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The new KOFF Strategy 2021 - 2024 was launched in February 2021. It defines three strategic accents: political relevance, joint learning processes, and internal networking. A look back at 2021 - particularly against the backdrop of Russia's war against Ukraine - shows how central the chosen accents are. In addition to the suffering of the affected population, this war has triggered dynamics that underscore the political relevance of the issues that the KOFF Platform has been addressing for years.

The question of how Switzerland positions itself in the (international) realm of peace and security was addressed by KOFF at a roundtable with the Swiss Peace Council and the Gesellschaft Schweiz-UNO in the summer of 2021 (p.1). The role of (social) media and how to address polarization and mis/disinformation is another key topic for peacebuilding. KOFF conducted a roundtable on this issue with Fondation Hironnelle and Helvetas in the fall of 2021 (p.3).

The year 2021 not only revealed the political relevance of the topics covered by the platform but also confirmed that joint learning processes are of great value in addressing peace policy and peacebuilding in critical and constructive ways. From today's perspective, the results of the joint learning process on "Women, Peace, and Security," coordinated jointly by KOFF, Peace Women Across the Globe, and cfd - the feminist peace organization, are politically relevant. The importance of self-care and the care economy for women's participation in crises and in peace processes could not be clearer (p.5). Finally, the joint learning process on peace and migration brought major insights on how to integrate migration into peace policy and what a conflict-sensitive migration policy could look like - also in Switzerland (p.7).

This is where the third strategic accent comes into play: internal networking, which has existed among KOFF member organizations active in Central America for a long time. The joint analyses and strategies that emerge from it are central to addressing the diminishing space for civil society in the region, against the backdrop of Switzerland's withdrawal of bilateral development cooperation from Latin America (p.9).

The KOFF Intervision Group, which was reactivated in spring 2021, also aims to harness the experience and resources in the platform and promote mutual support (p.11). Finally, KOFF collaborated with "Forum for Friedenskultur" in the coordination of the first "Illanzer Sommer" with the intention to help build a culture of peace in Switzerland that would support peace work in Switzerland despite difficult times (p.13).

Many thanks to the KOFF member organizations and the KOFF team for their tireless efforts. They are more relevant today than ever.

Anna Leissing
Head of the KOFF Platform

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THE YEAR BEFORE

The 24th February 2022 marks the beginning of a new age – the end of the illusion of the “balance of terror” that safeguards the “civilized world” from war. That one of the “superpowers” could actually start a war of aggression in “safe Europe” seemed unthinkable. Consequently, even the Russian army’s systematic preparation for this war was almost consistently dismissed as a threatening gesture. Even we peace organizations did not see the war coming and took no steps to try to mobilize against it.

As such, the last year was not characterized by the prevention of war. “Rethinking Swiss Peace Policy - Identify Gaps, Use potentials” was the topic of a KOFF Roundtable in May 2021. As reported by Ruedi Tobler: We discussed “Switzerland missed out on the post-war order following WW2” with Lea Suter (Secretary-General United Nations Association UNA) and Luca Urech (Deputy Head of the Peace Division MENA, DFA), under the moderation of Andrea Grossenbacher (KOFF). We agreed that the Security Council candidacy provides the opportunity for public discourse on the linking of domestic and foreign peace and security policy.

On its 75th anniversary event, the Peace Council chose to approach the scenario “Rethinking Security” developed by the church of the state of Baden-Württemberg. A discussion about the ways in which this could drive Swiss peace and security policy was held with a highly respected panel: Theodor Ziegler, Barbara Haering-Binder,

Markus Heiniger and Head of KOFF Anna Leissing. However, the structural and financial support required to develop a Swiss scenario does not currently exist within the churches. The German scenario must also be revised, as it is essentially based on Russia’s integration into an overarching peace order that would enable Germany’s purely civil participation in NATO. Will it be possible to find a way back from the current course of rearmament to the “path of peace”?

