



Malta will base its Security Council term on three main pillars:

Security: Peace and stability at the forefront of Malta's agenda

- Achieve and maintain lasting peace and stability by:
 - Holistically addressing **root causes of conflict**
 - Strengthening social fabric of societies
 - Including **women and youth empowerment**
 - Ensuring protection for the children and the most vulnerable
- Ensure full compliance with international humanitarian and human rights law.
- Focus and approach Climate Change as the biggest threat to the future of our planet and population & Promote and continue the collective effort following the **Paris Agreement**
- Take forward efforts to maintain climate and security on the Security Council's Agenda
- Ensure that the Security Council is sufficiently quick and nimble to identify and tackle new challenges
- Underline the importance of **prevention, mediation, and Confidence Building Measures**
- Highlight the role of **regional and sub-regional organisations** in the prevention and peaceful settlement of disputes

Sustainability: Malta believes a sustainable community is one that benefits us all

- Collaborate with different actors, coming together to achieve **2030 Agenda** objectives
- Remain fully committed to long-term sustainability in the field of development assistance with the primary objective of eradicating poverty by:
 - Providing quality education
 - Building infrastructure
 - Empowering the potential of women and youth
- Encourage commitment towards achieving a fair and equitable world
- Continue the improvement across all sectors in sustainable development targets
- Focusing on strengthening the resilience of the small island states, by strengthening the synergies amongst the:
 - SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (**SAMOA**) Pathways
 - 2030 Agenda
 - The climate agenda

Solidarity: Foundation for the promotion of unity & resilience

- Bring people together for the greater good and commit to working with all member states equally as an elected member of the UNSC
- Prioritize the inclusion of the important role women play in society and in peace processes
- Empower youth including through education and literacy projects, as well as skills training, to positively contribute to society and become future decision makers.
- Use the **Overseas Development Assistance** to help increase the quality of lives in communities around the world
- Contribute to the implementation of UN SDGs



Malta will focus on the 4 main cross cutting issues:

Women, Peace & Security (WPS)

- Highlight the importance of involving women in peace and security processes worldwide
- Reach targets under **SDGs 5 and 16** while building a peaceful, inclusive and just societies

Children and Armed Conflict

- Contribute to a long-term, and sustainable comprehensive framework for addressing the **protection of children** affected by armed conflict, including increased accountability for perpetrators
- Safeguard the **Rights of the Child** by mobilizing the international community to prioritize child protection worldwide
- Reflect on the areas that need to be addressed **including children's perspectives** in all policies and decisions that affect them.

Climate and Oceans

- Multilateralism is the best form of preparedness for all forms of vulnerabilities and conflicts exacerbated by Climate Change
- Strategy underpinned on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which within themselves are tools to ensure resilience, together with mitigation and adaptation to Climate Change
- Address global warming, protect natural resources and conserve climate for both present and future generations
- Prioritize that the UNSC is enabled to better deal with the interlinkages between **climate and security**. Climate change does not affect states in the same manner but if unprepared, its consequences are severe enough to exacerbate instability and conflict.
- Bring together different parts of the UN System to properly address the interlinkages between climate adaptation and mitigation, conflict prevention and mediation, as well as the sustainable management of natural resources.

Literacy

- Literacy as essential tool that empowers people, helps them out of poverty, and drives them away from extremist ideas and ideologies.
- Literacy as a peacebuilding tool: promotion of human rights and dignity, gender equality, and more inclusive and sustainable societies, and provides marginalized people with access to justice and legal protection, thereby reducing the potential for conflict.
- Ensure the educational environment is accessible to all (including in times of conflict, as safeguarded by international humanitarian law) to achieve inclusivity, directed at all life phases and extended beyond the obligatory school years, as essential to achieve **SDG 4**
- Focalize on **digital literacy** to enhance social cohesion by empowering people with skills needed to participate in democratic systems; counter disinformation and misinformation; and counter violent extremism.
- Malta also remains committed to addressing the digital divide