Data for Peace Annual Conference
Practitioners Hybrid Conference

AGENDA
October 16-17, Hybrid, New York City | October 18-20, Online
Note: All session links will be made available for registered attendees via email for virtual participation.

DAY 1: Monday, October 16 (ET)	
08:00 – 08:50	Security Check at Google Building Conference Registration Breakfast and Coffee Available
09:00 – 09:15 **Plenary** Room: **Goblin King**	***Data for Peace Conference Opening*** Welcome Introduction: ▪ **Branka Panic**, NYU CIC Fellow, AI for Peace Founding Director Welcome Remarks: ▪ **Eugene Chen**, Director, Prevention and Peacebuilding, NYU CIC ▪ **Guy Ryder,** Under-Secretary-General for Policy, UN Executive Office of the Secretary-General
09:15 – 09:45 **Plenary**	**Keynote** ▪ **Nidhi Hebbar,** Head of Information Literacy, Google
09:45 – 10:45 **Plenary** Room: **Goblin King**	**Setting the Scene:** ***Beyond Hype: Discovering the True Value of Data and Emerging Technologies for Sustaining Peace*** ▪ **Avishan Bodjnoud,** Chief, Information Management Unit, United Nations, Depts of Political, Peacebuilding and Peace Operations DPPA-DPO – online ▪ **Professor Clionadh Raleigh,** President & CEO of ACLED, and Professor, University of Sussex ▪ **Monica Nthiga**, Regional Director - Eastern & Southern Africa, Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team ▪ **Nicole Manger,** Team Lead, Digital Cooperation and AI, German Federal Foreign Office Moderator: **Branka Panic**, NYU CIC Fellow, AI for Peace Founding Director
10:45 – 11:10	**Coffee Break**
11:15 – 12:15 **Plenary** Room: **Goblin King** Organizer: **The Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)**	Expert Discussion: ***What to Consider When Working with Data: Perspectives from the field*** ▪ **Katayoun Kishi**, Head of Data Science, ACLED (Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project) ▪ **José Luengo-Cabrera**, Crisis Risk Specialist, United Nations Development Programme Crisis Bureau ▪ **Seth Caldwell**, Data Scientist, UN OCHA Centre for Humanitarian Data Moderator: **Olivia Russell,** Executive Director, ACLED (Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project)
12:15 – 13:15	**Lunch Break**
13:15 – 14:25 **Plenary**	Expert Discussion: ***Using Data and AI for Conflict Early Warning and Crisis Prevention*** ▪ **Saira Khan**, Project Coordinator, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative

Room: **Goblin King** Organizer: **UNICEF, UNDP, GDELT, VIEWS, Peace Research Institute Oslo**	- **Yoman Ekanza Gabriel**, National coordination Centre for the Early Warning Response Mechanism - **Simon Polichinel von der Maase**, Senior Researcher, VIEWS, Peace Research Institute Oslo - **Evan Wheeler**, UNICEF ICDT - **Sun-Joo Lee**, UNDP Crisis Bureau - **Kalev Leetaru**, Founder, GDELT Moderator: **Kevin Wyjad**, UNICEF
14:25 – 14:30	**Quick Guide through Breakouts**
**BREAKOUTS #1**