In Switzerland, too, we currently seem far from a path of peace. During the consultation on the 2021 security policy report, the Peace Council prepared a “counter-draft”, reversing the report’s priorities with respect to the army and security policy: Switzerland’s participation in the collective security system of the UN and OSCE should be given priority, with emergency aid in second place, and Switzerland’s (autonomous) defense only coming in third place. Maintaining compulsory military service for men cannot be justified for such a “streamlined” army, even less so its extension to women. The debate in the federal councils has shown that the route favored by the majority moves in the exact opposite direction, and calls for rearmament on a huge scale, as in other European countries. Even so, the SVP’s attempt to block Switzerland’s candidacy for the UN Security Council failed at the last minute.



Picture: Kadir Celep/Unsplash
Text in collaboration with Ruedi Tobler, President, Swiss Peace Council

2021 in brief

One of KOFF’s [three strategic accents](#) is to enhance the political relevance of the platform regarding Switzerland’s domestic and foreign peace and security policies. Therefore, KOFF joined the civil society working group launched in June 2021 by the [Gesellschaft Schweiz-UNO \(GSUN\)](#) to support Switzerland’s candidacy for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council and to critically analyze its potential mandate. In May, KOFF organized the [roundtable](#) “Rethinking Swiss Peace Policy - Identifying Gaps, Using Potential” to discuss Switzerland’s priorities in terms of peace and security policy, especially as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council. Similar questions were addressed at the [panel discussion](#) “Rethinking Security”, organized by the KOFF member [Swiss Peace Council](#) and moderated by the Head of KOFF, Anna Leissing.

PEACE AND DIGITAL SPACES

For peacebuilders, digital tools present opportunities. They can scale public inclusion and improve efficiencies, for example in collecting data for conflict analysis, ceasefire monitoring, and early warning of violence.

However, digital risks likely outweigh the current contributions of the digital space to peace. Those risks include cyber-attacks targeting vital services; mass surveillance tools used to silence vulnerable populations and opponents; and the weaponization of tech platforms that tend to amplify divisive and antagonistic contents.

Against this backdrop, it appears increasingly important to invest in the digital literacy of peacebuilders and the wider population. We all need to maintain cognitive vigilance and critical thinking while navigating digital spaces and be aware of our individual responsibility when clicking on and sharing content.

But global digital platforms and states also have to be held accountable when they fuel hate speech and disinformation or fail to prevent them. In this regard, global digital governance standards are an absolute necessity to give peace a chance.

Fondation Hironnelle operates in conflict-affected areas where there is a significant gap between those who have access to digital technologies and those who do not. This gap worsens inequalities between poor and wealthy, literate and illiterate, urban and rural, and between people of different gender identities.

In such contexts, we believe it is key to support local journalists in producing quality information in local languages and in broadcasting online and offline. This requires understanding the information needs of local audiences and responding to them promptly. To this end, Fondation Hironnelle developed, with specialized partners, capacities to monitor online and offline (mis/dis)information trends. The organization also conducts regular audience surveys to better understand how its productions are received, the gaps to fill and the evolution of consumption habits of local audiences. Fondation hironnelle adapts to this evolution with hybrid broadcasting, both offline through radio airwaves and online through social media, to meet the local audiences where they are.

Considering the widespread effects of mis/disinformation and their implications for peacebuilding, Fondation Hironnelle and KOFF, together with Helvetas and InsightShare held a roundtable on September 2021 to share insights from the perspectives of journalism, participatory media, and peace mediation.

Together with ICT4Peace and Principle for Peace, Fondation Hironnelle launched an initiative to map digital risks and opportunities. Dr. Lisa Schirch produced a conversation starter and a series of workshops will be organized with various Swiss actors, including swisspeace, to identify a menu of thematic tracks and key issues for the Swiss government to promote while participating as a non-permanent member on the UN Security Council.



Picture: George pagan III/Unsplash
Text in collaboration with Sacha Meuter, Head of Policy and Research, Legal advisor, Fondation Hironnelle

2021 in brief:

In view of increasing importance of digitalization for peace and conflict, KOFF engages in discussions about different aspects of digital peacebuilding such as digital conflict analysis, social media, virtual dialogue and mediation, data visualization, etc. In September the platform co-organized a [roundtable](#) with [Fondation Hironnelle](#), [Helvetas](#) and [InsightShare](#) on the effects of mis/disinformation on peacebuilding. In October, [swisspeace](#) and [Peace Brigades International Schweiz \(PBI\)](#) organized the workshop “Sustainable and practical digital security for Human Rights Defenders” at the [2021 Build Peace conference](#), with the aim of equipping peacebuilding actors with strategies to overcome (digital) threats.

