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Dear Ms Kampe,

Around 1.5 billion people worldwide – one in five of the global population – live in regions marked by conflict or violence. And that figure is growing. Wherever security is lacking, lives are in danger, physical and mental health are at risk and there is little or no opportunity for development. Creating security and maintaining or restoring stability is a basic requirement for ongoing development. But in addition to confidence-building measures between the population and state institutions, there is also a need for properly functioning structures, including an independent judiciary, professional and competent staff in ministries, authorities and other institutions for internal security who act in accordance with the rule of law, and democratically legitimised monitoring by parliaments and civil society organisations. Security is thus multifaceted and affects a large number of very different areas of life.

On behalf of the German Government, the European Union and other commissioning parties, GIZ provides support to tackle these challenges in partner countries, in collaboration with organisations and the private sector. Short-term emergency and transitional development assistance provides populations with the bare essentials, after which reconstruction projects are put in place to stabilise political institutions, secure livelihoods and help generate long-term prospects. In particular, however, projects also focus on

preparedness and prevention as a way of avoiding future conflicts and creating lasting peace, stable structures and livelihoods. For GIZ, security and stability are thus of particular relevance to current and future activities. The 'In focus' section of this newsletter provides insights into these and other aspects of our activities.

Finally, we have a request to all our readers: please take part in our [short reader survey](#) and tell us what you think of our newsletter. We ask only for three to five minutes of your time but this should help us respond even better in future to what our readers want.

We hope you find this issue informative.
Your GIZ Compass Editorial Team

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A request

What do you think of our newsletter? Short reader survey about our service

Dear readers,
We're delighted that you're interested in our newsletter. We'd like to invite you to take part in a brief survey that will enable us to gear our content more effectively to your needs and interests. The survey is voluntary, anonymous and won't take longer than three to five minutes to complete.

You can access the questionnaire here:

<http://www.askallo.com/s/newsletterumfrage-onlinesurvey-giz-compass-2017>

We'll inform you of the results in the next issue of the newsletter, along with the changes we intend to make. Thank you in advance for your input.



In focus

Preparing for peace

A centre in Ghana is training people for deployment in the event of conflict or crisis.



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Sometimes it's all in a name: Kofi Annan, the Ghanaian Nobel Peace Prize laureate and former UN Secretary-General, lent his to a training centre in his home country, which prepares civilian staff, police and military forces for peacekeeping missions.

The Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC for short) provides advanced training on crisis prevention, conflict resolution, human rights protection and reconstruction, and in so doing makes a vital contribution to stabilisation in Africa. Since it was founded in 2004, more than 16,500 participants – one quarter of them women – have completed over 460 courses. The centre is supported by many international partners, including the German Government. GIZ has been on board, on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) since 2006. It is involved in devising specially tailored demand-driven courses, as well as helping with the strategic development of the centre, maintaining contacts with

partner organisations and alumni, and introducing useful IT tools. Thanks to web-based systems, the centre can now measure success more accurately and adapt courses systematically to the needs of partner organisations such as the African Union (AU), United Nations and Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

GIZ currently provides course content and funding for five courses, which together produce an average of 150 graduates each year. They are trained as civilian experts in disarmament and reintegration, and as long-term electoral and human rights observers. KAIPTC-trained experts in disarmament and reintegration are currently deployed in the area of operations of Boko Haram in Nigeria; others have already been deployed for the AU in Burundi.

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More about [KAIPTC](#)

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Tackling piracy

Cross-border and coordinated security at sea in West Africa



From piracy and the trafficking of people and drugs to illegal fishing and marine pollution – in the Gulf of Guinea in West Africa the outlook is pretty bleak in terms of the safety of the marine environment itself and of people at sea. Free maritime trade not only helps the local economy, it also promotes international trade: imported goods from Europe initially arrive in the port of Cotonou in Benin, for example, before being shipped on. Neighbouring countries urgently need coordinated countermeasures and a cross-border exchange of information if they are to successfully address the problems of violence and crime along their coasts. On behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Defence (BMVg), GIZ is supporting the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in developing multinational maritime coordination centres. These centres share responsibility for several countries and are being developed close to coastlines in Benin, Ghana, Côte d’Ivoire and Cape Verde. Here the centres monitor and record activities at sea. Should they identify a danger – a vessel in distress, for example – other coordination centres are contacted or the relevant national authority informed. GIZ and its partners are equipping the centres for this work, supplying IT and communication equipment, including radio and real-time monitoring systems. Staff – multinational teams made up of civilian, police and military personnel – are trained in the correct use of the equipment. In terms of cross-border cooperation, GIZ also promotes exchange between national ministries, port authorities, and fisheries and environmental authorities, and helps draft contracts to build the maritime security architecture that are binding under international law.



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More about [regional cooperation in Africa](#)

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Gathering evidence
Professional investigative work for law enforcement agencies in Pakistan



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Broken windows, shelves tipped over, contents strewn across the floor. A crime scene, but what exactly happened? Police in Pakistan’s Punjab province are on the hunt for clues: they look around, gathering and securing evidence which will later be evaluated during their investigations. In this case, the domestic burglary is only a simulation: specially created practice rooms enable police officers in Punjab and Sindh to perfect professional crime scene investigation. Effective training is vital: for years, Pakistan has suffered from political instability, terrorist attacks and rising crime rates.

