



Geneva, 16 June 2008

## AGENDA COMMUNITY SECURITY AND OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Monday 16 June 2008  
Room XII, Palais des Nations, Geneva (Door 17, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

<b>OPENING SESSION</b>	<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>
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*Welcome Remarks*

**Dr Patricia Lewis, Director, UNIDIR**

*Opening Remarks - Thinking locally, acting globally: Putting local knowledge at the center of attention in the XXI century*

**Prof. Randolph Kent, Professor, King's College, London; Former UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Kosovo, Rwanda and Somalia**

<b>SESSION I: PRIORITIZING LOCAL KNOWLEDGE IN PLANNING</b>	<b>10:30 – 11:30</b>
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The UN high-level panel reports have stated repeatedly that the UN aims to be more effective. And yet, in humanitarian, development and peace operations, effectiveness can be elusive. Many responses have focused on addressing internal UN efficiency as a means to make the UN more effective. In this session, we look outward and illustrate an impasse that operational agencies have reached in understanding local cultural realities, and how this impasse inhibits effective programming. The panelists discuss the role of local knowledge in designing and planning community security programmes.

***Chair of this session: Ms Lisa Rudnick, Researcher, UNIDIR***

*The distance between guidelines and local realities in field programming*

**Dr Derek Miller, Senior Researcher, UNIDIR**

*Taking "the local" seriously*

**Prof. Gerry Philipsen, University of Washington**

*Putting cultural research at the service of operational effectiveness*

**Prof. Donal Carbaugh, University of Massachusetts**

Open discussion

<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	<b>11:30 – 11:45</b>
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**SESSION II: INTRODUCING SECURITY NEEDS ASSESMENTS****11:45 – 13:00**

UNIDIR has given serious attention to the impasse on operational effectiveness. The *Security Needs Assessment Protocol (SNAP)* is being developed as a response to the need for local knowledge in project design and planning. In this session, the speakers share their experiences from two cooperative research visits undertaken in Ghana and Nepal to develop this approach.

**Chair of this session: Dr Derek Miller, Senior Researcher, UNIDR**

*Security Needs Assessments as a response to the goal of operational effectiveness*  
**Ms Lisa Rudnick, Researcher, UNIDIR**

*The SNAP experience in Ghana's Northern Region, 2007*  
**Prof. Kwesi Yankah, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Ghana, Legon**

*The SNAP experience in Saptari, Nepal, 2008*  
**Prof. Rajesh Jha, Assistant Dean Peace Research Center, Purbanchal University, Nepal**

Open discussion

**LUNCH BREAK****13:00 – 15:00****SESSION III: CURRENT CHALLENGES FROM THE FIELD****15:00 – 16:00**

Field practitioners, working in operational agencies around the world, are increasingly asked to design, plan, and evaluate projects meant to advance agreed policy goals. As the need for deeper engagement with communities increases, and as local knowledge is high-lighted as a key to unlocking sustainable and viable solutions, what problems do field practitioners face today and what would they like to see happen to address them?

**Chair of this session: Dr Christiane Agboton-Johnson, Deputy Director, UNIDIR**

*Understanding uniqueness in protection responses*  
**Ms Joanne Doucet, Chief of Child Protection, UNICEF, Nepal**

*Migration and security in Sub-Saharan Africa*  
**Dr Meera Sethi, Senior Advisor on Sub-Saharan Africa, IOM**

*Approaches and lessons learned in UNDP's community security programming*  
**Ms Eugenia Piza-Lopez, Senior Policy Adviser, UNDP**

Open Discussion

**COFFEE BREAK****16:00 – 16:15**

**SESSION IV: BUILDING GLOBAL POLICY SUPPORT****16:15 – 17:15**

Great efforts have been made in recent years to expand international agreement on security-related, and violence-related themes – such as small arms, landmines, ERW, cluster munitions, human trafficking, child soldiers, and organized crime. In this session we learn from the OECD and the Swiss, Dutch and Brazilian Foreign Ministries about national and international initiatives that aim to support community level programming.

***Chair of this session: Mr John Borrie, Project Manager, UNIDIR***

*Building public security in our societies*

**Ambassador Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares, Special Representative of Brazil to the Conference on Disarmament**

*Linking security and development to make programming more effective*

**Mr Mattijis Wolters, Head of Arms Control and Arms Export Policy Division, Ministry of Foreign affairs of the Netherlands**

*The Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development: A framework for concrete action*

**Dr Ronald Dreyer, Coordinator of Follow-up “Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development”, Permanent Mission of Switzerland**

Open discussion

**CLOSING ADDRESS: FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE****17:15 – 18:00**

*Recommendations for improving community security and operational effectiveness: Words from the Coordinator's Seat*

**Mr Tore Rose, Former United Nations Resident Coordinator for Algeria, Mali and Rwanda**

Open discussion

*Closing Remarks*

**Dr Patricia Lewis, Director, UNIDIR**

**This conference will be held with simultaneous interpretation in English and French.**