

Agenda: KPAC The Hague

In follow-up of the [Knowledge Platform Annual Conference in Nairobi \(KPAC23\)](#), KPSRL is organising an event in The Hague on 7 December (12.00 – 17.30) in ‘Het Nutshuis’¹ with the goals of:

- **Uptake** of recommendations and conclusions from KPAC23 in Nairobi, by translating these to the policy and INGO realities in The Hague.
- **Identifying possible points of divergence** between discussions in Nairobi and The Hague and what needs to happen to bring these closer to each other. This should be fed back to Nairobi participants too.
- **Making voices heard** in The Hague from those that normally can’t access KPAC – so in this case predominantly the East Africa region.
- **Connect partners in The Hague.**
- **Providing accountability towards the Nairobi event.** This to ensure it wasn’t an extractive exercise, but actually leads towards uptake.

The audience will consist of appx. 75 SRoL professionals, varying from researchers to practitioners (mostly INGOs) and policy makers (of which a significant portion from the Dutch MFA). Some partners from FCAS that contributed to the Nairobi event will be represented.

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12:00 – 13:00	Walk-in: Nairobi exhibition w/ coffee, tea & lunch		
13:00 – 14:00	Welcome KPSRL & keynote discussion ‘Inclusive SRoL Support in Anti-Democratic Times’ <i>Paul van den Berg (Cordaid), Nqobile Moyo (SAPPC), Lex Gerts (MFA)</i> <i>[virtually accessible]</i>		
14:00 – 14:15	--- Break ---		
14:15 – 15:45	Working in Contexts of Authoritarianism <i>IDLO & International IDEA</i>	Building On Lived Experiences <i>Busara, ICC & KMF Grantee, Green String Network, NL MFA</i> <i>[virtually accessible]</i>	People-centred Approaches to SRoL <i>PAX & Hiil & International Alert</i>
15:45 – 16:15	--- Break ---		
16:15 – 17:15	Key take aways: Open debate on implications of discussions for our work <i>[virtually accessible]</i>		
17:15 – 17:25	Policy takeaways MFA – <i>Marja Esveld</i> <i>[virtually accessible]</i>		
17:25 – 17:30	Closing KPSRL <i>[virtually accessible]</i>		
17:30 – 19:00	Drinks & art exhibition by Minal Naomi, Yves Kulondwa & Nastassja Nefjodov		

The content per slot, based on the Nairobi conclusions and the overarching theme of ‘Margins | Centers’:

- **Keynote discussion: Inclusive SRoL Support in Anti-Democratic Times.** In Nairobi, the call for more policy coherence from donors (or phrased more bluntly: less hypocrisy) and more people-centered and inclusive policy or program design was loud and clear. This session unpacks how to address the tension between such inclusive, people-centered approaches and (donor-centered discomfort with) trends of backsliding democratic rule of law:

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- How to make better sense of the seeming anti-democratic trends in FCAS and what implications does that have for ambitions of inclusive and demand-driven policies and programming?
 - Taking that people-centred perspective, how to include those lived experiences better at HQ level? So how to close that gap – and go beyond the ‘usual suspects’ of local elites?
 - What should the future role of INGOs be in this new way of working? If, as the concept note says, indeed only (1) supporting local capacities, (2) lightening administrative burden of in-country partners and (3) advocating for partners in donor countries, then which steps are necessary to get there?
- **Session 1: INGOs in Contexts of Authoritarianism.** This slot is already reserved for IDLO and its partners, discussing the possible responses and room for maneuver of INGOs in contexts where civic space is quickly shrinking, e.g. due to a quick turnover of power.
 - **Session 2: Building On Lived Experiences.** This session zooms in on the mental aspect of experiencing violence and consistent marginalisation. These lived experiences are key to understanding local dynamics, while also a root cause for cycles of the same violence and marginalization. We discuss how to include those with lived experiences better into our work and the role MHPSS can play in dealing with those experiences.
 - **Session 3: People-centred Approaches to SRoL.** Building on the keynote discussion and the Nairobi session on People-Centered Security, this session dives deeper into how to make the work donors and INGOs do at HQ level more demand-driven and inclusive of voices from FCAS.
 - **Take-aways: Open debate.** After those practical break-outs, the closing debate should be an interactive discussion between all participants on their key takeaways from The Hague and Nairobi. To structure this however, we will use statements on key takeaways sent in by the KPSRL network throughout the day and a fishbowl format to distill action points.
 - **Takeaways: MFA.** Here, the MFA gets the opportunity to share what it takes away from this day.