



# RESEARCH FOR PEACE

## - MARKING A DECADE OF SUPPORTING PEACEBUILDING THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

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*Conflict, fragility and violence present urgent threats to human development. 1.5 billion people live in insecurity, facing weak state capacity, difficult political environments and inequality. This is not only a human tragedy but also a challenge to global and regional stability and a major obstacle to poverty reduction.*

In response to these challenges, the international community must act in complex environments and adapt its modalities accordingly. The United Nations has established a High-Level Panel on Peace Operations, and a Global Review on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 is currently ongoing. In addition, the framework for peacebuilding is increasingly in focus.

We have come a long way, but the question remains if we really know how to contribute to sustainable peace for men, women, boys and girls experiencing the effects of conflict and state fragility. And how can we maximize the link between research, policy and practice in order to enhance our peacebuilding efforts?

As part of its contribution to answering these questions – and to the peacebuilding efforts at large – the Folke Bernadotte Academy introduces *Research for Peace*, an event to mark the agency's 10-year anniversary of promoting research within the field of peace, security and development. Since 2005, the Folke Bernadotte Academy supports five Research Working Groups bringing new knowledge on peacekeeping, conflict prevention, rule of law, security sector reform and UNSCR 1325 central to policy-makers and practitioners.

*Research for Peace* will bring together these key researchers with policy-makers and practitioners to discuss central peacebuilding issues and challenges. Particular attention will be paid to peace operations and the role of gender-mainstreamed methods as a means of achieving sustainable results that benefit the restitution of societies with equal opportunities for all.

The conference will also provide an opportunity to discuss the last decade of research connected to the international community's contribution to peace, security and development. Special emphasis will be paid to research that some of the world's leading researchers have conducted with the support of the Folke Bernadotte Academy.

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