CALLING FOR MORE (SELF-)CARE ON THE WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY AGENDA

The active involvement of civil society in implementing the Swiss National Action Plan 1325 on Women, Peace and Security reached a high point in 2021. Nobel Peace Prize laureate Leymah Gbowee opened the “Centering Care in Peacebuilding” conference in September 2021 with these words: “Imagine you’re in the kitchen doing some cleaning. Once your sponge is saturated, you have to wring it out before you can carry on cleaning. The same is true for our work as women peace activists.”

Gbowee used her sponge analogy to illustrate the first fundamental prerequisite for feminist peace work: self-care. But she did not stop there. Drawing on her own extensive experience, she explained the significance of social relationships and networks, pointed out the important link between high-level peace processes and peace work with grassroots communities, and appealed to our collective responsibility to fight for women’s participation and secure its rightful seat at the table.

Focusing on care is central to this very issue, since care is simultaneously both a barrier to women’s participation in peace processes and an essential part of peace and security. Care work must therefore be afforded greater analysis, recognition, and support in peace policy and in peace-

building programs, and must be distributed more equitably. The “No Care, No Peace” booklet summarizes the relevant experience, insights, and recommendations gained from interviews and discussions with representatives of NGOs, academia, trade unions, and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) as part of the “Civil Society Contribution to the Implementation of the Swiss National Action Plan NAP 1325” project.

The project was jointly implemented by KOFF, PeaceWomen Across the Globe, and cfd – the feminist Peace Organization from April 2018 to March 2022. Alongside the two key topics of “Prevention of violence” (2018 – 2019) and “Care” (2020 – 2021), the project was also a valuable and inspiring learning process in relation to the principles and values of feminist peace work between civil society organizations, as well as the opportunities and challenges of working with governmental stakeholders in the context of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda.

The experiences and insights gained during the project will be incorporated into further collaboration between the organizations involved and even at the KOFF Platform level. They will also be summarized in a publication that will appear in summer 2022.



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Text in collaboration with Anna Leissing, Head of the KOFF Platform

2021 in brief:

The project “Civil Society Contribution to the Implementation of the Swiss NAP 1325” is coordinated by a working group of KOFF, [PeaceWomen Across the Globe \(PWAG\)](#) and the [feminist peace organization cfd](#). Over the past two years, it has focused on women’s participation, feminist peacebuilding and the care economy. In June, a [roundtable](#) was held to discuss the increasing number of countries adopting a feminist foreign policy and the resulting implications for women, peace and security. The outcomes of these two years of research and interviews are collected in a [leaflet](#) published this year and were presented at an online conference in September. The event gathered representatives of the FDFA, Swiss and international civil society to discuss the crucial role of care in foreign and domestic peace policy and practice.

MIGRATION - FROM JOINT LEARNING TO PRACTICE

In January 2021, KOFF/swisspeace published an online toolbox on migration in peacebuilding. What has happened since?

Structured in three parts, the toolbox informs on how to make programming and policymaking more attuned to the needs of migrants and host communities and enhance existing capacities for peace. It includes:

1. A theoretical introduction to the peace - migration nexus.
2. A three-step framework for integrated analysis of migration and conflict.
3. Guidance - inspired by practical experiences - on addressing migration in three phases of peacebuilding (conflict prevention, resolution and dealing with the past).

The toolbox has helped to initiate discussions about the intersection of migration, conflict, and peace, including the roles and agency of migrants, the responsibility of states and citizens in places of origin, transit and destination, and the idea of a linear causality between conflict and migration. These conversations occurred in various settings; such as during an interdepartmental working group on Southeast Asia of the Swiss FDFA, a program by the Rotary Peace Center at the University of Chulalongkorn in Bangkok, a course on Migration and Health offered by the Swiss Tropical and Health Institute and an event on the role of solidarity cities at the Basel Peace Forum. It appeared that a peacebuilding perspective adds value to migration debates, challenges the predominant migration-security paradigm, and creates space for cross-sectoral exchanges.

