



This June issue arrives at a meaningful moment for SeeD. In March, Dr Bertrand Baldet stepped into the role of Director General, following a warm handover from Dr Ilke Dağlı-Hustings, whose leadership helped carry SeeD through an important period of growth, consolidation, and international engagement. Bertrand has been part of the SeeD family for many years, and we look forward to reaching new heights under his direction.

This transition is more than leadership change, and also reflects a broader shift in how we work. We are investing more deliberately in innovation and responsible AI for peace; **not to replace human judgment, but to support better questions, more grounded decisions and enhanced daily workflows. We want evidence to travel further: out of reports and into policy dialogue, programme refinement, and public conversation.** And we want to free up peacebuilders to do more of what matters most, which is above and beyond reports. The updates in this issue, from Cyprus, Somalia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, and Fiji, reflect this direction, showing how data becomes meaningful when it helps convene, engage and reflect with multi-perspectivity about trust, participation, belonging and the future of their communities.

## What's in this Issue?

This issue highlights key milestones and strategic engagements across multiple contexts. In Bosnia and Herzegovina and Fiji, SeeD supported multi-stakeholder processes bringing together international, national, and civic actors in capital cities and beyond, including strong media presence. We co-organised numerous press conferences and public launch events with UN partners, and substantially contributed to the Commonwealth People's Forum's Regional Conversations and Moldova Social Cohesion Forum.

On the publications front, we released the new Heshiis Beeg, a conciliation barometer that provides evidence on reconciliation, interclan harmony, and stability in Somalia, with locally grounded entry points for peacebuilding. We also finalised a report underpinned by new evidence from Moldova on social tensions and community dynamics, along with several book chapters authored by SeeD team members.

Looking ahead, we also wish to share announcements about upcoming events in Cyprus around reconciliation, dialogic design, and knowledge sharing. We hope you enjoy reading this summer issue, and hope you will join us in some of these knowledge-sharing spaces in the coming weeks.

# News

## Social Cohesion in Moldova - 26 March 2026

The **Social Cohesion Forum** took place in Chişinău, Moldova, bringing together policymakers, practitioners, community actors, national institutions, and international stakeholders to reflect on the state of social cohesion in the country. The event was hosted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and swisspeace.

Dr. Ilke Dağlı Hustings contributed to the high-level panel featuring Dumitru Pîslaru (General Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection), Gal Harmat (swisspeace).

The forum included presentations and discussions drawing on findings from SeeD's SCORE and STMM tools. A key message from the evidence was that Moldova's main fault lines are not ethnic or linguistic, but are rooted in the relationship between citizens and the state. The discussions highlighted:

- Relatively strong intergroup relations
- Deeper divides linked to political positions and orientations
- Low confidence in institutional responsiveness and accountability
- Continued concerns around economic hardship and corruption
- Value of continuous measurement for keeping cohesion work grounded, precise, and actionable.

The forum also explored youth engagement, including the need to pair online participation with critical media literacy, structured dialogue, and meaningful offline pathways for civic involvement.

See the **Moldova datasets** [here](#).

See the **infographic** [here](#).



## **Commonwealth People's Forum Regional Conversation – 29 April 2026**

On 29 April 2026, the Commonwealth People's Forum Regional Conversation for Canada & Europe brought together more than 50 civil society participants from the United Kingdom, Canada, Malta, and Cyprus to discuss how to sustain and expand the civic space and improve climate justice outcomes. Dr. Ilke Dagli-Hustings, SeeD's Director of Strategic Engagements, facilitated the event as the current Civil Society Advisory Governor to the Commonwealth Foundation, representing Europe and Canada

Participants called for clearer feedback loops after consultations, funding for participation by remote and marginalised communities, longer-term support for civil society organisations, earlier dialogue with decision-makers, and modern Commonwealth communication tools. Two key messages stood out. Regarding civil society, participants stressed that its sustainability is under pressure: short-term grants, declining aid, unpaid labour, burnout, and competition for funding are all limiting long-term work. On climate, risks such as droughts must be treated as systemic challenges linked to public health, livelihoods, and social cohesion, rather than isolated issues part of everyday news cycles.

