



Orientation

Peacekeeping and Peace Enforcement in Southern Africa

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About us

- A loose network of researchers and practitioners committed to analysis and action to promote peace and security in the southern African region
- Established in 2011 as the Southern African 'Oasis of Peace' Project
- Relaunched in 2012 as the Southern African Centre for Collaboration on Peace and Security (SACCPS)



The network and core institutions

- Zambia
 - University of Zambia
 - Zambian Open University
 - Copperbelt University
- South Africa
 - University of the Free State
- Tanzania
 - Centre for Foreign Relations
- Japan (supporting role)
 - Osaka University
- + Committed researchers/practitioners from throughout the region

Why 'collaboration'?

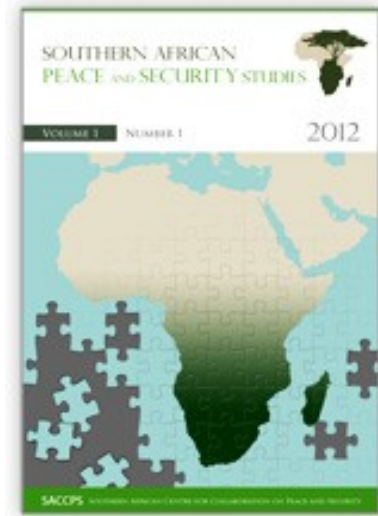
- Why not research institute?
 - Research is an important component, but...
- Greater emphasis on building linkages/network-building between researchers and with practitioners
 - Includes policymakers, civil society, media
- Encouraging practical, real-world relevant research/policy recommendations
- Focus not only on national/regional security, but also at community/individual level

SACCPS – A Centre?

- Currently a virtual Centre
- Collaboration through:
 - Annual conference
 - Regional research/interaction visits
 - Southern African Peace and Security Blog
 - Southern African Peace and Security Studies
 - Facebook/multi-media interaction
- Plans to construct a Centre in Zambia
 - Focusing on interaction, research, education, public seminars
 - Regional, inter-disciplinary, mix of academics and practitioners

The Journal

- *Southern African Peace and Security Studies*
- 100% open access (free, online)
- Two issues per year
- Content:
 - Academic articles
 - Policy briefs (primarily for practitioners)
 - Book reviews
- Vol. 1 No. 1 out now
- Vol. 1 No. 2: deadline 1 October 2012
- Vol. 2 No. 1: Entries welcome!



Join the network!

- SACCCPS: A formal/informal network
- Joining the network means:
 - Subscribing for email updates
 - Writing blog articles
 - Writing articles for the journal
 - Participating in conferences
 - Participating in regional visits
 - Multi-media (video etc) interaction
 - Bi/Multilateral interaction/collaboration
- The network is what we want it to be
- Send an email: info@saccps.org

The conference

- Currently a three-year plan:
 - Mediation and Peacemaking
 - Peacekeeping and Peace Enforcement
 - Peacebuilding
- Results reflected as:
 - Website roundup (abstracts)
 - Journal articles
 - Blog articles

The program

- 14 speakers from 11 universities
- Divided into six sessions:
 - I: The big picture
 - II: Peacekeeping and SADC
 - III: Peacekeeping and the DRC
 - IV: Perspectives beyond the region
 - V: Perspectives from the practitioners
 - VI: Wrap-up
- Welcome/closing receptions