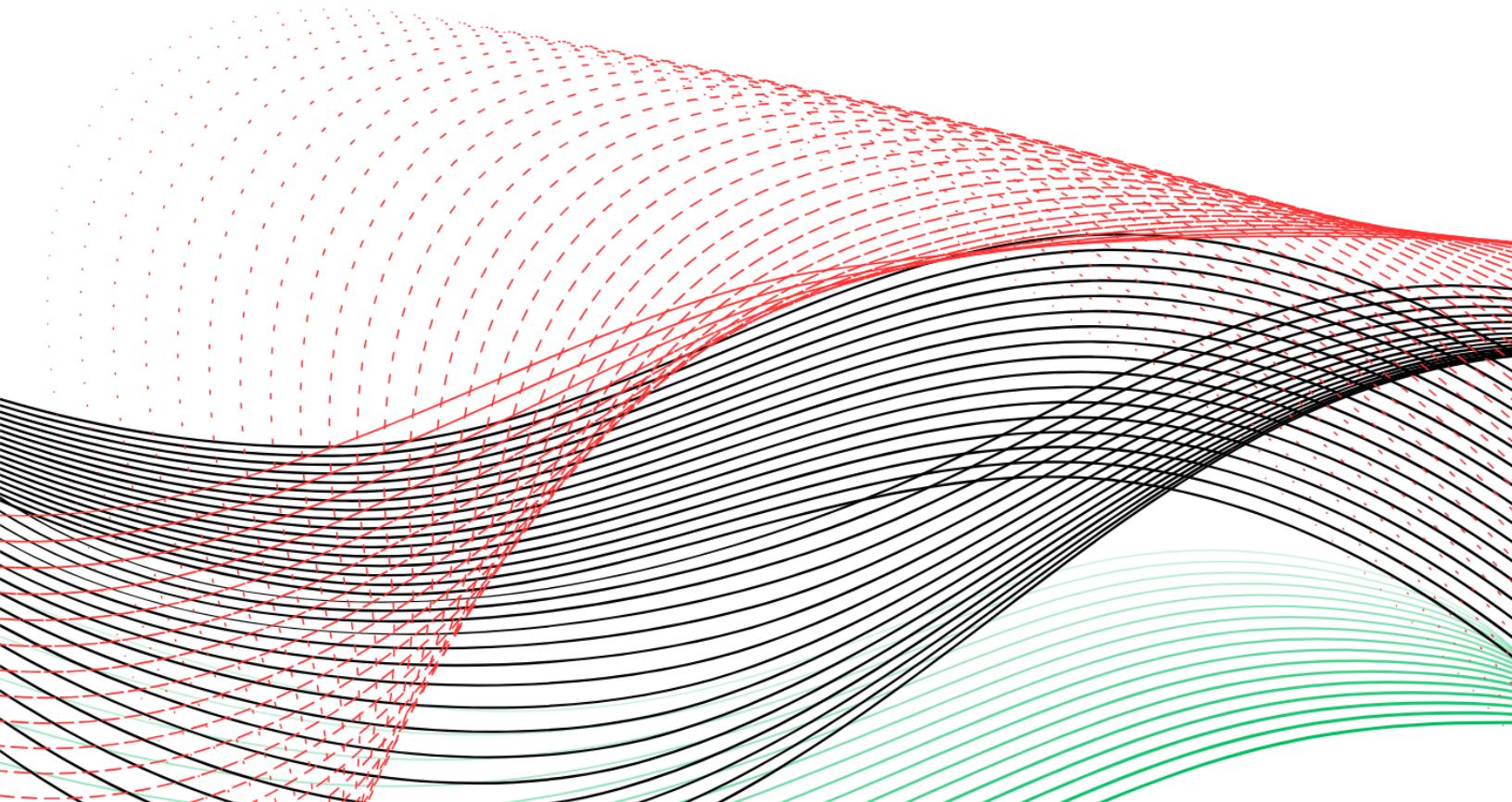




Structured
Dialogue

Terms of Reference of the *Structured Dialogue (SD)*



Background

The **Structured Dialogue** (SD) is one of the three core components outlined in the UNSMIL-facilitated political roadmap announced on 21 August 2025, together with the adoption of the technically sound and politically viable electoral framework and the unification of institutions. The SD aims to give the wider Libyan public an opportunity to participate and help shape the political process in line with Security Council resolution 2796 (2025) which mandates UNSMIL to further an inclusive political process. These terms of reference define the purpose, guiding principles, structure, roles and responsibilities, expected outcomes and timeline of the SD.

Purpose

The strategic objective of the SD is to create an inclusive and participatory platform through which broader segments of Libyan society can contribute to shaping key elements of an inclusive political process. The SD will address bottlenecks preventing progress in the overall political and democratic transition by involving a wide range of Libyans to propose and agree on consensus-based recommendations that will support the path to national elections, unification of institutions and help address the root causes of conflict and divisions in the country.

Guiding principles

The SD will be guided by the following principles:

- Libyan ownership

- Inclusivity
- Transparency
- Consensus-building
- Collective national interest
- Do no harm

Structure

The SD will comprise approximately 120 Libyans representing the country's geographic and social diversity, including at least 35% women members.

The SD will be structured around the following four thematic areas:

- Governance
- Economy
- Security
- National Reconciliation and Human Rights

As a cross-cutting theme, women rights, specific priorities and needs will be mainstreamed across all thematic areas.

The SD will have a Plenary composed of four thematic dialogue teams (governance, economy, security, national reconciliation and human rights). Each thematic dialogue team will select its own bureau composed of three members. Each dialogue team will submit its recommendations to the SD Plenary for review and endorsement.

In addition, to further enhance inclusivity, UNSMIL will provide platforms and opportunities to involve the wider public, including youth digital forum, the Libyan Women's Caucus, as well as online polls/survey.

Roles and responsibilities

- **Plenary**: Overall agenda setting and endorsement of recommendations submitted by the thematic dialogue teams. All members of the SD are members of the Plenary. Plenary will be chaired and co-facilitated by UNSMIL.
 - The bureau members will also alternate to provide accurate and balanced documentation of deliberations, with UNSMIL support.
- **Thematic dialogue teams**: Responsible for advancing substantive discussions per theme and produce recommendations for consideration by the Plenary. Each member will belong to one thematic dialogue team. Each thematic dialogue team will have approx. 30 members. Thematic dialogue teams will be co-facilitated by the members of the bureau and UNSMIL.
- **Bureau**: Responsible for coordinating the meetings of the respective thematic dialogue team, with UNSMIL support and co-facilitation. Each thematic dialogue team will select its own three-person bureau.
 - The bureau members will alternate in moderating and co-facilitating, together with UNSMIL and technical experts as needed, the meetings of the thematic dialogue team, including ensuring adherence to the agenda, timetable, rules of procedures, and code of conduct.
- **UNSMIL**: co-chairing of the SD Plenary and co-facilitation of the thematic dialogue team meetings.
- **Secretariat**: The UN in Libya will provide secretariat and logistical support. As part of this responsibility the UN in Libya will convey feedback from relevant platforms to the attention of the thematic dialogue teams or plenary, as appropriate, including from the online surveys.
- **Technical Expertise**: The UN in Libya will mobilize the necessary technical expertise to support the Structured Dialogue's deliberations, as required.

Expected outcomes

The expected outcomes of the SD are key principles and concrete policy recommendations to address (1) immediate policy and governance issues to prepare conducive environment for elections, and (2) medium- to long-term conflict drivers and grievances with a view to formulating a unified national vision for the future of the country.

Timeframe

The overall timeframe for the SD will be approx. 4-6 months.