**See the infographic [here](#).**

### **Upcoming Event: The 2026 International Conference on the Science of Dialogic Design – 17 June 2026**

SeeD will co-facilitate a session at **The 2026 International Conference on the Science of Dialogic Design: Symposia for Scientists and Practitioners**, taking place from **17–19 June 2026** at **UCLan, Cyprus**. The three-day conference will bring together scientists, practitioners, students, international delegates, academics, civil society actors, and journalists to exchange knowledge on the Science of Dialogic Design and the Structured Dialogic Design Process.

### **Upcoming Event: International Association for Reconciliation Studies (IARS) Conference – 19 June 2026**

On 19 June, SeeD will chair the session **“Conflict and Change: Integrating Social and Developmental Psychology”**. And on 22 June, SeeD will speak at the **“Rethinking Peace Process Design: Integrating Civic Participation, New Methodologies, and Pathways to Overcome Impasse”**.

## Upcoming Event: SeeD and University of Warwick Knowledge Sharing & Networking Event – 23 June 2026

SeeD and the University of Warwick will co-host a one-day **Knowledge Sharing & Networking Event** on **Tuesday, 23 June 2026** in **Nicosia, Cyprus**. The event will bring together academics, practitioners, civil society representatives, and strategic partners for an afternoon of discussions, book launches, and networking. The programme will include sessions on the analysis of electoral results in Cyprus, peacebuilding methodologies, comparative studies, and knowledge sharing, followed by featured book launches and a **garden reception with live music**.

