

Rethinking Peace, Coexistence and Human Security in the Great Lakes

April 16 – 19, Kigali, Rwanda – Milles Collines Hotel

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This Workshop is a collaborative project between **The Center for Conflict Management (CCM) at the National University of Rwanda (NUR), UNHCR's Imagine Coexistence Project, the University of Maryland's Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM), and the Commission on Human Security.**¹ The purpose of the conference is to bring together coexistence and conflict management practitioners, researchers and government officials to explore approaches and paths to peace in the Great Lakes²

Participation is by invitation. Contact the Conference Committee for more information. Days 1 and 4 are brainstorming with a core group of invited guests from Rwanda and the region. Days 2 and 3 include a wider audience of peacebuilding practitioners and others in Rwanda. Day 4 will include the core group, plus additional government officials and donors for summaries and recommendations.

Day 1 – April 16, 2002 [Core Group Participants only]

Setting the Agenda: Research and Practice in Conflict and Post-Conflict Societies

7:30-8:30 – Registration – Day 1 through Day 4 Participants - (Coffee served)

8:30-9:30 - Introductions

- Each participant gives background information on him/her self and organization, if any, he/she represents
- Facilitator explains format and ground rules for the conference –
 - Researchers and activists learning from each other
 - Linkages between research and post-conflict peace-building and coexistence (understanding causes of conflict in order to promote peace-building and coexistence in post-conflict societies)

9:30 – 9:45 Opening Ceremony

9:30-9:35 - Introduction of the Minister by UNHCR (Representative)*

9:35-9:45 - Opening by the Minister of Local Government*

9:45 – 10:45 - Setting the Agenda

9:45–10:00 - Introduction by CCM/CIDCM (Eugene Ntaganda)*

- Outline CCM Research

10:00-10:20 - Introduction and Presentation by UN Commission on Human Security (Johan Cels)*

- Human Security as framework for discussions: human security as people-centered approach

10:20-10:45 Discussion, Dr. Jean Bosco Butera, NUR Vice Rector (Academic), Moderator*

¹ *The CCM agenda is to explore regional approaches to peace and solicit input from field practitioners on the role that research can assist. Participants from the Great Lakes region will discuss peace initiatives and causes of conflict and how research centers can aid practitioners in a common effort to further the efforts towards peace.*

- *The agenda of UNHCR's Imagine Coexistence Project in Rwanda is to bring together practitioners in the field of coexistence to brainstorm about project methodologies and activities to provide input to mainstream coexistence into UNHCR and partner activities. Tufts University's Fletcher School is working with UNHCR on the research component.*
- *The UN Commission on Human Security's agenda is to develop policy recommendations to enhance the protection of people in conflict. The security needs of people (and communities) at risk is the starting point for developing policies and implementation strategies. The Human Security approach necessitates people's active participation in the development and implementation of programs.*

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10:45 -12:30 Small Group Discussions: Major Topics of Conflict, Conflict Management, and Peace-Building in the Great Lakes Region (Coffee served in Small Group sessions)

- Facilitators of each group will set the agenda (5 minutes) – Succinct recommendations and conclusions³
 - **Sources of Conflict** (Poverty, Governance, Social Networks, Resources Issues, Modernization, etc.)
 - Professor Mugangu Severin, Faculty of Law, Université Catholique de Bukavu: “Les mouvements de resistance comme causes de l’exacerbation de conflit au Kivu”. [Congo, Bukavu]*
 - **Consequences of Conflict** (Refugees/Displacement ,Human Rights Violations, Economic and Psychological Impact)
 - **Paths from Conflict to Peace Building and Coexistence** (Demobilization and Reintegration, Democracy and Rule of Law, Justice, Coexistence and Reconciliation, Civil Society Organizations, Information Technology/Media)
 - M. Kajalula “Initiatives Locale Pour Consolidation de la Paix au Kivu) [Congo, Goma]*

12:45-2:00 Lunch

2:00-3:30 Plenary - Presentation of Small Group Discussions

- Each rapporteur presents the summary/conclusions of discussions for 10 minutes followed by general discussion

3:30-4:00 Coffee Break

4:00-5:30 - Plenary Continue Discussions

- How does research apply to NGO’s work and what kind of research do NGOs find useful? (CIDCM?) (5)
- Challenges in applying research to practice and policy (Rebecca Dale, Tufts/Fletcher)(5)*
- Discussion (80)