The police and public prosecutor’s office often lack knowledge about the latest methodologies and techniques for evidence-gathering and evaluation, and key resources are not available. As a result of this and the lack of cooperation between authorities, crimes remain unsolved, prosecutions collapse – and citizens begin to lose trust in the rule of law. This is where the German Federal Foreign Office has a role to play. On behalf of the Federal Foreign Office, GIZ has been working with local law enforcement authorities since 2015 to improve criminal investigation processes. During the current project phase, for example, two specialist ‘criminal investigation schools’ will be developed inside existing police colleges by 2019 in order to systematise training. Police and public prosecutors will receive basic and advanced training to enable them to conduct their work professionally. The first 87 participants have already attended courses on topics such as digital forensics; the aim is to provide training for up to 350 police officers, public prosecutors and possibly judges. In addition, in order to boost confidence in the authorities and develop their sense of responsibility towards the population, special support structures for women and young people are being put in place in collaboration with civil society organisations. GIZ, for example, is supporting the creation of eight ‘women’s desks’, at which women can report offences and give statements to specially trained police officers.

For more information:

More about [‘Support for criminal investigation services in Pakistan’](#)

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Close to the border, close to people **Efficient administration of border regions fosters stability and development**

The Austrian poet Ernst Ferstl once wrote: ‘The better you know your limits, the better equipped you will be to approach others.’ But how does that translate to geographical boundaries? In various projects implemented by GIZ on behalf of the German Government, a key role is played by the administration of borders and border areas: to prevent conflict, promote economic integration, safeguard security and stability and improve living conditions for people in border regions.



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Burkina Faso is a case in point. The West African state has suffered for years from the worsening instability in the neighbouring countries of Mali and Niger and is at risk from terrorism and crime including human trafficking and smuggling. The EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa and the German Federal Foreign Office will together provide a total of EUR 30 million by the end of 2020 to support the efforts of Burkina Faso’s Government to foster economic development in its border areas and create a secure environment for the population living there.

The construction of socioeconomic infrastructure, including water wells and health stations, will in future give people living in 19 border municipalities improved access to clean drinking water and medical care. In addition, the funding will be used to build schools that can provide a basic education. By improving living conditions for local people, it is hoped that further radicalisation can be prevented. Regional and local institutions and security stakeholders, such as customs and police officers, will receive training in implementing conflict-sensitive, human-rights-compliant border controls, preventing corruption and administering regions more effectively. But often the simplest things are lacking: a means of communication or just a reliable electricity supply. GIZ is providing these civilian materials to equip security forces better to perform their duties and protect the population. Open access is also tangible in cooperation with neighbouring states: GIZ is supporting Burkina Faso in its efforts to build closer ties with Mali and Niger on issues of cross-border administration and security and in so doing secure long-term stability in the region.

For more information:

[GIZ activities in Burkina Faso](#)

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Lessons learned from Nepal’s peace process **More on improved security and stabilisation**

A GIZ article that appears in a discussion paper published recently by Friends of Europe, a European think-tank, provides further insights into the security and stabilisation nexus. Under the title ‘On its way to stability and peace: Nepal’s multi-level peace process’, the authors Klaus Schreiner and Claudia Schraewer review the successful approaches undertaken in Nepal. Together with partners and on behalf



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of BMZ, GIZ supported the peace process there during and after the civil war in the early 2000s.

For more information:

[The specialist article on the Friends of Europe website](#)



Panorama

Fiji: A village moves to higher ground **Rising sea levels threaten coastal villages in the Fiji archipelago**



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Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Micronesia: the exotic names conjure up a Pacific paradise. But idyllic as they are, these island states are already struggling to cope with the impact of climate change, threatened by violent storms and rising sea levels. The municipality of Narikoso on one of Fiji's smaller islands, for example, is set to disappear beneath the waves within 20 to 50 years. Seven buildings are already in the 'red zone' – a government classification that requires immediate evacuation. So with support from GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), families are being moved to higher ground. Since its launch in

2016, the pilot project has been one of the measures designed to help the 14 Pacific island states and their population of over ten million to adapt to climate change.

GIZ is now building new houses on higher ground for the seven families affected, and is providing the infrastructure that will enable other inhabitants to follow them at a later date should it become necessary. As a basis for planned and future actions of this sort, GIZ has supported Fiji to develop a national resettlement plan with and for the Fijian people. This will be used as an example of good practice at the 2017 UN Climate Change Conference COP 23 to be held in Bonn in November: in its capacity as host country, Fiji will present the plan to the conference.

But relocation is not the only issue in the Pacific: GIZ is also working with the German Government and the EU to grow climate-resistant varieties of vegetables, reforest mangroves to counter coastal erosion, and protect coastal fish stocks. In addition, an app in neighbouring Vanuatu provides information on natural disasters and enables the government to respond swiftly when disaster strikes.