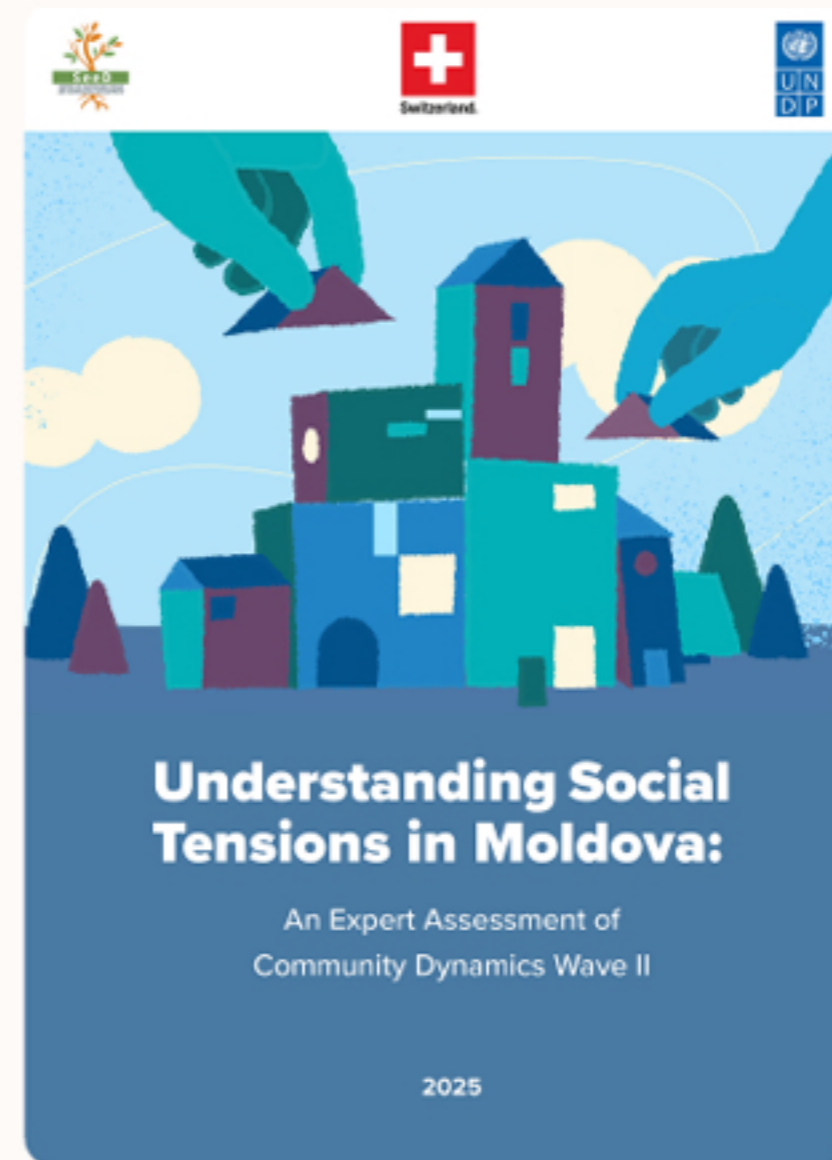
## Featured Publications



### **The Heshiis Beeg: A Conciliation Barometer for the Somali People**

This report presents the Heshiis Beeg, a participatory conciliation barometer designed to support evidence-based peacebuilding, reconciliation, and stability efforts in Somalia. Based on survey data from 1,648 respondents across six pilot districts in Puntland and Southwest State, the report examines interclan harmony, openness to reconciliation, personal safety, and peaceful attitudes, identifying practical entry points such as forgiveness, family cohesion, community cooperation, inclusive local leadership, and peaceful resource management.

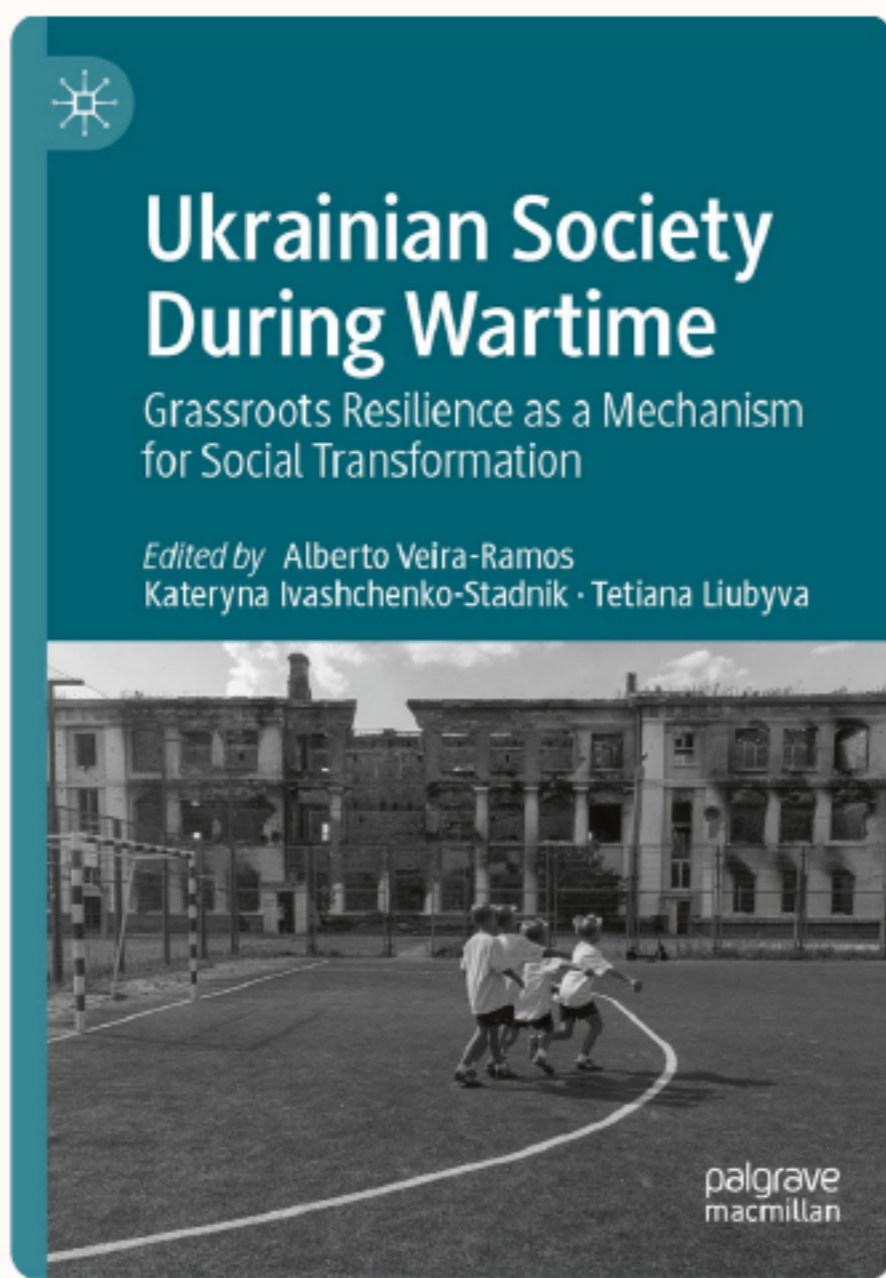
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### **Understanding Social Tensions in Moldova: An Expert Assessment of Community Dynamics Wave II**