Furthermore, the toolbox's framework for integrated analysis offers concrete instructions for a conflict context analysis with an integrated migration lens. The framework for integrated analysis is currently being put to practice in the context of a collaboration between swisspeace and IOM Madagascar. Climate change has contributed to changing internal migration patterns in the South of Madagascar, creating new socio-economic and environmental challenges. Using the tool mentioned above, the aim is to identify concrete avenues for peacebuilding and develop guidance for further initiatives addressing climate change-related migration. Finally, various KOFF members and partner organizations are drawing on the toolbox to inform their own approaches to migration in peacebuilding contexts. The following statements provide an insight into how this is happening.

"I used some of the guiding questions in the toolbox for my interviews in a conflict sensitivity assessment of a migration project. The one about narratives around migration was perfect for generating insights." Owen Frazer, Senior Advisor Conflict Transformation, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation.

"The toolbox offers a helpful framing for strengthening our argumentation on the importance of fostering social cohesion in destination countries. The peacebuilding lens provides inspiring new angles for project design on migration." Andrea Zellhuber, Development Policy and Desk Culture of Peace, terre des hommes.



Picture: Miko Guziuk/Unsplash
Text in collaboration with Andrea Grossenbacher, Program Officer, KOFF Platform

2021 in brief:

Following the publication of the [online toolbox on migration in peacebuilding](#), KOFF has been active in sharing it within and beyond its networks. In January, the platform began doing so at a high-level panel, "Risks and opportunities of Migration for Peacebuilding," at the 2021 Basel Peace Forum. In February, the KOFF Master Class "Involuntary immobility: implications for peace(building)" took place and brought together experts who reflected with participants on the concept of involuntary immobility. KOFF also shared the toolbot at an interdepartmental working group on Southeast Asia of the DFA, a Rotary Peace Center program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, and a course on migration and health offered by the Swiss Tropical and Health Institute.

SHRINKING DEMOCRATIC SPACES REQUIRE SOLIDARITY & NETWORKING

The restriction of civil society's freedom to act is a global phenomenon. The political landscape has been undergoing some worrying changes in El Salvador too since Nayib Bukele came to power following the 2019 election.

Whilst the President makes promises on social media of greater shares of wealth and power through Bitcoin, democratic spaces in El Salvador are shrinking at a staggering speed. The separation of powers is being gradually eroded. Dissidents are being persecuted and, in some cases, detained without trial or rights. Restrictive NGO legislation and administrative and financial barriers are making the work of civil society organizations difficult. Several offices have recently been searched by the police and the Attorney General's Office, which has brought back memories of the repression of the 1980s – as have the discovery of clandestine mass graves and the disappearances of people without a trace in recent months.

The dwindling of democratic freedoms is arousing fears. The threat is clear, and the message is that people should adapt, submit, and keep quiet. Some are adapting but many are emigrating north with the vague hope of a better future. Others are fighting back and protesting against the loss of their democratic rights, against the denial of history, and against the new oligarchy. "I'll trade your Bitcoin for my disappeared sisters!" says a placard held aloft by a young woman at one demonstration. As a Swiss civil society organization, the KOFF member organization medico international schweiz stands in solidarity with this protest and is also highlighting it in Switzerland. In addi-

tion, medico international supports psychosocial work and in particular psychodrama group processes in social and feminist organizations. "It is particularly important in the current tense political situation to strengthen identity and resilience. Solidarity and mutual support are currently of existential importance for women's and feminist organizations in El Salvador," says Maja Hess, President of medico international schweiz.

The KOFF platform offers organizations working in El Salvador and Central America a vital basis for networking. The idea is that this can be used to develop joint analyses and strategies for how local civil society can be supported from here. The dialog with the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), which has a presence in the region, also has an influence. When official bodies also know about the experiences of local civil society and are in contact with it, this can have a certain protective effect. It was therefore also key that KOFF worked with several member organizations to ensure that human rights and peace are given more priority and financing in the Americas Strategy – especially in Central America and in particular because Switzerland's bilateral development cooperation is withdrawing from Latin America as of 2024.

Civil society in El Salvador and the whole of Central America deserves solidarity and support in defending its rights and democratic freedoms. Networking and communication on and beyond the KOFF platform are of great importance for this.