14:30 – 15:30 **Panel Discussion** Room: **Axel's Island**		**SESSION 1:** *The Architecture of AI-Enabled Disinformation in Africa – And its Impact on Conflict* - **Eleonore Fournier-Tombs,** Head of Anticipatory Action and Innovation, UNU-CPR - **Naomi Miyashita**, Project Manager Addressing Mis/Disinformation, United Nations Peace Operations - **Fonteh Akum,** Executive Director, Institute for Security Studies Moderator: **Eduardo Albrecht**, Senior Fellow, UNU-CPR Organizer: **United Nations University - Centre for Policy Research**
14:30 – 15:30 **Short Presentations** Room: **Goblin King**		**SESSION 2:** 1. *Harnessing the Power of Big Data to Anticipate Climate-Induced Forced Displacement* **Andrea Pellandra,** Senior Data Scientist, UNHCR 2. *Google's Crisis Response Portfolio: Using AI for social good* **Victoria Baxter,** Head of Climate & Crisis Response Partnerships, Google
14:30 – 15:30 **Short Presentation:** Room: **Doozers**	**14.30 – 15:00** Organizer: **Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team**	**SESSION 3.1:** *Mapping with Communities & Artificial Intelligence* - **Monica Nthiga**, Regional Director - Eastern & Southern Africa, Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team
	15:00 – 15:30 Organizer: **Premise Data**	**SESSION 3.2:** *Crowdsourced Insights in Crisis Response: Real-world examples with Premise* - **Behar Xharra**, Partnerships Lead, Premise Data
14:30 – 15:30 **Short Presentations:** Room: **Dark Crystal**	**14:30 – 15:00** Organizer: **The Carter Center**	**SESSION 4.1:** *Applying Open-Source Data to Estimate Unexploded Ordnance Presence in Syria* - **Hend (Annie) Charif,** Senior Program Associate, The Carter Center - **Evan Leendertse**, Data Analyst, The Carter Center - **Hari Prasad**, Program Associate, The Carter Center
	15:00 – 15:30 Organizer: **Whiteflag Foundation**	**SESSION 4.2:** *Whiteflag Protocol: Preventing unnecessary bloodshed with blockchain* - **Mateusz Plaza**, Partner of Whiteflag Foundation, Co-Founder of Fennel Labs
15:30 – 16:00		**Coffee Break**
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16:00 – 17:00 Panel Discussion Room: **Axel's Island**	SESSION 1: *Data and Terrorism: Challenges, risks, and opportunities*	
	▪ **Michael Collins,** Executive Director for the Americas, Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) – in person	
	▪ **Idriss Mounir Lallali,** Ag. Director, African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT/CAERT) (online)	
	▪ **Racheal Atley,** Coordinator of Political Analysis and Research, Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	
	Moderator: **Tamara Anderson**, Senior Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) Policy, Knowledge Management and Strategic Support Section	
	Organizer: **UN Office of Counter-Terrorism**	
16:00 – 17:00 Panel Discussion Room: **Doozers**	SESSION 2: *The Comprehensive Planning and Performance Assessment System for UN Peacekeeping Missions*	
	▪ **Kym Taylor**, Chief, Evaluation Team, DPET, Department of Peace Operations	
	▪ **David Wickland**, Data Specialist, Department of Peace Operations	
	▪ **Daniel Maier**, Senior Mission Planning Officer in MONUSCO	
	▪ **Captain Nkombo**, Support Officer in UNDOF	
	Organizer: **UN Department of Peace Operations**	
16:00 – 17:00 Short Presentations Room: **Goblin King**	16:00 – 16:30 Organizer: **ACLED**	SESSION 3.1: *Assessing and Mapping Conflict Exposure Worldwide in Real Time*
		▪ **Professor Clionadh Raleigh,** Executive Director, ACLED, and University of Sussex
		▪ **Professor Andrew Linke,** Associate Professor, Department of Geography, University of Utah and ACLED
	16:30 – 17:00 Organizer: **University of Edinburgh, Peace & Conflict Resolution Evidence Platform**	SESSION 3.2: *Peace Analytics: Peace and Transition Process Tracker*
		▪ **Christine Bell,** Executive Director Peace & Conflict Resolution Evidence Platform, PEACEREP, Professor of Constitutional Law
16:00 – 17:00 Short Presentations Room: **Dark Crystal**	16:00 – 16:30 Organizer: **Centre for Alternative Conflict Resolution**	SESSION 4.1: *Integrating AI and Game Theory: The new horizon for peacebuilding*
		▪ **Anastasiia Aizenshtat,** CEO, Centre for Alternative Conflict Resolution
		▪ **Richard Rubenstein,** Professor Emeritus of Conflict Resolution and Public Affairs, Carter School – online
		▪ **Ekin Ilseven,** Assistant Professor of Strategy and Organizations at Católica Lisbon School of Business and Economics
	16:30 - 17:00 Organizer: **United Nations Department of Peace Operations**	SESSION 4.2: *Analyzing the Information Landscape in Peacekeeping Settings: Challenges and ways forward*
		▪ **Dr Joseph Aylett-Bullock,** United Nations Department of Peace Operations
		▪ **Boris Meyer,** United Nations Office of Information and Communication Technology

DAY 2: Tuesday, October 17 (ET)	
08:00 – 08:50	Registration + Security Check Breakfast and Coffee Available
09:00 – 10:00 Panel Discussion Plenary Room: **Goblin King**	*From Data to Decision: Effectively linking analytics and action* Organizer: **Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi)**
	▪ **Sarah Bressan**, Global Public Policy Institute, Germany
	▪ **Devanand Ramiah**, UNDP
	▪ **Richard Gowan**, UN Director, International Crisis Group
	▪ **Nantené Coulibaly**, ECOWARN, TBC

	Moderator: **Corrado Scognamillo,** Head, Risk Anticipation Hub, UNDP		
10:00 – 10:05	**Quick Guide through Breakouts**		