This report presents findings from the 2025 ECoST Wave II under Moldova's Social Tensions Monitoring Mechanism. Covering 20 urban and rural localities, it examines local wellbeing, institutional performance, social cohesion, and territorial disparities. The findings show strong local capacities and positive intergroup relations, alongside persistent concerns around economic opportunities, youth migration, confidence in the future, and readiness for EU reforms.

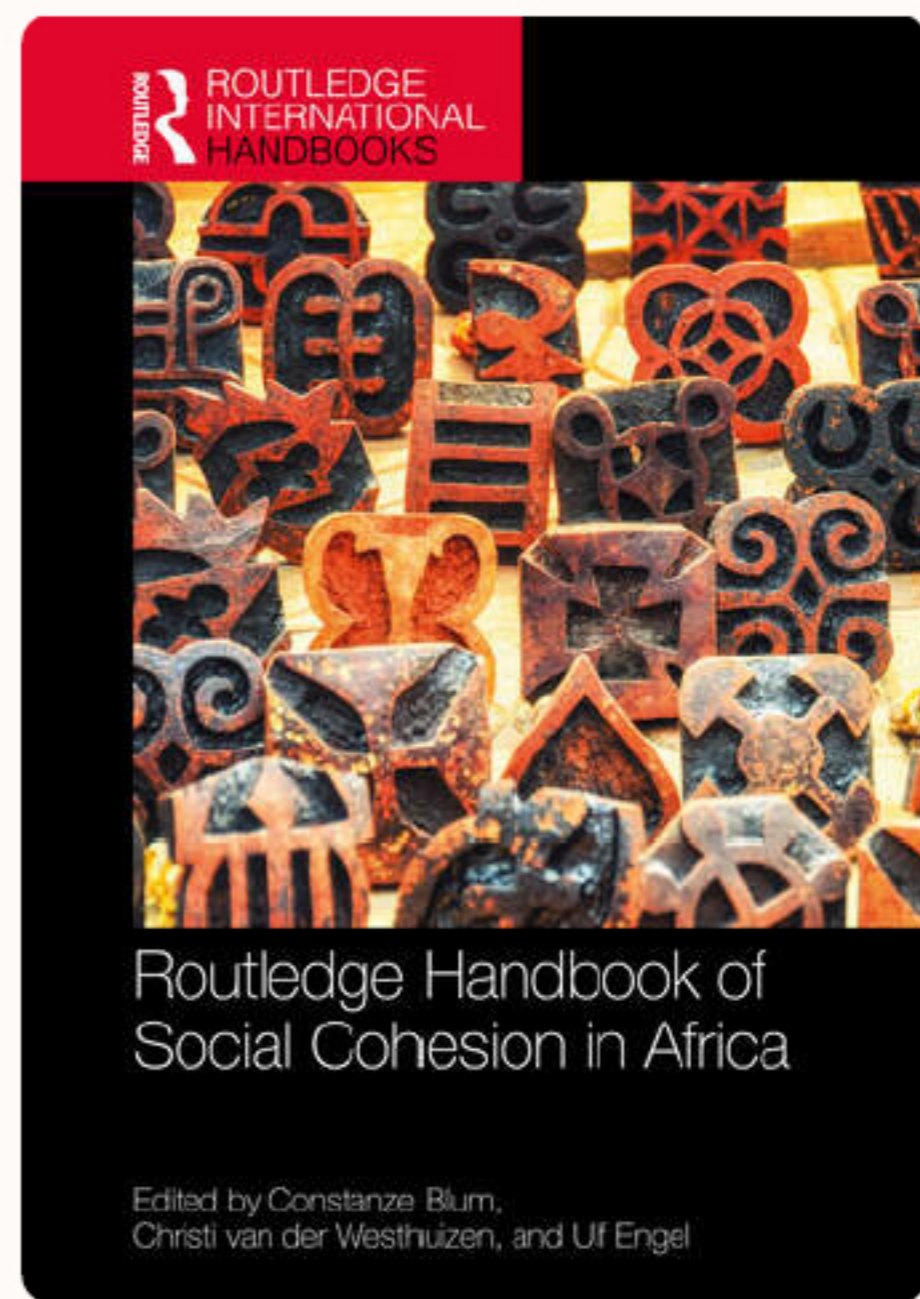
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### **Book Chapter: Social Inclusion as Ukraine's Shield in Wartime: Investigating Inclusion, Exclusion and Their Link to Resilience**

