

Participation

The conference is primarily intended for African students studying in the Netherlands and young African Diaspora. However, other students or academics with an interest in the subject, representatives of NGOs, officials, and other concerned persons/ organizations are very welcome.

Participation fees

Participation will be free of charge.

Coffee, Tea and Lunch, Reception

Coffee/ tea and lunch will be served free of charge. After the conference, all participants are invited for an informal exchange during a reception in the Atrium of the ISS, offered by the City of The Hague.

Travel Reimbursement

African Students (studying in NL) incurring travel cost exceeding € 5,- are entitled to travel reimbursement for the additional amount upon submitting the relevant receipts. Reimbursement sheets will be available during registration (8.30-9.30). The reimbursement will be done through bank transfer (not in cash). Taxi expenses will not be reimbursed.

Funding

The sponsors of this conference are: NCDO, CORDAID, NOVIB (OXFAM-NL), and the Municipality of The Hague and our host venue, The Institute of Social Studies in The Hague.



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Join the e-group

Registered participants can sign up to join the discussions through the e-group.



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Building Peace in Africa

Human Security and the Millennium Development Goals



Saturday, 22nd October

09.30-18.00

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The Hague, the Netherlands

African Students Conference 2005

African Student Conference (ASC)

ASC The ASC for African students has been organized annually since 1999 at the Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in The Hague. These conferences deal with critical issues of major concern in the field of advancing peace, justice and democracy. They have been flagship events to raise awareness and to promote interdisciplinary dialogue, research and action, stressing the role of culture, youth and civil societies, and bonding participants. They encourage students to not only bridge the gap between their studies and the plight to build peace in Africa but also to link up with the Diaspora youth in the Netherlands.

Objectives

- OBJECTIVES**
1. To offer a forum where African students, African Diaspora youth and Dutch students can meet.
 2. To sensitise, inform, involve and expand participants' interest on issues related to peacebuilding in Africa from multidisciplinary approaches.
 3. To explore the strengths and difficulties of youth involvement and the ways this can be improved; while highlighting their role in linking security and development in Africa
 4. To collect and distribute materials and background information about the topic.
 5. To offer participants the opportunity to become acquainted with the work of the TAC and the UNOY Peacebuilders.

Human Security and Development

THEME

There is a need to interlink security issues and development, particularly Human Security and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), as a pre-requisite to building peace. This is because these deep rooted inter-linkages affect all levels of society in the world. This 'glocalisation' of human affairs has direct implications for international peace and security, with vast pockets of extreme poverty, famine, pandemics as HIV/AIDS, social marginalization, widespread unemployment and social dislocation, human rights abuses and mass crimes, increasing environmental pressures and perennial human insecurity and vulnerability. As the Secretary-General stated in his, *In Larger Freedom Report*: 'the world must advance the causes of security, development and human rights together, otherwise non will succeed. Humanity will not enjoy security without development, it will not enjoy development without security, and it will not enjoy either without respect for human rights.' The eight MDGs can be seen as the start to a commitment to tackle these insecurities. However, progress has been patchy and many believe they do not reach wide enough to encourage the linking of security and development. In general, development policies work in isolation of conflict prevention plans.

Africa as the poorest continent in the world and with more than its fair share of violent conflicts, needs these inter-linkages between security and development to be understood and implemented on, more than ever.



Conference programme

SPEAKERS PROGRAMME

Internationally well known speakers from Africa and the international community will provide insight, updated knowledge and inspiration about Peacebuilding, Human Security and the MDGs. In the afternoon there will be Workshops on the themes of the conference. The day will be closed with a reception in the ISS Atrium, offered by the Municipality of The Hague.

Speakers

Among the well known speakers are:

- Ms. Hafsat Abiola is youth activist and director of Kuridat Initiative for Democracy. She is the daughter of the late M.K.O. Abiola, the elected president of Nigeria (1993) who died in imprisonment.
- Prof. Kevin Clements is Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies of the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict, and former General Secretary of International Alert, UK.
- Jan Gustav Strandenaes is Policy Advisor for Northern Alliance for Sustainability (ANPED).
- Ms Charity Musamba is President of Jubilee 2000 Zambia and speaker on development issues.
- Wondoser Asnake is outreach officer for UNEP in Geneva.

UNOY Peacebuilders

The United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY) is a global network of young people/youth peace organizations. Its continental network in Africa is called 'African Network of Young Peacebuilders'.

The African Committee

The African Committee (TAC) is an association of African students studying in institutes of higher education in NL. Its main objective is to meet regularly and highlight factual issues affecting the continent of Africa

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