

Peace on Paper or Just Pieces of Paper? *Stories Told by Peace Agreements*

Time:	14:00–15.00, Monday May 7, 2018
Location:	Arkaden, Münchenbryggeriet, Stockholm
Panel:	<p>Dr Christine Bell, University of Edinburgh Mr Edmund Yakani, Director of CEPO, South Sudan Ms Kathrine Ronderos, President of WILPF, Colombia Mr Itonde Kakoma, Programme Director, CMI (moderator)</p>

For countries emerging from violent conflict, negotiated peace agreements are a blueprint for the future. In the past 30 years, over 1500 peace agreements have been negotiated in more than 140 peace processes. Some of these agreements simply dictate the terms of a permanent ceasefire, while others seek to fundamentally restructure political, military and legal institutions. Increasingly, the decisions reached at the peace table aim for the latter: not only bringing an end to the hostilities, but setting the course for socioeconomic and political reform.

All peace agreements tell a particular story of the conflict and the way forward. This side event analyses the stories that peace agreements tell about the kinds of peace they envision. It draws on the quantitative and qualitative data stored in the Peace Agreement Database Project (PA-X, www.peaceagreements.org), illustrating its practical value in understanding the diversity and substantive evolution of peace agreements over time. The data is complemented by personal reflections of those who have sat at the negotiating table, with an objective of bringing citizens' concerns into the process. The session will explore the following questions, among others:

- What types of issues do peace agreements commonly prioritise, and what kinds of peace do these agreements envision?
- How to ensure that the needs and interests of affected populations are addressed in the concrete provisions of the peace agreement?
- When and how can national stakeholders beyond politico-military elites, such as civil society representatives, shape the final text of the agreement?

This event is part of the open day of the 2018 Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development. View the programme [here](#). This event is free and open for the public but registration is required [here](#) in order to be able to attend.

