Seminar Program

Mediation and Peacemaking in Southern Africa

23-25 September 2011
Chrismar Hotel
Lusaka, Zambia

Project title
Towards the development of an ‘oasis of peace’ through the institutionalization of a research network in southern Africa

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23 September (Friday)
16:00
Opening remarks
   Professor Bizeck Phiri, University of Zambia
Orientation
   Objectives and content of seminar
Keynote address
   (Zambian Special Representative, Int'l Conference on the Great Lakes Region)

17:00
Introductions, idea exchange, and reception

24 September (Saturday)
09:30
Session I: Regional Perspectives on Mediation and Peacemaking in Southern Africa

Botswana's experiences in regional mediation
   Mpho Molomo, University of Botswana

Is quiet diplomacy in consonance with meaningful peacemaking in SADC?
   George Mhango, Mzuzu University

Mediation within the context of a War economy: The case of the DRC
   Hussein Solomon, University of the Free State

A vanquished war...A vanquished peace? Lessons from the success and failure of conflict mediation in the Democratic Republic of Congo
   Gerrie Swart, Stellenbosch University

The institutionalisation of community mediation services in Tanzania
   Riziki Shahari, Centre for Foreign Relations
   William John Walwa, University of Dar es Salaam

13:30
Session II: Zambian Perspectives on Mediation and Peacemaking

Zambia's role in conflict resolution in southern Africa
   Bizeck Phiri, University of Zambia

Zambia's contribution to the liberation of Southern Africa: A historical perspective
   Thomas Mabwe, Zambian Open University

Elections and conflict resolution in Zambian
   Tasila Mbewe, Zambian Open University
25 September (Sunday)
09:30
Session III: Mediation and Peacemaking beyond Southern Africa

South Africa and conflict resolution on the African continent: From Mandela to Zuma
   Katabaro Miti, University of Pretoria

Mediation and peacemaking: Lessons from Sudan
   Eisei Kurimoto, Osaka University

Western Media coverage of mediation and peacemaking in Africa
   Virgil Hawkins, Osaka University

13:30
Session IV: The future of peacemaking and future collaboration

Roundtable discussion I
   Challenges for mediation and peacemaking in Southern Africa

Roundtable discussion II
   Avenues for future collaboration and establishment of centre for peace and security

16:30
Closing remarks
   Professor Dickson Mwansa, Zambian Open University

Idea exchange and reception
   Pansupa Restaurant, Lusaka