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More about the project '[Coping with climate change in the Pacific island region](#)'

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Pooling resources for more jobs **Policymakers, the private sector and civil society combine to create jobs in sub-**

Saharan Africa

38,570, 100,000 and 32,000: by late 2019 these figures will be benefiting people in seven African countries. As part of the Employment for Development programme in Africa, GIZ and its partner organisations will put 38,570 people into work, 100,000 workers will earn 10% more on average, and at least 32,000 people will benefit from improved working conditions, for example in agriculture, construction and the textiles and extractive sectors. More work and improved incomes are important, because up to 60% of the working-age population, including women and young people, are considered underemployed and work in unskilled jobs with neither a fixed contract nor reliable pay. For this reason a number of partners have cooperated to launch a powerful initiative. The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is the commissioning party, while the EU, the Korean, British and Norwegian development agencies and two private companies, Shell and Quoniam, share responsibility for cofinancing individual project components. National ministries, universities, associations, organisations are also on board, as well as GIZ to implement measures. The involvement of the private sector is particularly important in order to create jobs: more than 70 international and local companies are actively involved in public-private partnerships, working groups and initiatives. They are receiving support to make them fit for the future and improve value chains with a view to creating additional jobs. In exchange they offer employment and training and a commitment to providing more extensive and effective vocational education and training. From traineeships, basic and further training courses to careers advice and help with job seeking, the measures are already benefiting people directly, including 1,200 students in Tanzania. The programme has improved working conditions for 10,000 employees and created several thousand new employment opportunities, including 276 new jobs in microenterprises in Uganda and 452 new openings for solar technicians, energy efficiency managers and auxiliary staff in Kenya. In total, the programme has funding worth EUR 65 million for implementation, with a further EUR 18 million contributed by partner companies.



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More about the programme '[Employment for Development in Africa \(E4D\)](#)'

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Happy walls – happy schools! A snapshot from: Jordan



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Making school more colourful: In July 115 school pupils from Jordan and Syria decorated the walls of their schools in the Jordanian capital Amman. This not only made for a more pleasant learning environment, enabling pupils to feel at ease despite large class sizes, it also taught them a valuable lesson about working together. The 8 to 13-year-olds first decided on themes and subjects, then with professional support from the international organisation Artolution and local artists they set about painting the walls. The two-week project is part of the Qudra programme run by the European Union and BMZ to support refugees, IDPs and host communities in Syria's neighbouring states. The

programme is implemented by GIZ with other European partners (as reported in [Newsletter 4/16, Displacement and Migration](#)).

For more information:

More about '[Qudra – Increasing the resilience of host communities in neighbouring countries during the Syrian refugee crisis](#)'

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In brief

Facts, figures, people The 2016 GIZ Integrated Company Report



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'Working together worldwide' is the title of the recently published 2016 Integrated Company Report, which highlights what has set GIZ's activities apart over the past year. The report is about much more than business figures and staff numbers, however: selected results and various project case studies covering issues such as displacement and migration, climate and energy, and security and stabilisation provide an insight into the wide and varied spectrum of our work, commissioning parties and partners. Readers can also find out more about our corporate strategy and corporate sustainability. The report is available online in English and German – as a PDF or barrier-free, browsable document.

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2016 Integrated Company Report: www.giz.de/company-report

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A Moringa smoothie, please! GIZ at the European Development Days

Ever tried a Moringa smoothie? Visitors to this year's European Development Days in Brussels had an opportunity at the GIZ stand. As well as tasting the drink they were able to find out more about how the vitamin-rich Moringa tree is used to foster food security in Africa. The same was true for cashew nuts and cocoa, since GIZ promotes sustainable value chains through various projects on behalf of the German Government and the EU, ensuring more jobs and higher incomes. The stand proved a successful gateway to the EDD's theme of 'investing in development'. After this initial introduction, the dialogue process continued at other stands and discussion events with GIZ participation, looking at a variety of issues including youth employment, strengthening the private sector, sustainable urban development, corruption and migration. Recordings of the events are available online.



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Coordination in fragile states – and beyond **Study by Practitioners' Network presented under GIZ presidency**



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For the past ten years, more dialogue, greater cooperation and common strategies to implement European development cooperation have been on the agenda of the Practitioners' Network for European Development Cooperation. GIZ is one of the 16 members of the network, most of them state implementing organisations. The European Commission has observer status. In May, GIZ took over the rotating presidency for one year. As such it is also the face of the network vis à vis the European institutions. One example is this year's European Development Days, where the network shared the preliminary findings of its study on coordinating development cooperation in fragile

contexts. The study looks at examples of European cooperation in Niger, Congo, the Palestinian territories and Haiti and identifies success factors and existing potential. It is to be published soon, and will be presented in Brussels on 15 November at the External Cooperation Infopoint of the European Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO).

For more information:

Practitioners' Network website: <http://www.dev-practitioners.eu/>

Information about the event will follow on the [infopoint website](#)

More about the [presidency](#)

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Cooperation with the EU and important dates in Brussels

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