

Call for expressions of interest to co-host the Knowledge Platform Annual Conference 2024 (KPAC24)

The Knowledge Platform Security & Rule of Law (KPSRL) is looking for a partner in Senegal to co-host our Annual Conference in October 2024. If you're interested, please respond to this call by filling in the expression of interest (EOI) form at this [link](#) before April 28, 2024, COB.

Background

On the Knowledge Platform for Security and Rule of Law

The Knowledge Platform for Security & Rule of Law (the Platform) aims to jointly explore innovative approaches to emerging challenges in the field of security and rule of law in fragile and conflict affected contexts. KPSRL is a consortium project funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and implemented by the Clingendael Institute, the International Development Law Organisation, and Saferworld. The Platform creates and facilitates learning and exchange connections among a network of practitioners, researchers, and policymakers active in the field of security and rule of law, in the Netherlands and internationally. You can learn more about us via www.kpsrl.org

On the Annual Conference 2024

The Annual Conference 2024 (KPAC24) is the Platform's flagship event. In the past, Annual Conferences have brought together several hundred practitioners, policymakers, and researchers to exchange on emerging challenges and approaches in the field of security and rule of law in fragile and conflict affected settings. The Conference was for a long time held in The Hague, The Netherlands, but in 2023, driven by the intention to host it closer to realities of fragile and conflict affected settings, it was organised in Nairobi, followed by uptake conversations in The Hague. You can find information on KPAC23, as an example, through this [link](#).

KPAC24 will take place in Dakar, Senegal, in late October 2024. Dakar was selected as a hub where to hold an international dialogue among participants from fragile and conflict affected settings, with a special focus on participants from countries in the Sahel and broader Western Africa region. A follow up event will take place in the Hague in November or December to engage Dutch policymakers and practitioners with the demands and recommendations emerging from the international dialogue.

Thematic Headline

The programme for KPAC24 will be co-created together with the selected co-hosts and members of the KPSRL network, building on the KPSRL [thematic headline](#) for 2024 “*Making Realities Meet. From Lived Experiences to Humane Institutions*”. This guiding theme asks the platform's work to focus on the People-Centred Approach, the Locally Led Development Approach, and their intersection.

The *People Centred Approach* is the formal and informal institutions' understanding and responsiveness to lived experiences and people's needs, including processes to regularly connect with people, new methodologies to highlight and discuss people' needs and experiences, and capacity to interpret and balance people's inputs on strongly polarised or sensitive topics.

The *Locally Led Development Approach* concerns a shift of power and roles towards ensuring that local actors and narratives drive development processes. This reform agenda includes innovative finance, equitable partnership structures, diversity inside organisations, effective co-creation methodologies, responsive feedback mechanisms to communities, embarking into inclusive learning journeys, and correct language, to name just a few.

The intersection of PCA and LLD is the space where policy and programming are both responsive to lived experiences AND devolved as close to citizens as possible, and where SRoL support is characterised by local ownership, equity, and action shaped by context.

Preparation

The Conference preparation process will begin in mid-May, immediately upon selecting the co-host organisations, and will consist of:

- Consulting KPSRL network participants to refine and adapt the thematic headline to the Conference context and define the overarching programme of the Conference.
- Developing a draft Conference schedule.
- Engaging country, regional, and international stakeholders to ensure participation at the Conference.
- Selecting a Conference venue and local suppliers.
- Opening of a call for session proposals to the KPSRL network who would like to present or facilitate exchanges at KPAC24.
- Evaluating session proposals to finalise the Conference programme.
- Logistical support to participants travelling to the Conference (VISAs, information, etc...)

Objective of the call for expression of interest

This call aims to identify an organisation to co-host KPAC24 together with the Secretariat of the Platform. As the Platform's Secretariat is based in the Hague, the Netherlands, partnering equitably with an organisation based in Senegal is a prerequisite for organising a successful, non-colonial conference in Dakar.

The role of co-host will involve:

- Co-shaping the Conference programme, including adapting the thematic headline to the regional and country context, creating a draft schedule for the programme, and evaluating sessions proposed by the KPSRL network.
- Logistical support in organising the conference, including selecting a venue in Dakar, selecting service providers such as catering companies, hotels, airport transfers, translation, technical support.
- Networking and engaging stakeholders, especially raising the profile of the Conference with organisations active in SROL in Senegal, Sahel, Western Africa, and internationally.
- Co-facilitating the Conference's sessions, including opening and closing the Conference.

What's in it for you?

Shaping & Advocacy. The process of co-creating the programme of KPAC24 is an opportunity to shape the conversations that the KPSRL network will have during 2024. Additionally, you will be automatically invited to the follow up event in The Hague (tentatively in November 2024), where participants will discuss the implications for policy and programming emerging from KPAC24 with Dutch policymakers.

Visibility within the KPSRL network. Hosting the Conference will grant you the opportunity to connect with and position within the KPSRL network of policy makers, practitioners and researchers working in the field of security and rule of law. This also includes positioning with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). The KPSRL has a close partnership with the Dutch MFA, particularly the

Department for Stabilisation and Humanitarian Aid and the Dutch embassies with security and rule of law portfolios. Staff from the Dutch MFA and embassies will attend the Conference.

Funding. All out of pocket expenditure for organising the Conference will be covered by the KPSRL Secretariat. Additionally, the KPSRL Secretariat will compensate your organisation's staff time spent in preparing KPAC24.

Long-term Partnership with the Secretariat of the Platform. The partnership for preparing KPAC24 can lead to future collaborations and partnerships on mutually beneficial opportunities.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for an organisation that is:

- Excited to collaborate with the KPSRL secretariat on shaping KPAC24's programme.
- Based in Dakar, Senegal (or neighbouring countries).
- Experienced in and knowledgeable of the security & rule of law field.
- Connected to an extensive network of organisations active in the security & rule of law field in Senegal, Sahel, broader Western Africa preferably including perspectives from policy, research, and practice.
- Experienced in organising events in Dakar, Senegal.
- Connected to a network of event service providers in Dakar, Senegal (i.e. translation, transfers, venues, catering, photo/video, technicians...).
- Able to work in English and French

Process

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The Secretariat will evaluate the EOIs against the requirements listed above and select up to three interested organisations for a short interview. Interviews will likely take place in the week of May 6th, 2024, with the aim to communicate the outcome on May 14th.