Picture: Cinquera, El Salvador. Karen Hernandez

2021 in brief:

In recent years, KOFF Platform members have been concerned about the shrinking space for civil society, particularly in Latin America, where the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting restrictions have paved the way for a tightened grip by governments on the population and non-governmental organizations. KOFF organized the [roundtable "Against all odds: Making space for peacebuilding"](#) in collaboration with [cfd](#), [the feminist peace organization](#), [Peace Brigades International](#), [schweiz](#), [HEKS](#), and [swisspeace](#). At the event, KOFF members explored challenges, strategies, and approaches in the context of shrinking space for civil society.

AN INTERVISION GROUP – TO WHAT END?

While peacebuilding and conflict sensitivity have numerous concepts and tools at their disposal, putting them into practice continues to present a major challenge.

The KOFF intervision group meets once a month. The participants are invited to take turns to share a topic or an issue on which they wish to seek advice from their peers. We focus on the difficulties, the sticking points, in order to promote reflection on the doubts and difficulties encountered. This semi-informal structure results in a spontaneity that encourages trust and authenticity.

The issues addressed are very diverse and based on practical experience. For instance, how can a culture of conflict sensitivity be fostered in development projects in Mozambique? After training the teams and discovering the tools, it is time to convey this knowledge, breathe life into a theory, and put these into practice: for example, the project must be designed in such a way that the power relations and tensions between different societal groups are taken into account, so as to avoid reinforcing them and thus feeding an existing conflict.

How can the “do no harm” principles be applied in South Sudan when the country has been ravaged by nearly half a century of armed conflict? How can we avoid intensifying tensions between different ethnic groups? The context of the “shrinking

space” in which civil society is evolving in many countries also prompts a myriad of questions, as this context is characterized by the unknown and instability. What does duty of care towards one’s own staff mean in times of COVID and in countries with a deteriorating security situation? How are we to reconcile security guidelines or take into account the gender issue without forgetting to listen to our intuition?

The KOFF intervision group allows its members to discuss matters in an environment of trust, where there is also space for doubts and questions. After a year of operation, the verdict is unanimous: sharing, discussing and questioning allows us to promote reflection on complex situations which, even if they share common aspects, are no less unique for doing so. Each individual brings their own point of view to the table and the diversity of experience quickly gives rise to a whole host of relevant and constructive tangents and advice.

To safeguard peace or be a contributor to peace is to be confronted with sometimes overwhelming questions. Awareness of the stakes involved in these instances can have a paralyzing effect. The environment of trust that characterizes the intervision group promotes the emergence of a collective intelligence that opens up new horizons and allows us to reactivate our thinking when doubts paralyze us.



Picture: Earthly Beautie/Unsplash
Text in collaboration with Valérie Lange, Country Program Laos, Psychosocial approach - conflict sensitivity, [Fastenaktion](#)

2021 in brief:

Internal communication and exchange are crucial for a platform like KOFF dedicated to capitalizing on synergies in developing strategies and approaches for civilian peacebuilding. For this reason, the platform has devoted a strategic accent for the 2021-2024 period to strengthening internal networks. The re-launch of the intervision group (IVG) in 2021 after a two-year break is part of the implementation of this strategic accent. Every last Thursday of the month, the KOFF IVG, which is open to all KOFF members, provides a safe space for exchange and peer support among peacebuilders. In the discussions, KOFF members address a wide range of questions and challenges that they are dealing with on a professional and personal level.

PROMOTING PEACE FROM AND WITHIN SWITZERLAND

Ilanz is a lovely small town in the Graubünden Alps. But it is also a meeting place for people working for a culture of peace. At least, since last summer, when the summer festival *Ilanzer Sommer* was organized for the first time.

While the rhetoric of threats is omnipresent and increasing in our country, the call for peaceful behaviors and the cultivation of an active culture of peace goes practically unheard. The initiators of the Ilanzer Sommer — a KOFF member organization called Forum für Friedenskultur founded in November 2020 — strive to change that. “We observe a lack of public spaces where dissenters can safely meet and exchange,” says Adi Blum, managing director. “We also perceive an increase in violence, the formation of fronts, and a decreasing willingness to engage with people with different opinions,” he adds.

