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## Sustaining Peace

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*“I believe prevention must be not only a priority, but the priority of everything we do. That means we need a huge cultural change to affirm the centrality of prevention.”*

*-António Guterres, 20 July, 2016, Time Magazine*



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# Context

2015

❖ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

❖ Paris Climate Change Agreement



❖ AGE Report

❖ Peace Operations Review (HIPPO)

❖ Implementation of the Women, Peace & Security Global Study.



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# Sustaining Peace



United Nations  
Peacebuilding

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Sustaining Peace

*...“activities aimed at preventing the outbreak, escalation, continuation and recurrence of conflict, addressing root causes, assisting parties to conflict to end hostilities, ensuring national reconciliation, and moving towards recovery, reconstruction and development*



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# Defining sustaining peace

## What does it mean?

*“a goal and a process to build a common vision of a society...”*



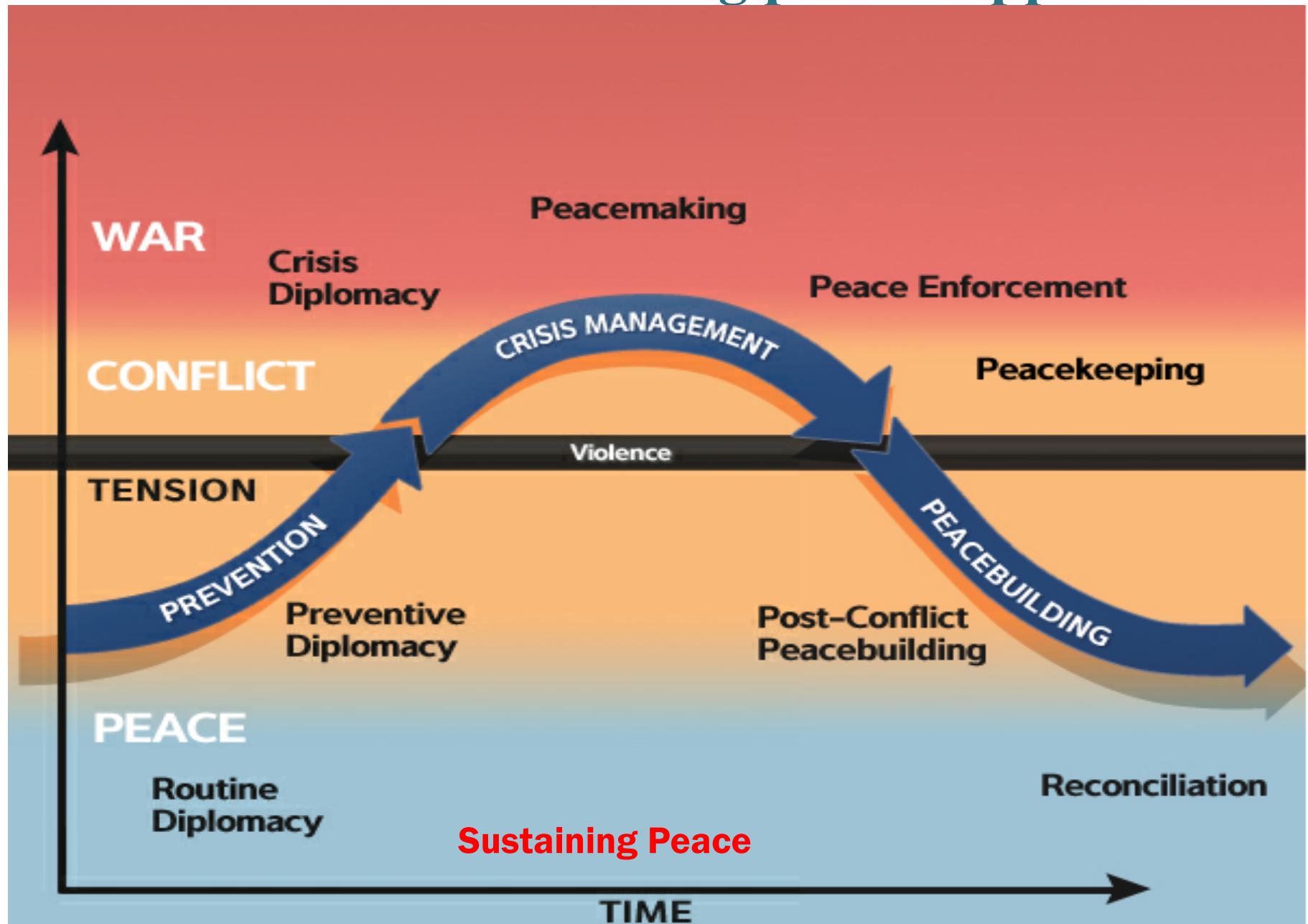
- ❖ Political Processes
- ❖ Human Rights
- ❖ Safety and Security
- ❖ Stronger Government functions
- ❖ Social Services
- ❖ Economic revitalization and livelihoods



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# When does sustaining peace happen?





# Who is at the heart of Sustaining Peace?



- ❖ National Governments
- ❖ Civil Society
  - ❖ Inclusion – women and youth
- ❖ The UN
- ❖ Intergovernmental organizations



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# How to achieve this ambitious mandate?

