

# Seminar Program

## Mediation and Peacemaking in Southern Africa

23-25 September 2011  
Chrismar Hotel  
Lusaka, Zambia

### Project title

Towards the development of an 'oasis of peace' through the institutionalization of a research network in southern Africa



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## **23 September (Friday)**

16:00

Opening remarks

Professor Bizeck Phiri, University of Zambia

Orientation

Objectives and content of seminar

Keynote address

(Zambian Special Representative, Int'l Conference on the Great Lakes Region)

17:00

Introductions, idea exchange, and reception

## **24 September (Saturday)**

09:30

### Session I: Regional Perspectives on Mediation and Peacemaking in Southern Africa

Botswana's experiences in regional mediation

Mpho Molomo, University of Botswana

Is quiet diplomacy in consonance with meaningful peacemaking in SADC?

George Mhango, Mzuzu University

Mediation within the context of a War economy: The case of the DRC

Hussein Solomon, University of the Free State

A vanquished war...A vanquished peace? Lessons from the success and failure of conflict mediation in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Gerrie Swart, Stellenbosch University

The institutionalisation of community mediation services in Tanzania

Riziki Shahari, Centre for Foreign Relations

William John Walwa, University of Dar es Salaam

13:30

### Session II: Zambian Perspectives on Mediation and Peacemaking

Zambia's role in conflict resolution in southern Africa

Bizeck Phiri, University of Zambia

Zambia's contribution to the liberation of Southern Africa: A historical perspective

Thomas Mabwe, Zambian Open University

Elections and conflict resolution in Zambian

Tasila Mbewe, Zambian Open University

**25 September (Sunday)**

09:30

Session III: Mediation and Peacemaking beyond Southern Africa

South Africa and conflict resolution on the African continent: From Mandela to Zuma  
Katabaro Miti, University of Pretoria

Mediation and peacemaking: Lessons from Sudan  
Eisei Kurimoto, Osaka University

Western Media coverage of mediation and peacemaking in Africa  
Virgil Hawkins, Osaka University

13:30

Session IV: The future of peacemaking and future collaboration

Roundtable discussion I  
Challenges for mediation and peacemaking in Southern Africa

Roundtable discussion II  
Avenues for future collaboration and establishment of centre for peace and security

16:30

Closing remarks  
Professor Dickson Mwansa, Zambian Open University

Idea exchange and reception  
Pansupa Restaurant, Lusaka