# Draft Programme: International Conference on Mediation

## University of Pretoria, 2 – 4 June 2015

### 2 June 2015

08:30 – 10:30: Opening and welcome

Chair: Maxi Schoeman (Head, Department of Political Sciences, University of Pretoria) (TBC)

Welcoming address: Chair of the Board of CMA and Dean of Faculty (TBC)

**Key-note address:**

Prof WI Zartman (Jacob Blaustein Distinguished Professor Emeritus of International Organization and Conflict Resolution, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC)

*The lengths and limits of mediation*

**Discussant: Laurie Nathan (Director, Centre for Mediation in Africa)**

10:30 – 11:00: Tea / coffee

11:00 – 13:00 **Panel 1**. **Unpacking** **mediation complexity**

**Chair: Henning Melber (Dag Hammarskjold Foundation)**

Laurie Nathan (Director, Centre for Mediation in Africa, University of Pretoria)

*International mediation as the management of complexity*

Joao Honwana (Director, Africa II, UN DPA)

*Mediation complexity: a practitioner’s viewpoint*

Theuns Eloff (former Administrator of the Multi-Party Negotiation Process in South Africa)

*Managing South Africa’s complex negotiations*

**Discussant: Isak Svensson (University of Uppsala)**

13:00 – 14:00: Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 **Panel 2. The religious and cultural dimensions of mediation complexity**

**Chair:**  **Sara Hellmüller** **(swisspeace)**

Isak Svensson (University of Uppsala)

*Mediating jihadist conflicts*

Maira Siman (GSUM, Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro)

*Conflict resolution and mediation practices in South America*

Vladimir Kmec (University of Cambridge)

*Religion in mediation: Balkans, Northern Ireland and Mali*

**Discussant: William I Zartman (TBC)**

### 3 June 2015

08:30 – 10:30: **Panel 3. A normative framework for mediation**

**Chair: Maira Siman (GSUM)**

John Packer (Director, **Human Rights Research and Education Centre,** University of Ottawa)

*The nature and role of norms in international mediation*

Sara Hellmüller (swisspeace)

*The role of norms in international mediation*

Claudia Fuentes (Instituto de Relações Internacionais, Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro)

*Human rights and conflict resolution in South America*

Henning Melber (Dag Hammarskjold Foundation)

*Dag Hammarskjold and conflict mediation*

**Discussant: David Lanz (OSCE Mediation Support Team, Vienna**)

10:30 – 11:00: Tea / coffee

11:00 – 13:00 **Panel 4. Competition and cooperation in international mediation**

**Chair: Joao Honwana (Director, Africa II, UN DPA)**

David Lanz (OSCE Mediation Support Team, Vienna)

*Navigating a crowded field: insights on competition and cooperation in international mediation*

Holger Osterrieder (European External Action Service, and former Deputy Ambassador of the German Embassy in Mali)

*Multiple mediators facing a multi-dimensional conflict. A case-study of Mali*

Aleu Garang (IGAD Mediation Support Unit)

*The impact of external actors on the prospects of a mediated settlement in South Sudan*

**Discussant: Tim Murithi (Institute for Justice and Reconciliation and CMA Associate)**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00Parallel sessions

**Panel 5a. Mediation in action**

**Chair: Chris Saunders (UCT) (TBC)**

James Hentz (Virginia Military Institute; editor of *African Security).*

*The nature of war in Africa*

David Francis (University of Bradford)

*Mediating interests in civil war peace settlements in Africa*

Joao Ndlovu (SADC Liaison Office at the African Union)

*Expertise vis-à-vis political leverage in mediation. The SADC experience*

**Discussant: (TBC)**

**Panel 5b. The UN as mediator**

**Chair: Maxi Schoeman (TBC)**

Tetsuro Iji (Kwansei Gakuin University, Japan)

*The UN as mediator*

Tim Murithi (Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, and CMA Associate)

*The failure of the United Nations Security Council as an institutional framework for effective mediation.*

Elodie Convergne (Sciences Po Paris) (TBC)

*Normative mediation and the complexity of conflicts: The UN's quest for identity in a disordered world.*

**Discussant: John Packer (Director**, **Human Rights Research and Education Centre, University of Ottawa)**

19:00 – 20:30 **Panel 6. Making mediation research more useful to mediators**

A facilitated discussion.

**Facilitator: Andries Odendaal (Associate, Centre for Mediation in Africa)**

### 4 June 2015

08:30 – 10:30 **Panel 7. Aspects of mediation complexity**

**Chair: David Francis**

Franzisca Zanker (German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Hamburg)

*Legitimate representation in mediation processes*

Thania Paffenholz and Nick Ross (Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, the Graduate Institute Geneva)

*Inclusive mediation strategies*

Laura James (University of Cambridge)

*Dynamics of parties' decision making viewed through an 'images of the enemy' framework. Case-study of Sudan and South Sudan.*

**Discussant: Aleu Garang (IGAD Mediation Support Unit)**

10:30 – 11:00 Tea / coffee

11:00 – 13:00 Parallel sessions

**Panel 8a. Case studies: Namibia, Lesotho and Zimbabwe**

**Chair: Holger Osterrieder (European External Action Service)**

Chris Saunders (University of Cape Town)

*Managing complexity in mediation: the Namibian case*

Gabriel Malebang (University of Botswana)

*The SADC-Lesotho mediation*

Shakespear Hamauswa (University of Mulungushi) and Petra Chenyere (University of Zimbabwe)

*Lessons from SADC’s mediation in Zimbabwe, 2008 – 2013*

**Discussant: Andries Odendaal (Associate, Centre for Mediation in Africa)**

**Panel 8b. Student Panel**

(A panel of student presentations)

**Chair: James Hentz (Virginia Military Institute)**

Michael Addaney (University of Pretoria)

*The ECOWAS mediation in Mali*

Julius Bio (University of Bradford)

*The role of insider mediators in Sierra Leone*

Eric Niyitunga (University of Johannesburg)

*The African Union and international mediation*

David Achero (University of Pretoria)

*The role of Jakaya Kikwete in the mediation of the Kenyan post-election conflict, 2008.*

**Discussant: Laurie Nathan (Centre for Mediation in Africa)**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00: **Concluding session**

**Facilitator: Laurie Nathan**

An open discussion on key insights gained; and prospective research projects.