- ❖ Change in mindset
- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Actively breaking down the silos
- ❖ Partnerships
- ❖ Financing

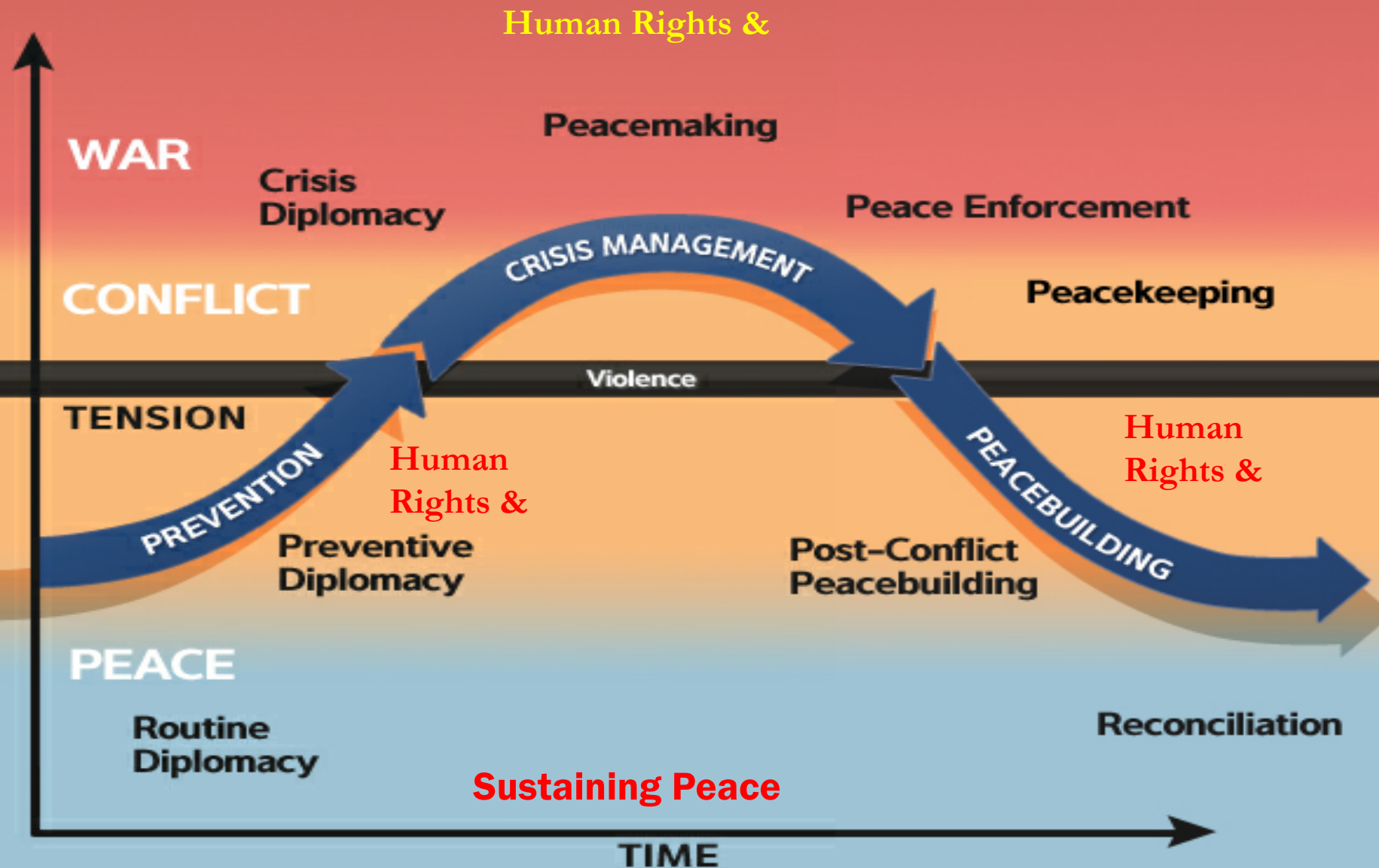


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# Linking human rights & sustaining peace



# Challenges for sustaining peace and human rights (NY)

- ❖ Security Council
- ❖ Lack of understanding
- ❖ Lack of trust



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# Opportunities for sustaining peace and human rights (NY)



*“Encourages United Nations Member States participating in the Universal Periodic Review process of the Human Rights Council to consider the human rights dimensions of peacebuilding, as appropriate”*



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# Opportunities for sustaining peace and human rights (NY)

- ❖ UN-OHCHR
- ❖ Human Rights Up Front Initiative
- ❖ Human Rights and Sustaining Peace Caucus  
(Swiss Appeal)



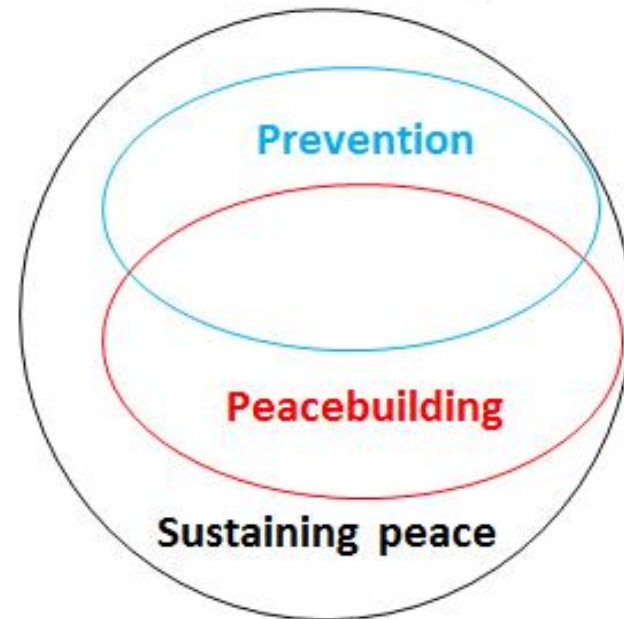
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# Conclusion

For Sustaining Peace to gain traction as a conceptual, strategic, practical, and actionable approach, the UN and civil society needs to address a number of long-identified deficits and gaps..

**Sustaining peace, peacebuilding and prevention in 2016 and beyond**



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# Thank You!



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