In September 2021, the SVV Security Monitor revealed that polarization had become Switzerland’s number one concern. Forum für Friedenskultur takes action by offering a beautiful space for encounters and dialogue. The Ilanzer Sommer offers a summer of peace, a “stad da pasch” as the people of the Surselva call it - in a sustainable way, as each summer is a new opportunity to promote a culture of peace within Switzerland and across borders. Its program includes concerts, readings, and film screenings. It also enables expert talks within the premis-

es of the Convent of the Dominican sisters of Ilanz and moderated discussions after each film screening.

The festival’s film screenings were organized in collaboration with KOFF and the local cinema *Cinema Sil Plaz*. Two of the four screenings were hosted by KOFF member organizations: Peace Watch Switzerland presented *Advocate* (2019) by Rachel Leah Jones and Philippe Bellaïche and terre des hommes schweiz showcased *Sin señas particulares* (2020) by Fernanda Valadez, Mexico. The other two films were *Das neue Evangelium* (2021) by Milo Rau and *Wir alle. Das Dorf* (2021) by Antonia Traulsen and Claire Roggan. Each organization was given the opportunity to introduce its activities and network with the public after the screenings, which was much appreciated.

Thousands of flyers were sent to all households of the Surselva and the Cinema Sil Plaz invited its regular audience to the festival. All shows were well attended.

Forum für Friedenskultur sees culture per se as a peacebuilding activity and strives to link artists with people who work professionally in the field of peacebuilding. This concept of a film festival hosted by KOFF and its member organizations will be reiterated in the summer of 2022. It is an uncomplicated and pleasant way to increase visibility around the topic of peacebuilding among a broad Swiss audience.



Picture: Cup of Colors’ mural in Basel. Sanjally Jobarteh/swisspeace
Text in collaboration with Adi Blum, Director, Forum für Friedenskultur

2021 in brief:

In the spirit of extending the topic of peacebuilding to a wider audience than the academic and political spheres, KOFF regularly organizes public screenings of films dealing with peace and conflict. After the integration of *Forum für Friedenskultur* in the platform, KOFF was given new opportunities to organize events and reach a new audience in 2021. Together with *Peace Watch Switzerland* and *terre des hommes Schweiz*, KOFF presented two films during the *Ilanzer Sommer*.



Street art of Ciudad de México residents. Maria Fuentes/Unsplash

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Annual figures 2021

	Accounts 2021	Budget 2021
Contribution swisspeace	238'625.85	243'080.12
Membership fees	18'600.00	22'000.00
TOTAL	257'225.85	265'080.12
Expenses		
Personal Costs	185'606.47	167'470.12
Activities	17'532.20	25'500.00
Organization & members	9'067.05	13'500.00
Direct costs (ZEWO)	38'647.17	52'110.00
Indirect costs	6'372.96	6'500.00
TOTAL	257'225.85	265'080.12

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LIST OF KOFF ACTIVITIES 2021

- January**
 - Joint Learning Process on Peace and Migration (JLPM): Side Event on “Risks and opportunities of Migration for Peacebuilding” at the [Basel Peace Forum 2021](#)
 - Launch of the [online toolbox](#) on migration in peacebuilding
- February**
 - Emma Baumhofer joins the [team](#) as a Digital Peacebuilding Expert
 - Launch of the new [KOFF Strategy 2021 - 2024](#)
 - KOFF Master Class: Involuntary immobility: implications for peace(building)
 - Publication of the [Policy Brief](#) “Moving towards peace: migration in peacebuilding policy and practice”
 - Publication of the [article](#) “Promjena – “Change” in Bosnia and Herzegovina”
 - [à propos N°169](#): Global Health and Peacebuilding
- March**
 - KOFF Advisory Board Meeting
 - Presentation of the toolbox on migration in peacebuilding at the University Chulalongkorn/Rotary Peace Centre
- April**
 - KOFF Intervision Group Meeting
 - [à propos N°170](#): Preventing violence and peacebuilding
- May**
 - Participation in the General Assembly of the Platform Agenda 2030 as member of the Executive Committee
 - [KOFF Roundtable](#): Rethinking Swiss Peace Policy - Identifying Gaps, Using Potential”
 - Monthly KOFF Intervision Group Meeting
 - KOFF Annual Assembly with Marionna Schlatter, National Councilor, on Swiss peace and security policy
- June**
 - [KOFF Roundtable](#): Feminist Foreign Policy Implications for the Women, Peace and Security Agenda
 - Monthly KOFF Intervision Group Meeting
 - Participation in Structured Dialogue Meeting with FDFA and civil society on the Swiss candidacy for the UN Security Council

