

Committee Overview

The United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (UNPBC), was established under United Nations (UN) resolution 60/180 and resolution 1645 in December 2005 as a means for the UN to “extend the period of international attention on post-conflict countries and where necessary, highlight any gaps which threaten to undermine peacebuilding.”¹ The UN General Assembly (GA) and Security Council (SC) also established the commission:

- To bring together all relevant actors to marshal resources and to advise on the proposed integrated strategies for post conflict peacebuilding and recover;
- To ensure predictable financing for early recovery activities and sustained financial investment over the medium to long-term;
- To develop best practices on issues in collaboration with political, security, humanitarian and development actors.²

There are three main bodies in which the UNPBC can organize itself.³ The first body is known as the Organizational Committee and is composed of thirty-one member states, including seven members selected by the SC, seven members elected by the UN Economic and Social Council, five of the top financial contributors to UN budgets and funds, five of the top military contributors to UN missions, and seven members elected by the GA. The current members of the UNPBC Organizational Committee are China, France, Gabon, Mexico, the Russian Federation, The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Australia, Benin, Brazil, Guinea-Bissau, Morocco, Poland, Republic of Korea, Canada, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Chile, Czech Republic, Egypt, Peru, South Africa, Thailand, and Uruguay. These states are responsible for setting the working agenda for the UNPBC and serve renewable two-year terms.⁴

¹ “United Nations Peacebuilding Commission: Mandate.” [UN.org](http://www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding/mandate.shtml). 27 March 2010<<http://www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding/mandate.shtml>>.

² “United Nations Peacebuilding Commission: Mandate.” [UN.org](http://www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding/mandate.shtml). 27 March 2010<<http://www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding/mandate.shtml>>.

³ “United Nations Peacebuilding Commission: Membership and Configurations.” [UN.org](http://www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding/membership.shtml). 27 March 2010<<http://www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding/membership.shtml>>.

⁴ “United Nations Peacebuilding Commission: Organizational Committee Members.” [UN.org](http://www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding/mem-orgcomembers.shtml). 27 March 2010<<http://www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding/mem-orgcomembers.shtml>>.

The second configuration of the UNPBC is found with Country Specific Meetings. These meetings are scheduled for the purpose of focusing on individual countries that have issues requiring the direct attention of the UNPBC following its mandate. These meetings include members of the Organizational Committee, representatives from the focus state, representatives from other states in the region of the focus state that may be directly affected by the focus state's conflict, relevant regional organizations and civil society organizations (i.e. financial organizations, non-governmental organizations, troop/civilian police providers, etc.), and the senior UN representative to the focus state, as well as any other relevant UN representatives.⁵ Current focus states on the UNPBC agenda include Burundi, Sierra-Leone, Central African Republic, and Guinea-Bissau.⁶ The final body of the UNPBC is the Working Group on Lessons Learned, whose purpose is to evaluate lessons from previous UN experiences with national and international post-conflict situations and assess their applicability to future post-conflict engagements.⁷

⁵ "United Nations Peacebuilding Commission: Country-Specific Meetings." [UN.org](http://www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding/mem-countrymtgs.shtml). 27 March 2010<<http://www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding/mem-countrymtgs.shtml>>.

⁶ "United Nations Peacebuilding Commission: Peacebuilding Commission Agenda." [UN.org](http://www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding/pbcagenda.shtml). 27 March 2010<<http://www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding/pbcagenda.shtml>>.

⁷ "United Nations Peacebuilding Commission: Working Group on Lessons Learned." [UN.org](http://www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding/mem-lessons.shtml). 27 March 2010<<http://www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding/mem-lessons.shtml>>.