Building the organizational fabric of the private sector – from crisis and conflict to development
3 main questions

• What is special in a conflict setting - how do BMOs function as stabilizers/influencers?

• Should the approach to building Public-Private Dialogue and the work with the BMOs be different in a conflict setting?

• Opportunities/challenges...?
DI in Copenhagen: Industry House

- Established in 1836
- 11,000 Members
- 600 Employees
- 47 different units
- 8 DI multi-trade communities
- 19 regional chambers
- 86 member associations
DI international offices and partnerships
Why build the organizational fabric of BMOs

- BMOs are key institutions in developing a sustainable private sector development and in generating jobs
- BMOs are legitimate representatives of small and large business's
- BMOs can improve the public private dialogue and the relationship between the public sector and the business community
- BMOs can engage in social dialogue with unions to create a common inclusive and sustainable industrial development
- The higher the capacity of BMOs, the stronger their voice in a public private dialogue and the more checks and balances in the legislative process
- BMOs can advocate for a better business environment for doing business – and be the voice of the challenges facing the business community
- Creation of friendly business environments in post conflict countries as one of the main pillars of civil society
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Gaziantep
- Refugee driven services

Colombia
- CBAs and soft skills training

Jordan
- Works permits, RoO, Work places, Career fairs

Libya
- Business delegations, matchmaking
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Jordan
- DRC as local partner to decrease sensitivity
- Multi stakeholder platforms

Bolivia
- Placing the PPD in its own independent setting – decreasing sensitivity

Tunisia
- Expandin the PPD – Quartet
- Social Dialogue
Opportunities/challenges...?

• In failed states the BMOs can often remain a collective voice of industry and work “democratically” for changes.

• Build a bridge between trade and development and facilitate jobs

• Risk that the BMO is to embedded in the political system and unable to change from within.

• It takes a long time to change the organisational culture and it is difficult to measure....difficult to have KPIs on...

• Business organisations have poor secretariats and rich members. Unions have rich secretariats and poor members.
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