6:00 Reception (Core Group participants 50+ persons by invitation)

**Day 2 - April 17, 2002 [Core Group Participants + Rwanda Partners]
Approaches to Peacebuilding, Coexistence and Development in the Great Lakes Region:
Lessons Learned**

7:30-8:30 – Registration – Day 2 and 3 Participants (Coffee served)

8:30 – 10:00 - Plenary Session: Local Approaches to Peacebuilding and Coexistence

Successes, Constraints and Lessons Learned

- **National Unity and Reconciliation Commission** – Executive Secretary Fatuma Ndangiza (10)*
- **The Imagine Coexistence Project – Lessons Learned for Mainstreaming Coexistence Work**⁴
 - The Imagine Coexistence Project in Rwanda
 - Laura McGrew, UNHCR (5)*
 - Paul Bushayija, Norwegian People’s Aid – Assistance to Local NGOs (5)*

³ Key participants – Rwanda (2), Congo (4), Burundi (2) produce one page each on sources, consequences and activities in advance of workshop

⁴ Key participants produce two page document in advance of presentation

- Youth Group – Ceculungo (Olivier) (10)*
- Woman’s Group - Equipes de Vie (Goretti Mukakalisa) (10)*
- Rebecca Dale/Odette Nyirakabyare, Fletcher School – Research on Projects (10)*
- **Local Government Representative** – working with Oxfam GB and cell-level committees and CDC’s to implement community based coexistence projects (15)
- **Catholic Relief Services** – Gloriose Uwimpuhwe, Local Capacities for Peace, Work with Religious Structures (15)*
- **Sharing Experiences and Lessons Learned:** Setting the Agenda for Small Group Discussions for Local Approaches to Peacebuilding and Coexistence: Rebecca Dale (Fletcher)* (10)

10:00 – 10:30 - Coffee Break

Exhibition Hall of Partner Activities (NGOs and others present photos, fliers, etc)

10:30 – 12:00 - Small Group Discussions - Local Approaches to Peacebuilding and Coexistence - Successes, Constraints, Lessons Learned

12:30-2:00 Lunch Address – National Reconciliation

2:00 – 3:30 - Plenary - Regional approaches to Peacebuilding in the Great Lakes – Panel⁵

- Congo –Kinshasa – Mulegwa Zihindula, Center for Conflict Transformation (10)
- Congo –Kinshasa (10)
- Congo – Goma - M. Kajalula (10)*
- Congo - Bukavu – Dr. Mugangu Severin (10)*
- Burundi - Search for Common Ground (10)*
- Burundi – Africare - Marie Paul Ndayishemeya (10)*
- Burundi – Political Science Professor Nimubona Julien (10)*
- Questions and Discussion

3:30 – 4:00 – Coffee Break

Exhibition Hall of NGO Activities

4:00 – 5:30 Plenary Discussion of Regional and Local Approaches

(Facilitator to work with Rapporteur to generate recommendations during session)

- Regional Representative – (10) – Setting the Agenda
- Questions and Discussion continue - Successes, Constraints, Lessons Learned

Day 3 – April 18, 2002 [Core Group Participants + Rwanda Partners]

Comparing Approaches to Conflict Management, Peacebuilding and Coexistence Projects: Lessons Learned

8:30 – 9:30 – Plenary - Relationships between Conflict Management Training and Coexistence Projects⁶

- Overview of Conflict Management Training in Rwanda – Brian McQuinn*, IRC (10)
- CCM – Medard Runyange – Conflict Management Training at the NUR (10)*
- Mi-Parec, Burundi – Training first, projects later – Levy Ndikumana* (10)
- AFSO – Projects first, training later – Daniel (10)
- ADTS – Delta Training - Training at different phases of projects Balthazar Nizeyimana* (10)

⁵ Key participants produce one page summary of projects in advance of presentation

⁶ Key participants and conflict management trainers do one page summary of their activities and methods

9:30 – 11:15 – Small Group Discussions – How can coexistence projects be optimized with conflict management training? [Note debate on when to intervene with training and with development projects.] What are lessons learned from training in Rwanda? Recommendations for moving forward. [Coffee to be served in small groups at 10:30]

