

Program for UN Peacebuilders Public Seminar
***“Challenges Ahead for United Nations Peacebuilders:
 Lessons from the Field and the new UN Peacebuilding Architecture”***

Date: 25th July 2008

Venue: UN House (United Nations University Headquarters) Elizabeth Rose Hall

Organizers: UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), Hiroshima Peacebuilders Center (HPC), United Nations University (UNU), and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MoFA Japan)

Supporters: United Nations Volunteers (UNV), NPO Peacebuilders (PB)

Purpose: To enable individuals based in Tokyo with an interest in UN peacebuilding and the roles of the new UN Peacebuilding Commission, Peacebuilding Fund, and Peacebuilding Support Office to obtain relevant information, including details on the wide-ranging peacebuilding activities performed by the United Nations throughout the world. It is hoped that the discussion will help to further shape ideas about Japan’s growing contribution to international peacebuilding.

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Time	Contents	Speaker
16:30-16:35	Opening Remarks	Hideaki Shinoda (Director of HPC)
16:35-16:45	Introduction	Madoka Futamura (Academic Programme Officer of UNU)
16:45-17:00	Welcome from the PBSO: Conclusions and Action Points reached at the Workshop; Overview of the “Practical Guidance Note”	Richard Ponzio (Senior Policy Analyst of PBSO) Haley Horan (Community of Practice Facilitator of PBSO) Necla Tschirigi (Senior Policy Adviser of PBSO)
17:00-17:45	<i>Presentations from the Peacebuilding Fields</i>	
	The Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding in Burundi	Vincent Kayijuka (BINUB/DOCO Burundi)
	Peacebuilding Innovations in Nepal: Challenges Ahead	Laura Bologna (DPA Nepal)
	Peacebuilding Challenges in Lebanon	Nick Hartmann (UNDP Lebanon)
	A Peacebuilding Strategy for Guinea Bissau	Janet Murdock (UNDP/DPA Guinea Bissau)
	Regional Approaches to Peacebuilding in Africa	Befekadu Berhanu (Deputy Regional Representative <Liaison and Partnership> of UNHCR Regional Liaison Office for Africa)
17:45-17:55	Comments	Kenzo Oshima (Vice-President of JICA <Former Ambassador of Japan to the United Nations, Former Chairman of UN Peacebuilding Commission>)
17:55-18:05	Comments	Sukehiro Hasegawa (Professor of Hosei University <Former UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Timor-Leste>)
18:05-18:35	Plenary Discussions	
18:35-18:45	Closing Remarks	Yoshitaka Akimoto (Deputy Director-General, Ambassador in charge of UN Affairs, the Foreign Policy Bureau, MOFA)