<center>**BREAKOUTS #3**</center>			
10:10 – 11:10 **Panel Discussion:** Room: **Goblin King** Organizer: **Myanmar Witness**	**SESSION 1:** *Collaborating between Global and Local: Utilizing data and OSINT for preventing violent extremism* • **Imtiaz Ahmed,** Professor of International Relations, Dhaka University • **Asad Baig,** Founder and Director of Media Matters for Democracy (MMfD) • **Saijai Liangpunsakul,** Project Director, Myanmar Witness – in person Moderator: **Helena Sterwe,** Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding Team Leader, UNDP Crisis Bureau		
10:10 – 11:10 **Short Presentations** Room: **Dark Crystal**	**10:10 – 10:40** Organizer: **Africa HCD+, Elva Community Engagement (Elva), and the Fund for Peace**	**SESSION 2.1:** *Exploring the HCD-Human Security and State Fragility Nexus in Early Warning Systems* ▪ **Nate Haken,** Fund for Peace ▪ **Kwei Quaye-Foli,** Security Analytics Consultant, HCD+ ▪ **Aneliese Bernard,** Director of Research and Programs, Elva ▪ **Dr. Roland Clarke,** National Director, National Center for the Coordination of Response Mechanisms, Republic of Liberia	
	10:40 – 11:10 Organizer: **UNDP**	**SESSION 2.2:** *From Data to Anticipation: UNDP's journey with Crisis Risk Dashboards* • **Corrado Scognamillo,** Head, Risk Anticipation Hub, UNDP	
10:10 – 11:10 **Short Presentations** Room: **Doozers**	**10:10 – 10:40** Organizer: **USAID, OTI**	**SESSION 3.1:** *Perspectives on the 2022 Brazilian Election: A media-based network and sentiment analysis* ▪ **Silas Hill,** GIS Analyst, OTI/USAID	
	10:40 – 11:10 Organizer: **Centre for Humanitarian Data**	**SESSION 3.2:** *Alerting Aid Agencies Early to Displacement, Food Insecurity, Drought, and Disease Outbreaks* ▪ **Leonardo Milano,** Data Science Team Lead, Centre for Humanitarian Data ▪ **Nicolas Rost,** Head of Programme, CERF secretariat ▪ **Seth Caldwell,** Data Scientist, UN OCHA Centre for Humanitarian Data	
11:10 – 11:30	**Coffee Break**		

<center>**BREAKOUTS #4**</center>			
11:30 – 12:30 **Panel Discussion** Room: **Dark Crystal** Organizer: Dataminr	**SESSION 1:** *AI for Good: Leveraging AI across the UN peace, humanitarian, and human rights pillars* ▪ **Monica Kjollerstrom,** Coordination Officer, UNOCC (Watch Room) ▪ **Julia Black,** Project Officer (Data Development), IOM's Missing Migrants Project ▪ **George Hodge,** Technology Advisor, UN Human Rights (OHCHR) ▪ **Jessie End,** VP, Social Good, Dataminr		
11:30 – 12:30 **Workshop:** Room: **Doozers**	**SESSION 2:** *Senior Management Seminar on the Strategic Use of Data in Peace Operations and SPMs* ▪ **Kersten Jauer,** Strategic Planning Unit, EOSG ▪ **Seth Appiah-Mensah,** UNSOM Chief Joint Operations Centre ▪ **Francesca Fraccaroli,** UNMHA Chief of Staff ▪ **Jeremy Drage,** MONUSCO Chief of Joint Operations Centre (TBC)		

Organizer: **United Nation DPPA-DPO**	▪ **Barbara Nieuwenhuys**, Programme Director Digital Ensablement Team	
11:30 – 12:30 Short Presentations **Room: Goblin King**	**11:30 – 12:00** Organizer: **PAX/ Bellingcat**	**SESSION 3.1: Using OSINT and Remote Sensing to Document Environmental Impacts of War** ▪ **Wim Zwijnenburg**, PAX Project Leader Humanitarian Disarmament ▪ **Brittany Roser,** PAX UN Liaison
	12:00 – 12:30 Organizer: **Exchange.Design**	**SESSION 3.2:** *Introducing AskACLED* ▪ **Gregory Mali**, CTO, Exchange Design
12:30 – 13:30	**Lunch Break**	
13:35 – 15:35 Workshop **Room: Goblin King** Organizer: **UN DPPA-DPO**	*Policy Innovation and Open Data with the Peace and Security Data Hub* In person participation: ▪ **Naoko Takahashi Taymanov**, Political Affairs Officer, United Nations, Dept of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs ▪ **Ayham Ahsan Francies Al Maleh**, Information Management Officer, United Nations, Depts of Political, Peacebuilding and Peace Operations DPPA-DPO ▪ **Eduardo Albrecht**, Senior Fellow, UNU-CPR ▪ **Andrea Garcia-Ochoa Lee** Remote Participation: ▪ **Jainnielyn Gong** ▪ **Martin Waehlisch,** Team Leader, UN DPPA ▪ **Avishan Bodjnoud,** Chief, Information Management Unit, United Nations, Depts of Political, Peacebuilding and Peace Operations DPPA-DPO ▪ **Chido Mutangadura,** Senior Fellow, UNU-CPR ▪ **Daniela Duran** ▪ **Charlie de Rivaz**	
15:40 – 16:20 **Room: Goblin King**	**D4P Community of Practice – Reflections and Ideas Sharing**	
16:30 - 17:30	**Wine and Cheese Reception with Google Demos**	

