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Dear Friends,

This month's Newsbrief comes out just after a stimulating debate on the changing nature of peace operations with the New York peace operations expert community on March 4, 2014. The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), with support of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, have launched "The New Geopolitics of Peace Operations" Initiative. This initiative comprises several regional dialogues on the role and perspectives of emerging powers and troop contributing countries within the wider context of the development and reform processes of global peace operations.

Moreover, I would like to draw your attention to an upcoming event on the "Care and Sustainable Economy in the Post 2015 Development Agenda". Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung New York Office and the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS) are organizing a panel discussion, in order to discuss strategies to integrate care work into the transformative sustainable development agenda and macro-economic policies.

On the occasion of the 52nd session of the Commission for Social Development FES organized two very interesting side events: the annual "NGO Forum for Social Development" and a panel discussion on "Social Protection: A Universal Rights-Based Development Goal".

As always, I hope this Newsbrief will make for informative reading and I look forward to receiving your feedback. With best wishes from New York,



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### **Upcoming Event: "Care and Sustainable Economy in the Post 2015 Development Agenda"**

17th March 2014, 3:00pm- 4:15pm, Conference room C (CB), UN building, New York

Care work, referring to everyday activities like cleaning the house but also caring for people who can't take care on their own, is fundamental for sustaining the labor force as well as for absorbing the 'invisible' costs of poor infrastructure and service provision when governments do not provide them. But still, care work is divided unequally, especially between genders.

Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung New York Office and the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS) are organizing a panel discussion, in order to discuss these problems and how they can be readdressed in the Post 2015 Development Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals.

This panel will bring the feminist advocates from the South to discuss the strategies to integrate care work into the transformative sustainable development agenda and macro-economic policies. Government representatives from Uruguay and Germany will give valuable insights in terms of public policies on redistribution of care work as well their perspectives around the potential role of the recognition and redistribution of care work in shaping the Post 2015 Development Agenda. Interventions from governments will be followed by a moderated discussion with all participants.

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### **Past Event: "The New Geopolitics of Peace Operations: A Dialogue with Emerging Powers"**

4 March 2014, 1:15-2:45 pm, Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations, 866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 222 New York

To stimulate an international debate on the changing nature of peace operations, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), with support of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, have launched "The New Geopolitics of Peace Operations" Initiative. This initiative

comprises several regional dialogues on the role and perspectives of emerging powers and troop contributing countries within the wider context of the development and reform processes of global peace operations. Preliminary findings from the first series of regional dialogues were presented and discussed with the New York peace operations expert community on March 4, 2014. Beside other speakers, H.E. Mr. Janne Taalas (Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland to the UN) and H.E. Mr. Gonzalo Koncke Pizzorno (Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the UN), participated in the discussion.

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### **Past Event: "Social Protection: A Universal Rights-Based Development Goal"**

18 February 2014, 1:15-2:30 pm, Conference Room 7, NLB, UN Headquarters, New York

Social protection is one of the foundations for inclusive, equitable and sustainable development and addresses simultaneously the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainability. Moreover, it has a transformative role in contributing to long-term inclusive and sustainable growth while also enhancing resilience against natural and manmade disasters, as well as economic and social crisis. A universal right based development goal for social protection should be part of the Post-2015 Development Agenda. A proposal for such an Development Goal was developed by the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors, a coalition of more than 70 civil society and trade union organizations from all over the world, and was presented in a side even at the occasion on the 52nd session of the Commission for Social Development. Organised by the Global Coalition, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and the International Labour Organisation the purpose of the side-event was to initiate a wide debate among governments, civil society and social partners on the objective and content of the proposal for a Social Protection Development Goal.

Among the panelists were Trevor Kaunda, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (Zambia) and Uwe Gehlen, Head of Section Social Protection, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and Member of the German UN Mission at CSocD.

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### **Past Event: "NGO Forum for Social Development: The Role of Civil Society: Empowerment for Inclusive and Transformative Development"**

10 February 2014, 10:00-5:00 pm, Conference Room 4, NLB, UN Headquarters, New York

On the occasion of the 52nd session of the Commission for Social Development, FES

New York joined again with the NGO Committee for Social Development and UN-DESA Division for Social Policy and Development to provide for a day-long preparatory forum for civil society representatives. The Commission is in its second of a 2-year focus on the issue of "empowerment" in the context of inclusive and transformative efforts and post- 2015 development agenda. Beside many other speakers, former Spanish Prime Minister H.E. José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero and H.E. Ms. Simona Miculescu, Ambassador of Romania to the United Nations, participated in the panel discussions.

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### **Past Event: "Afghanistan's Region 2014 and Beyond: Joint Declaration on Regional Peace and Stability"**

3 February 2014, 1:15 - 2:45 pm, Private Delegates Dining Room 1-3, UN Headquarters, New York

The future development of a stable and prosperous Afghanistan is of major importance for the peaceful development of South Asia, especially after the withdrawal of ISAF by the end of 2014. In order to build mutual understanding and to formulate policy guidelines for the region the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (FES) established a network of policy groups in Afghanistan as well as Central Asia, India and Pakistan in 2012. The participants of this network - policy makers, scholars, journalists, former diplomats and military leaders - met on a regular basis during the past two years.

The result of these efforts - a joint declaration - was presented by FES New York at the United Nations on February 3. Among the panelists were Mr. Edmont Mulet, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and H.E. Mr. Haron Amin from the Afghanistan Policy Group, former Ambassador to Japan and Management Consultant and Analyst.

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