11:30 – 12:30 – Plenary – Presentation of key points from small groups and general discussion

12:30 – 2:00 – Lunch

2:00 – 3:30 - Small Group Discussions – Issues and Debates on Approaches to Peacebuilding and Coexistence Projects – What are key characteristics of and lessons learned from the following approaches? (practioners share lessons with researchers) Are particular approaches better to address particular issues? What are overall recommendations and lessons learned? If applicable, each group will also address their approaches related to 1) media and information technology; 2) access to resources (land, water, etc); 3) reintegration (refugees/returnees, internally displaced persons, and demobilized soldiers): Facilitator of each small group provides an introduction to the topic⁷ and stimulates discussion on the questions above.

- **Coexistence Projects and Peacebuilding by:**
 - **Women’s groups/associations**
 - **Churches and church-based groups**
 - **Youth groups/associations**
 - **Justice projects and human rights groups**

- **3:30 – 4:00 – Break**

4:00 – 5:30 – Plenary Session – Reports from Small Groups and Discussion

6:00 – Reception and Dance Performance

Day 4 - April 19, 2002 [Core Group Participants and Invited Guests]
Moving from Research to Practice: Advancing Conflict Management, Peace Building and Coexistence in Rwanda

8:30-10:00 Conflict Analysis and Impact Indicators: Bridging Research-Practitioner Frontiers

- Presentation on Conflict Analysis and Indicators to frame discussion (handouts of project indicators)

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:15 CCM: The Way Forward: Mapping Practice-Driven Research Agendas

- Brainstorming on CCM’s Research agenda
- Break-out into four groups, each representing an area of interest of CCM researchers (Axes)
 - Summarize in final report

12:15-2:30 Lunch Address and Discussion - Optimising Aid in Post-conflict Situations

⁷ Facilitators prepare one page discussion paper and facilitate discussion, rapporteurs take notes and write up results of discussion

- Topics to be addressed include the continuum from relief to development (including the Brookings Initiative), gaps and linkages among types of interventions; and how donors can support organization doing this work, and how they can support human security, sustainable peace and development? Participants include the Commission on Human Security, DFID*, the European Union/European Commission*, Swedish International Development Agency, US Agency for International Development*, Canada, Germans, Dutch, Japanese, UNDP*, UNHCR*⁸.

2:30 – 4:00 – Plenary – Discussion of Results Drafting Recommendations

- Summary of Results by Facilitator/Rapporteur
- Discussion of Results
- Summary Remarks by CCM/CICDM

4:00 – 4:20 Closing Ceremony

- 4:00-4:10 - Introduction of the Minister of Education by NUR Vice Rector Dr. Jean Bosco Butera*
- 4:10-4:20 - Closing by the Minister of Education

4:20 – 5:00– Coffee Break

Conference Committee:

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* Confirmed as of 22/03/02

⁸ Donors to bring one page summary of their programs

⁹ The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has launched a project to promote the coexistence of people returning to communities that have been deeply divided by internal conflict and mass violence. The purpose is to promote coexistence as a programming function and a vital dimension of humanitarian theory and action in the context of resettlement work by UNHCR and its partners especially as they address the gap between emergency assistance and development assistance. Accordingly, the project (one in Bosnia and one in Rwanda) is: 1) developing skills and criteria to design concrete, small, community-based coexistence projects in situations where refugees return home to divided communities; and 2) helping members of divided communities, and humanitarian workers, to think in terms of coexistence: to help them “imagine” coexistence in the course of each activity and response to urgent needs.

¹⁰ Le Centre de Recherche en Gestion des Conflits financé par le PNUD pour son appui institutionnel est un institut intégré au sein de l'UNR et qui se consacre à l'analyse du conflit rwandais sous ses diverses facettes et aux questions de paix dans la sous-région des grands lacs. Son objectif ultime est de produire des études pour éclairer les différentes interventions et initiatives de consolidation de la paix et de prévention des conflits. Depuis 2000, grâce à son partenariat avec le Center for International Development and Conflict Management de l'Université du Maryland, il a conçu des recherches communes et une unité d'information et de documentation servant à la dissémination sociale et à la mise en place des mécanismes d'alerte rapide.