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Programme: International Conference on Mediation Plant Sciences Auditorium, University of Pretoria 2 – 4 June 2015

2 June 2015

08:30 – 10:30: Opening and welcome

Chair: Joao Honwana, Board Member, Centre for Mediation in Africa

Welcoming address: Prof Hennie Stander, Acting Dean, Faculty of Humanities,
University of Pretoria.

Prof Maxi Schoeman, Head of Department, Political Sciences,
University of Pretoria.

Key-note address:

Prof IW 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



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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: I William Zartman

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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

Henning Melber (Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation)
Dag Hammarskjöld and conflict mediation

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

10:30 – 11:00: Tea / coffee

11:00 – 13:00 Parallel sessions

Panel 4a. 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)
The dynamics behind mediation processes. Interests vs. cooperation in the case of the multi-party mediation during the Mali peace process.

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)

Panel 4b. Inclusion and human rights in mediation

Chair: Maxi Schoeman (University of Pretoria)

Franziska Zanker (German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Hamburg)
Legitimate representation in mediation processes

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

Claudia Fuentes (Instituto de Relações Internacionais, Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro)
Human rights and conflict resolution in South America

Discussant: Sara Hellmüller (swisspeace) (TBC)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 Parallel sessions

Panel 5a. Mediation in Africa

Chair: Chris Saunders (UCT)

James Hentz (Virginia Military Institute; editor of *African Security*).
The nature of war in Africa

Leonardo Simão (Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mocambique)
Mediation in Africa: personal reflections

Stanislas Bigirimana (Africa University, Mutare)
The peace process in Burundi: beyond mediation.

Discussant: Aleu Garang (IGAD Mediation Support Unit)

Panel 5b. Regional/international bodies as mediator

Chair: Claudia Fuentes (Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro)

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.

Joao Ndlovu (Coordinator of SADC Regional Political Cooperation Programme and former Head of the SADC Liaison Office at the African Union)
The Practice and Challenges of SADC Mediation Experience

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.

Panellists: William Zartman, Leonardo Simão, Joao Honwana and Aleu Garang.
Facilitator: Andries Odendaal (Associate, Centre for Mediation in Africa)

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08:30 – 10:30 Parallel sessions

Panel 7a. Case studies: Namibia, Lesotho and Zimbabwe

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

Chris Saunders (University of Cape Town)
Managing complexity in mediation: the Namibian case

Gabriel Malebang (University of Botswana)
The SADC-Lesotho mediation

Petra Chinyere (University of Zimbabwe), with Shakespear Hamauswa (Mulungushi University, Zambia)
Lessons from SADC's mediation in Zimbabwe, 2008 – 2013

Discussant: Holger Osterrieder (European External Action Service) (TBC)

Panel 7b. 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.

Discussants: Maxi Schoeman (University of Pretoria) and Laurie Nathan (Centre for Mediation in Africa)

10:30 – 11:00 Tea / coffee

11:00 – 13:00 **Concluding session**

Facilitator: Laurie Nathan

Panellists (providing 5 minute introductions): William Zartman, Leonardo Simão, Joao Honwana.

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

13:00 – 14:00: Lunch.