We hereby invite you for our annual **PAX Protection of Civilians Conference 2020**, an online conference on December 1-3, 2020. The annual event is organized by PAX's Protection of Civilians team in partnership with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and is open to the global audience of practitioners, researchers, uniformed service members, and other experts on civilian protection, as well as civilians living in situations of conflict.

This conference will focus on three key themes: **People and Protection, National Contributions to PoC, and Civilian Harm and Reverberating Effects**. It will provide participants with diverse backgrounds and perspectives the opportunity to share knowledge, lessons learned, and ideas for how to advance the field. Interaction internationally will be facilitated through live virtual panels, surveys, Q&A sessions, and pre-recorded messages from the field.

## PROGRAM

DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2020

# DAY 1



## National Contributions to PoC

*A frank and inspiring assessment of contributions at the national level to international PoC, presentations of lessons learned in Germany and the UK and break out sessions on the key challenges to effective contributions to PoC.*

DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 2020

# DAY 2



## People and Protection

*Civil society from conflict zones will present their experiences and their recommendations for international protection actors, and mission staff and the wider audience can provide input into feasible and appropriate forms of community engagement activities for PoC.*

DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 2020

# DAY 3



## Civilian Harm Reverberating effects

*Sessions on preventing and mitigating civilian harm in the many violent conflicts where international interventions take place. Attention will turn to indirect civilian harm ('reverberating effects' of military action) and methods available to map, track and predict such harm to inform military decision making.*

**This conference is open to the global audience. Registration is required. Register before November 23 via this online form.**

## CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Jeanne Abdulla *Program Director, Human Security Collective*

Aymen Abdulkareem Al-Faisal *Researcher, Al-Bayan Centre for Planning and Studies*

Ali Al-Assaf *Country Director Iraq Program, Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)*

Roos Abelman *Journalist and Program maker*

Shivan Fazil *Researcher Middle East and North Africa Program, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)*

Roos Boer *Program Lead Humanitarian Disarmament, PAX*

Jamal Al-Jawahiri *Executive Director, Iraqi Al-Amal Association*

Beatrice Godefroy *Europe Director, Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)*

Lt. Gen. Shailesh Tinaikar *Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)*

Bert Koenders *Former Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs, Professor of Peace, Justice and Security at Leiden University (Kooijmans Chair) and Special Envoy to the World Bank for Fragile States*

Omar Muhammed *Historian and citizen journalist, Mosul Eye*

Megan Karlshøj-Pedersen *Former Research and Policy Officer Oxford Research Group and consultant transparent and accountable approaches to remote warfare*

Mira Olson *Associate Professor in the Civil Architectural and Environmental Engineering Department, Drexel University*

Maj. Marnix Provoost *Policy Officer Conflict Prevention Team, Dutch Ministry of Defense*

Joachim Koops *Professor of Security Studies & Scientific Director, Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA) at Leiden University*

Candace Rondeaux *International Security Fellow, New America*

Abigail Watson *Conflict and Security Policy Coordinator, Saferworld*

**Click here for the latest details on the program, speakers and registration**