DAY 3: Wednesday, October 18 (ET)	
08:00 – 09:00 Panel Discussion	**Session 1:** *Predicting Conflict and Displacement for Anticipatory Action* ▪ **Seth Caldwell**, Data Scientist, Predictive Analytics Team, OCHA Centre for Humanitarian Data ▪ **Isabelle Arradon**, Director of Research, International Crisis Group ▪ **Sofia Kyriazi,** AI Engineer, UNHCR ▪ **Katayoun Kishi**, Head of Data Science, ACLED Moderator: ▪ **Alexander Kjærum**, Global Advisor, Danish Refugee Council Organizer: **Danish Refugee Council**
09:15 – 09:45 Short Presentations	**Session 2:** *A Multi-Risk, AI, and Simulation-Based Scenario Planning Platform for Anticipatory Action* ▪ **Ali Rebaie**, AI Phenomenologist & Anthropologist, Kiangle AI, Portugal ▪ **Harald Fiedler**, Managing Director, Cavorit, Germany

10:00 – 10:30 Short Presentation	**Session 3:** *Leveraging OSINT for Peace: Monitoring small arms proliferation in Afghanistan using social media* • **Gianluca Boo**, Senior Data Expert, Small Arms Survey, (Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies) • **Manon Blancafort**, Project Assistant, Small Arms Survey, (Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies) Organizer: **Small Arms Survey, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies**
10:45 – 11:15 Short Presentation	**Session 4:** *Introducing the UCDP Conflict Issue Data (CID)* • **Magnus Öberg**, Director of the Uppsala Conflict Data Program, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University • **Johan Brosché**, Associate Professor, of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University Organizer: **Uppsala Conflict Data Program**
11:30 – 12:00 Short Presentation	**Session 5:** *Leveraging Maskani as Early Warning Early Response System in Digital Peacebuilding – Kenya* • **Fredrick Ogenga**, The Peacemaker Corps Foundation Kenya Organizer: **The Peacemaker Corps Foundation Kenya**
12:15 – 12:45 Short Presentation	**Session 6:** *Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) for Conflict Mapping and Monitoring* • **Marzia Santini**, Project Leader, European Commission • **Ludovica de Girolamo**, Conflict and GIS analyst, consultant for the European Commission (Seidor Consulting) • **Ana Maria Duta**, Conflict and GIS analyst, consultant for the European Commission (Engineering) • **Ivano Caravaggi,** Conflict and GIS analyst, consultant for the European Commission (Fincons) • **Azzurra Lentini,** Project Officer, European Commission Organizer: **European Commission Joint Research Centre - Disaster Risk Management Unit (E1)**
13:30 – 14:00 Short Presentation	**Session 7:** *Big and Thick Data for Climate Security* • **Dr. Siad Darwish**, CDA Collaborative Organizer: **CDA Collaborative**
14:15 – 15:15 Panel Discussion	**Session 8:** *Virtual Reality "VR for Good" at the United Nations* Organizer: **Global Mediation Team**

DAY 4: Thursday, October 19 (ET)	
08:00 – 09:00 Panel Discussion	**Session 1:** *Data and Analysis for Frontline Conflict, Atrocity Prevention and Response* Organizer: **Harvard Humanitarian Initiative**
09:15 – 09:45 Short Presentation	**Session 2:** *Dynamic Early Warning and Action Model* • Hannes Mueller • Margherita Philipp Organizer: **Conflictforecast**