Authored by Alexander Guest, Selin Uretici, Pavlo Sereda, Dr. İlke Dağlı-Hustings, and Solomiia Myronovych the chapter explores how social inclusion in Ukraine has changed since Russia's full-scale invasion, focusing on economic inclusion, community inclusion, and access to state-provided services.

[Book Link Here](#)



### **Book Chapter: Elections on the Edge: How Lack of Social Cohesion Fuels Political Violence in Côte d'Ivoire**

Authored by Dr. Bertrand Baldet and Dr. Kando Serge Gbagbe the chapter examines the relationship between social cohesion and political violence, using SCORE data from more than 7,000 respondents across eight districts Cote d'Ivoire.

[Book Link Here](#)

# Featured Project Updates

## SCORE Fiji Updates

SeeD joined the Fiji Government, UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji, UN Women Asia and the Pacific, UN Human Rights Pacific, Fiji National University, and other UN partners for a series of engagements around the SCORE Index in Fiji. SeeD was represented by Bertrand Baldet and Daniel Martinez, who discussed findings with a wide range of peace and development actors in the country.

Engagements included meetings with Hon. Sashi Kiran (Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection, Fiji) and Munkhtuya Altangerel (UNDP Pacific Resident Representative), alongside sessions with media actors, youth participants, women leaders, Members of Parliament, government ministries, and development partners. The discussions helped connect community evidence with policy dialogue, resource mobilisation, and future work on trust-building and reconciliation in Fiji.

The SCORE Fiji work also received coverage from several national media outlets, including [FBC News](#), [The Fiji Times](#), and [Fiji Sun](#). Coverage highlighted different aspects of the findings, including social divides, youth participation, gender norms, and the importance of using data to support more informed public dialogue and policy action.

Read More [here](#).

See the infographic [here](#).



## SCORE Bosnia and Herzegovina

New SCORE findings from Bosnia and Herzegovina were presented in Sarajevo, offering an evidence-based picture of social cohesion in the country. The press conference, with broad participation from national and private media outlets, was followed by a multi-stakeholder event with academics and civil society representatives.

The findings suggest that Bosnia and Herzegovina is more socially resilient than dominant public narratives often suggest, pointing to moderate social cohesion, above-average interethnic harmony, strong local community cooperation, and a stable sense of shared belonging. At the same time, the data shows a gap between functional everyday coexistence and widespread pessimism about the country's future direction, and identifies some hot spots and vulnerabilities that need more tailored interventions.

The findings were presented as part of the project “Bridges of Trust: Improving Social Cohesion and Resilience in Bosnia and Herzegovina,” funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark and implemented by UNDP in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in partnership with SeeD.

Presentation summary of the report [here](#).