- July**
 - Exchange with FDFA on the Swiss Foreign Policy Strategy in the Americas
 - [KOFF Ton-Träger Episode 4](#): Culture of Nonviolence and Peace & Covid-19
 - Publication of the [critical reflection](#) “Involuntary Immobility - Implications for Peace(building)”
 - Publication of the [synthesis](#) “Rethinking Swiss Peace Policy - Identify Gaps, Use potentials”
 - [à propos N°171](#): Seizing East Africa’s opportunities for peace
- August**
 - Monthly KOFF Intervision Group Meeting
 - [Ilanzer Sommer](#): Film series “Summer of Peace” in collaboration with Cinema Sil Platz, Forum für Friedenskultur and KOFF members
 - [Exchange on Swiss Peace Policy](#) among Jo Lang, Historian, Priska Seiler-Graf, National Councilor, and Anna Leissing, Head of KOFF, published in Neue Wege
- September**
 - Chiara Lanfranchi joins the [team](#) as Intern
 - [KOFF Roundtable](#): Overcoming Mis/Disinformation
 - Monthly KOFF Intervision Group Meeting
 - Publication of the [synthesis](#) “Overcoming Mis/Disinformation”
 - Publication of the [booklet](#) “NO CARE, NO PEACE! Contributions from civil society on Switzerland’s implementation of the UN Women, Peace and Security Agenda”
 - [à propos N°172](#): Switzerland’s Commitments to Peace and Security
 - NAP 1325 Project: Virtual Conference “Centering Care in Women, Peace and Security - Reflections from Civil Society in the Context of the Fourth Swiss National Action Plan 1325”
 - KOFF Strategy Group Meetings
- October**
 - KOFF Advisory Board Meeting
 - Participation in [Sustainability Science Dialogue](#) - A migration perspective on visions of a sustainable future
 - [Workshop](#) “Sustainable and practical digital security for Human Rights Defenders” as part of Build Peace’s seven-day conference
- November**
 - Monthly KOFF Intervision Group Meeting
 - [à propos N°173](#): Lessons Learned in Peacebuilding
 - Participation in Structured Dialogue Meeting with FDFA and civil society on the Swiss seat in the UN Security Council
- December**
 - [KOFF Roundtable](#): Against all odds: Making Space for Peace
 - [NAP 1325](#): Participation in official Peer Review of the NAP between Switzerland and Germany
 - NAP 1325 Project: Social Media Campaign



The KOFF Platform brings together Swiss civil society and governmental actors active in the fields of peace and security policy, development cooperation, human rights, and gender equality. The strength of the KOFF Platform stems from the wide range of perspectives, experiences, and expertise provided by its Switzerland-based members and their partners abroad. Their skills form the basis for the platform's peace policy work and enable developing strategies and approaches for civil peacebuilding (practice).

The KOFF Platform is based at swisspeace and is headed by the KOFF Team. This team is in regular contact with members and maintains regular, transparent and inclusive communication with the entire platform. For the strategic direction and planning of the KOFF Platform, the KOFF Team consults the KOFF Advisory Board. This consists of member organizations that are actively involved in the strategic design of the KOFF Platform and advise and support the KOFF Team in the implementation of the strategy. The members of the KOFF Advisory Board are elected every two years by the General Assembly.

ae-centre	GSoA	Peace Nexus Foundation
Alliance Sud	HELVETAS Swiss	Peace Watch Switzerland
APRED	Intercooperation	Quaker United Nations Office
artasfoundation	HEKS	Schweizerischer Friedensrat
Baha'i	IAMANEH Switzerland	Swiss Red Cross
Brücke · Le pont	IFOR/Mir Switzerland	Solidar Suisse
Caux – Initiatives of Change	Interpeace	SOS Kinderdorf
cfd – the feminist Peace	IRAS COTIS	Stiftung für Integrale
Cuisine sans Frontière	Lucerne Initiative for Peace and	Friedensförderung
Coexistences	Security	Swiss Academy for
DCAF	medico international	Development
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