10:00 – 10:30 Short Presentation	**Session 3:** *INFORM WARNING: Quantified, multi-hazard information to support anticipatory action* ▪ **Andrew Thow**, Coordinator, INFORM UNOCHA ▪ **Sun-joo Lee**, Data science specialist, UNDP Organizer: **UN OCHA**
10:45 – 11:45 Panel Discussion:	**Session 4:** *How to Change the World from Space* ▪ **Rawaa Khalid**, Geospatial consultant for the UN in Iraq ▪ **Trevor Skaggs,** Climate Resilience and Disaster Response Lead at Element 84 ▪ **Einar Bjørgo**, Director of the United Nations Satellite Centre (UNOSAT) ▪ **Andrew Zolli,** Chief Impact Officer at Planet ▪ **Angelina Savchuk**, Information Manager, 510, Netherlands Red Cross Moderator**: Martin Waehlisch**, Team Leader, UN DPPA
12:00 – 12:30 Short Presentation	**Session 5:** *Climate and Migration in East and the Horn of Africa: A spatial analysis of migrants' flow data* ▪ **Erica L Nelson**, MD, PhM, MAS, Co-Director, Humanitarian Geoanalytics Program Organizer: **Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, Humanitarian Geoanalytics Program**
12:45 – 13:45 Panel Discussion	**Session 6:** *Listening for Peace: Local feedback loops and peacebuilding success* ▪ **Dr. Susanna Campbell,** Associate Professor, School of International Service, American University and Director, Research on International Policy Implementation Lab (RIPIL) ▪ **Bushra Hassan,** MEL Advisor, UN Peacebuilding Support Office ▪ **Ruth Rhoads Allen,** President, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects ▪ **Dr. Patrick Vinck,** Assistant Professor, Harvard University and Director, Peace and Human Rights Data program Moderator: **Dr. Michelle Sieff**, Evidence in Policy Fellow from the Center for Global Development detailed to the US State Department's Office of Foreign Assistance Organizer: **Center for Global Development** and **US State Department's Office of Foreign Assistance**
17:00 – 18:00 Panel Discussion	**Session 7:** Identifying Patterns in Complex and Fragmented Conflict Landscapes: Papua New Guinea ▪ **Laura Sorica**, Research Manager, Armed Conflict and Location Event Data's (ACLED) East Asia Pacific desk ▪ **William Kipongi**, Research Officer, National Security and International Relations Research Program at the Papua New Guinea (PNG) National Research Institute ▪ **Dr. Miranda Forsyth**, Professor, School of Regulation and Global Governance, College of Asia and Pacific, Australian National University ▪ **Dr. Luke Condra,** Associate Professor, Public and International Affairs Program Director, University of Pittsburgh Organizer: **US Department of State, Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations**

DAY 5: Friday, October 20 (ET)	
08:00 – 09:00 Panel Discussion	**Session 1:** *Using Crowdsourced Data to Address Sexual Violence* Organizer: **Red Dot Foundation Global** ▪ **Sophie Sandberg**, Founder of ChalkBack Inc ▪ **Tara Ulvila**, Lead for Safecity at Project for Equality ▪ **Myrian Castello,** Co-Founder of The Dream Factory ▪ **Camila Gomide**, Red Dot Foundation Global, Brazil Moderator: **ElsaMarie DSilva**, Founder, Red Dot Foundation Global
09:15 – 09:45 Short Presentation	**Session 2:** *The Violence & Impacts Early-Warning System (VIEWS)* ▪ **Angelica Lindqvist-McGowan,** Operations and Outreach Manager, VIEWS, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University ▪ **Simon Polichinel von der Maase,** Senior Researcher, VIEWS (Peace Research Institute Oslo) Organizer: **Violence & Impacts Early-Warning System (VIEWS)**
10:00 – 11:00 Panel Discussion	**Session 3:** *Leveraging AI in Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs: Transformative opportunities and future applications* ▪ **Hans-Christian Mangelsdorf**, Chief Data Scientist, German Federal Foreign Office ▪ **Martin Waehlisch**, Team leader, UN DPPA ▪ **Anusha Dandapani**, Chief Data and Analytics, United Nations International Computing Center Moderator: **Dr Amandine Gnanguenon,** Senior Advisor to the German Foreign Office, Data Innovation Lab Organizer: **Data Innovation Lab - German Federal Foreign Office**
11:15 – 11:45 Short Presentation	**Session 4:** *The Arab Risk Monitor: Measuring complex risks for data-driven, evidence-based policy making* • **Raffaele Bertini**, Economic Affairs Officer, UNESCWA • **Hong Pum Chung**, Statistician, UNESCWA Organizer: **Conflict and Development Section, UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Lebanon**
12:00 – 12:30 Short Presentation	**Session 5:** *Getting Data Ready for Policy – Designing a Climate-Conflict-Vulnerability Index* • **Melchior Reihlen-Boergers,** GFFO – PREVIEW, Data Scientist, • **Tobias Bohne,** CCEW, Research Associate Organizer: **GFFO – PREVIEW and CCEW**

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