

Expert Committee on conflict prevention and peace building

Convenor - Kathleen Cravero, Assistant Secretary General & Director, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, UNDP

Since April 2005, Ms Cravero is Director of UNDP's Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR). As such, she leads the efforts of the Bureau to mainstream crisis prevention and recovery at all levels of UNDP's work. The Bureau supports UNDP in reducing the risk and impact of natural disasters, preventing armed conflicts, and assisting recovery from crisis when it occurs. Specifically, the Bureau's role is to consolidate UNDP's crisis prevention and recovery knowledge and experience; provide a bridge between humanitarian response and the development work of UNDP; and be an advocate for crisis sensitivity in the context of development policy. She brings over two decades of experience in international development, as well as first-hand knowledge on a range of development issues, from newly emerging democracies to conflict and emergency situations. Before joining BCPR, Ms. Cravero built her career with UNICEF, WHO and UNDP. From March 2000 to March 2005, she served as Deputy Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS with responsibilities in the areas of governance, resource mobilization, advocacy and leadership initiatives. Ms Cravero served as UN Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Burundi (1998-2000); UNICEF Representative in Uganda (1994-1998); External Relations Officer of the World Health Organization Global Programme on AIDS (1992-1994); UNICEF Senior Health Advisor (1988-1992); and UNICEF Programme Coordinator in Chad (1985-1988). Dr Cravero is also a Board Member of the Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Science and a M.P.H. in Public Health.

UN Experts:

Sarah Cliffe, World Bank

Sarah Cliffe is head of the Fragile and Conflict-Affected Countries Group at the World Bank. She has worked for the last fifteen years in post-conflict countries, in South Africa, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Indonesia, East Timor, Afghanistan, Liberia, Sudan and Haiti. Prior to joining the Bank, she worked for the United Nations Development Program in Rwanda, the Government of South Africa, and the Congress of South African Trade Unions, as well as for a major management consultancy company in the United Kingdom on public sector reform issues. She holds degrees in History and Economic Development from Cambridge and Columbia Universities. Since joining the Bank, her work has covered post-conflict reconstruction, community driven development and civil service reform. She was chief of mission for the Bank's programme in Timor-Leste from 1999 to 2002 and led the Bank's Fragile and Conflict-Affected Countries Group from 2002-2007.

Paul Hulshoff, Chief Recovery and Risk Reduction Section, UNICEF

Mr. Paul Hulshoff is the Chief of UNICEF's new Recovery and Risk Reduction Section, part of the Office of Emergency Programmes. As such, he is responsible for the coordination and planning of UNICEF's strategic and programmatic interventions in countries dealing with the

aftermath of conflict and natural disasters. Paul joined UNICEF in August 2004 from UNDP where he served as the Economist for the UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery since early 2002. Prior to that, Paul has worked in various managerial capacities both in the public and private sector, including Greater China Consultancies, London, UK and the International Management Group in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Paul holds a Masters in Economics from the Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

Ms. Laura Petrella – Coordinator – Safer Cities Programme – UN-HABITAT

Ms Laura Petrella is the Coordinator of the UN-HABITAT Safer Cities Programme. She joined UN-HABITAT in 1995 working with the Settlement Upgrading Programme, and later with the the Urban Poverty Reduction task team. She has been in charge for UN-HABITAT of developing country level activities on urban safety in Africa and Latin America, and more recently in Asia, as well as coordinating the global level activities of the Safer Cities programme since 2004.

She is an architect and urban planner by training and has worked extensively on urban development issues in Africa, Latin America and Asia. She is the editor of 'Putting the Urban Poor on the Map', as well as of numerous reports on urban insecurity based on research conducted by UN-HABITAT and its partners.

Independent Experts:

Graciana del Castillo, Columbia University

Graciana del Castillo is adjunct professor at Columbia University. She was the first economist at a senior level in the cabinet of the UN secretary-general in the early 1990's, where she was given responsibility for work on post-conflict reconstruction in Central America, Africa and Asia. Starting in 1996, she continued her work on war and post-conflict countries at the IMF. In 1999 she advised Dr Kouchner on jumpstarting Kosovo's economy immediately after NATO's bombing. In 2000, at the request of the IMF she moderated a donor conference on Timor-Leste on the occasion of the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings in Prague. Her views on reconstruction have been deepened by positions as a Director of Standard & Poor's analyzing risk, and as a founding partner of the Macroeconomic Advisory Group and the Centennial Group, advising governments and multilateral organizations. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Columbia University (1986), where she has been Adjunct Professor since 1990. In the Fall (2007) she teaches a new graduate course on Post-Conflict Economic Reconstruction based on her forthcoming book (Oxford University Press, March 2008).

Funmi Olonisakin, Kings College, University of London

Funmi Olonisakin is Director of the Conflict, Security and Development Group at the International Policy Institute, Kings College, University of London in tandem with a senior lectureship and course co-ordination role at the Centre for Defence Studies. In this position, she

enjoys the capacity to further pursue her interests in conflict resolution and development in post-conflict environments within Africa and beyond. Dr Olonisakin remains at the helm of the Centre for Democracy and Development, of which she is co-founder and treasurer. The union of these aspects of her career highlights her mantra of the necessity for the provision of a voice for the people in bids for much needed conflict resolution on the continent. Her work has focused on highlighting the plight of women in war and conflict, as well as addressing the highly controversial issue of child soldiers in African conflicts, particularly in Sierra Leone. As a MacArthur Foundation Research Fellow, she examined the impact of state collapse in Liberia and Sierra Leone and the rebuilding of the military as an institution of civil-military relations following state collapse. She went on to become a co-founder of the renowned Africa Security Unit at the King's College. In 2000, she joined the United Nations at the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. This saw a return to focus on the impact of conflict on war affected children. Her work here has been most influential in the analysis into the reintegration of child soldiers into civil society. These efforts have resulted in the formation of the National Commission of War Affected Children in Sierra Leone, as well as the structural beginnings of a Child Protection Unit in the ECOWAS.

Howard Wolpe, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Dr. Howard Wolpe, a former seven-term Member of Congress and former Presidential Special Envoy to Africa's Great Lakes Region, is currently Director of the Africa Program and the Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. A specialist in African politics, for 10 of his 14 years in the Congress Dr. Wolpe chaired the Subcommittee on Africa of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where he was instrumental in effecting many changes in U.S. policy on Africa, including the ending of military assistance to Gen. Mobutu in Zaire (Congo) and enabling the passage of the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986. Prior to entering the Congress, Dr. Wolpe served in the Michigan House of Representatives and as a member of the Kalamazoo City Commission. Dr. Wolpe has taught at Western Michigan University (Political Science Department), Michigan State University, the University of Michigan (Institute of Public Policy Studies), and has served as a Visiting Fellow in the Foreign Policy Studies Program of the Brookings Institution and as a Woodrow Wilson Center Public Policy Scholar. Dr. Wolpe received his B.A. degree from Reed College, and his Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Wolpe is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and of Africare. He co-directed the Ninetieth American Assembly on "Africa and U.S. National Interests" held in March 1997. He has written extensively on Africa, American foreign policy, and the management of ethnic and racial conflict. Currently, Dr. Wolpe is working on a book based on his diplomatic experience with the Burundi peace process and is directing several post-conflict leadership training programs in Africa.
