



STRATEGY 2026 – 2029

The Swiss Platform for
Peacebuilding (KOFF)

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Die Schweizer Plattform für Friedensförderung
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The Swiss platform for peacebuilding

THE KOFF PLATFORM – WHO WE ARE

“Our work is based on a broad and inclusive understanding of peace - beyond the absence of physical violence - focusing on human security, participation, and equality.”

Founded in 2001, the Swiss Platform for Peacebuilding (KOFF) is a well-established platform for exchange, networking and joint learning. It is composed of around 40 civil society organizations and two state organizations engaged in peacebuilding, human rights, gender equality, security policy and sustainable development. The KOFF platform is facilitated by a coordination team at swisspeace and jointly financed by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) and the civil society member organizations. The KOFF Advisory Board advises and supports the KOFF coordination team in guiding the platform’s strategic direction.

KOFF’s mission is to be a diverse and inclusive platform that fosters meaningful exchange, collaboration and constructive dialogue on peace-related issues between civil society and state actors. The platform aims to serve as credible counterpart for policy actors by promoting a broad and inclusive understanding of peace and by highlighting the essential role of Swiss civil society in conflict prevention and peacebuilding. As a dynamic facilitator, collective knowledge hub, and multiplier, the KOFF platform bridges perspectives and promotes joint learning and peer support. It seeks to create synergies that lead to joint initiatives and enhance the collective impact of Swiss peacebuilding efforts.

CORE PRINCIPLES – WHAT GUIDES OUR WORK

The following shared convictions reflect the basis of our collaboration and our approach to peacebuilding, guiding the platform’s engagement:

- **A broad and inclusive understanding of peace:**
Our work is based on a broad and inclusive understanding of peace that goes beyond the mere absence of physical violence. It focuses on positive peace rooted in human security, participation, and equality.
- **The importance of a strong civil society in peacebuilding and conflict prevention:**
A strong, capable and well-connected civil society is essential to effectively contribute to peacebuilding and conflict prevention efforts.
- **The role of Swiss actors:**
Swiss actors – from both state and civil society – play an active role in fostering inclusive and peaceful societies, at the national and international levels.

KOFF'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2026-2029 – WHAT WE FOCUS ON

The overall goal of the KOFF platform for the coming four years is to enhance the positive impact of Swiss actors' efforts – both state and civil society - towards inclusive and peaceful societies in a time of complex global and national challenges. We aim to achieve this through the following three priority areas.

1. To foster meaningful exchange, networking, and connection among peers



The platform creates spaces for connection, collaboration and community. It strengthens exchange and networking among its member organizations across thematic areas, mandates and language regions, fostering a culture of open exchange and mutual inspiration. By offering diverse spaces for both informal and structured interactions, the KOFF platform connects practitioners from different backgrounds to identify synergies and encourage practical collaboration and innovation. It organizes regular peer-support exchanges to provide safe spaces for sharing challenges, needs, and experiences, and promotes member-to-member connections. Through its communications, the platform highlights member organizations' work and provides opportunities for connection.

➔ **Outcome 1:** KOFF members feel connected, identify synergies and opportunities for practical collaboration and innovation.

discussions and outcomes. KOFF member organizations use the platform to share their insights and good practices within KOFF and beyond, helping to highlight the expertise of Swiss civil society in peacebuilding and enhance its collective impact.

➔ **Outcome 2:** KOFF members increase their capacities and knowledge, highlighting the joint expertise of Swiss civil society in peacebuilding.

3. To strengthen policy dialogue between civil society and state actors



The KOFF platform connects civil society peacebuilding practice with Swiss policy spaces. It holds an important role in promoting informed and constructive policy dialogue on peace-related issues between Swiss civil society and state actors. As a trusted and credible interface, the platform facilitates exchanges with state actors and helps bridge perspectives, fostering mutual understanding between civil society peacebuilding practitioners and political stakeholders. It facilitates member organizations' access to relevant policy spaces and offers opportunities to take up and discuss important international peace policy developments to link them to Swiss responsibilities and positioning. KOFF provides a platform to bring together and synthesize civil society perspectives and knowledge from practice, sharpen narratives and arguments, and proactively supports the co-development of joint policy inputs thereby strengthening the voice of Swiss civil society to inform political decision-making and ensure concerns are heard. The KOFF platform's added value lies in its role as an active facilitator, convener, and amplifier - bridging perspectives between civil society and policymakers and giving further weight to member organizations' perspectives related to peace policy developments.

➔ **Outcome 3:** KOFF members have a strengthened voice and ability to inform political decision-making on peace-related issues.

2. To enhance joint learning and co-creation of knowledge from practice

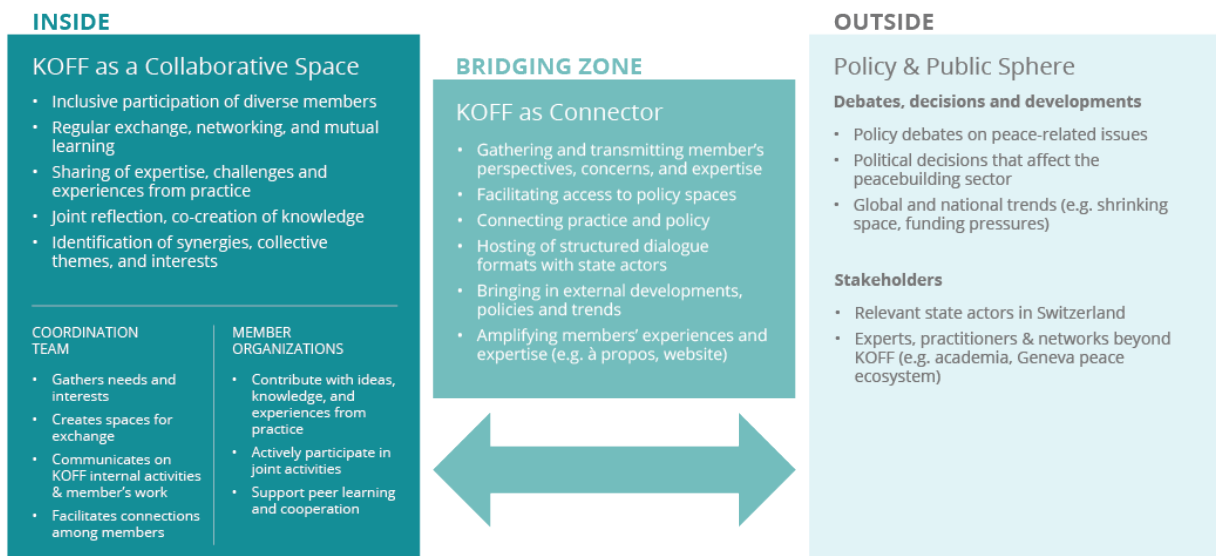


The KOFF platform facilitates joint learning and supports the co-creation of knowledge based on member organizations' practices and expertise. KOFF helps identifying areas of common interest or concern and brings member organizations together to address peace-related challenges collaboratively and to develop joint outputs where relevant. Whether through informal exchanges, collaborative reflection, or longer-term thematic processes, the KOFF platform makes use of the wealth of expertise and perspectives among its member organizations to contextualize emerging trends at the interface of peace, to critically engage with evolving challenges, and to identify promising approaches for promoting peaceful and inclusive societies. The platform also facilitates the integration of specialized expertise from beyond the KOFF platform, leveraging further theoretical and practical knowledge to enrich

KOFF's Impact Logic



FRAMEWORK OF KOFF AS A PLATFORM – HOW WE FUNCTION



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