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Cover Image: Misseriya community people from the village of Goleh of Abyei district in Sudan listen to traditional community leaders. ©UN Photo/Fred Noy
strategies and capacity can ‘think outside the state’: beyond it, through regional engagement, and below it, through cross-border community or trade networks.

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Judy Cheng-Hopkins, Assistant Secretary-General for UN Peacebuilding Support Office – commenting on Accord 23

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Consolidating peace: Liberia and Sierra Leone

Almost ten years on from the official end of the wars in Sierra Leone (2002) and Liberia (2003), attention is shifting from post-war peacemaking to longer-term development. What headway has been made? What challenges lie ahead? And what lessons can be learnt?

Accord 23 – praised by senior figures in the UN – draws on experiences and perspectives from across societies in both countries to explore comparative lessons and examine progress. It argues that peacebuilding policy and practice need to concentrate more on people: on repairing and building relationships among communities, and between communities and the state; and on developing more participatory politics and society that includes marginalised groups.

Paix sans frontières: building peace across borders

War does not respect political or territorial boundaries but forms part of regional conflict systems through dynamics that cross borders: refugee flows, nomadic armed groups like the LRA, narcotic or criminal networks, blood diamonds, or psycho-social ties. However, there is a policy gap across borders and in borderlands where most policy tools of governance and diplomacy can struggle to reach. International responses to conflict tend to focus on states for analysis and intervention. Accord 22 looks at how peacebuilding