

Dag Hammarskjöld commemoration

For the sake of peace

Seminar series

Ndola (Kitwe) 17-18 September, Lusaka 19 September 2016

This year will mark the 55th anniversary since Dag Hammarskjöld died in a plane crash in Ndola while serving as Secretary-General of the United Nations. He was a skilled and respected mediator and convinced that the UN could contribute to peace in Congo. The Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, together with key partners, will arrange a solemn commemoration for Dag Hammarskjöld in Ndola and Lusaka, Zambia, on 17-19 September.

The commemoration consists of three parts; a seminar in at the Copperbelt University in Kitwe on Saturday 17 September, the official Dag Hammarskjöld Commemoration at the Dag Hammarskjöld Memorial (Crash site) on Sunday 18 September and a concluding seminar in Lusaka on Monday 19 September. The focus of the seminars will be the current discourse on international support to peacebuilding efforts today, including the imperative of inclusivity and local ownership in building and sustaining peace.

PROGRAMME

Saturday 17 September

Seminar: *Sustaining peace in Africa – New Perspectives*

Time: 13.00 – 17.00

Venue: Copperbelt University campus, Kitwe

Sunday 18 September

Official Dag Hammarskjöld Commemoration

Time: 08.00 – 11.00

Venue: Dag Hammarskjöld Memorial (Crash site)

Monday 19 September

Seminar: *Sustaining peace in Africa – Regional Reflections*

Time: 10.00 – 13.00 (including lunch)

Venue: Swedish Embassy in Lusaka

Saturday 17 September Seminar I:
Sustaining peace in Africa – New Perspectives
Venue: Copperbelt University campus, Kitwe

Session 1: Implementing the three 2015 UN reviews on peace and security – how to strengthen the international community's support to sustaining peace in Southern Africa?

The United Nations has been going through a period of critical reflection on its own performance, recognising that many of the structures, practices and policies for addressing violent conflict and sustaining peace are outdated, insufficient or simply inadequate. Three separate reviews on the Organisation's work on peace and security were conducted in 2015: on UN Peace Operations, on the UN Peacebuilding Architecture and on Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. The reports from all three reviews conclude that there is a need for drastic change but also an opportunity for the UN to redefine its role, actions and instruments for building and sustaining peace.

This session will start with a brief overview of some of the key findings and recommendations coming out of the three reviews, with particular focus on the parallel resolutions adopted by the GA and the SC (April 2016) concluding the PBA review.

This session will also explore how to best implement the reviews and what the various actors can do to contribute to successful implementation. Regional and sub-regional actors as well as civil society representatives will be invited to identify practical approaches for strengthening cooperation between UN, regional and sub-regional actors on building more sustainable peace and how to best contribute to the successful implementation of the reviews.

Guiding questions:

- How do the findings of the reviews resonate in the Southern African context? What needs to be done to build and sustain peace in the region?
- What is needed to ensure that national ownership is inclusive?
- How can the UN and the wider international community enhance its capacity to address the regional dimensions of instability?
- How can civil society complement UN efforts in preventing violence and sustaining peace?

The aim of the discussion is to generate dialogue and exchange ideas on how the UN and the rest of the international community can strengthen cooperation and better partnerships in implementing the findings and recommendations of the reviews in the regional context, giving due consideration to the roles and perspectives of regional and sub-regional actors in peacebuilding. These perspectives and input will help to inform the Foundation's ongoing support to these reform processes.

Session 2: Building sustainable peace – inclusivity and national ownership in peace processes

This session will also focus on inclusive participation in peacebuilding. Building on the findings in the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation's recently published Development Dialogue Volume 63 *Inclusive Peacebuilding: Recognised but not Realised*, the Foundation is looking at ways to support inclusive participation and leadership in peace processes.

While the importance of local ownership and inclusivity is widely acknowledged by the international community, there is still considerable work to be done to develop and implement strategies and mechanisms that genuinely strengthen local leaders and peacebuilders and engage with marginalized groups such as women and youth. Also, the roles of religious and traditional leaders, the importance of supporting existing community structures and potential positive contributions of the private sector are recognised as important, but in practice these groups still are largely excluded from providing substantive contributions in peacebuilding.

Guiding questions:

- What are the biggest obstacles that exist to inclusive participation in peacebuilding and how can these be overcome to make the efforts more sustainable?
- What changes are needed to ensure that women have equal opportunities to participate in efforts to build peace?
- What is needed to harness the full potential of youth participation in building and sustaining peaceful societies?
- How can the 2030 Agenda contribute to strengthening inclusive peacebuilding?

This session will look at current efforts to broaden inclusive participation in peacebuilding discuss experiences and challenges of Southern African communities from including youth, women, religious and traditional leaders as well as the private sector in peacebuilding.

Sunday 18 September: Official Dag Hammarskjöld commemoration

Dag Hammarskjöld Commemoration at Ndola

What did Hammarskjöld die for?

Venue: Dag Hammarskjöld Memorial (Crash site, between Kitwe and Ndola)

The official commemoration ceremony programme is being developed in collaboration with Dag Hammarskjöld Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (DHIPS) and will be communicated separately.

The ceremony will include a commemoration speech by Henrik Hammargren, Executive Director for the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation. Mr Hammargren will provide an overview of Hammarskjöld's ethics and values, how his moral compass remains as relevant as it was 55 years ago and still serves as a guide for today's leaders and civil servants. Participants will be invited to engage in an interactive discussion and reflect on how this relates to today's challenges.



Secretary-General Hammarskjöld (right, foreground) is seen as he inspected a Guard of Honor at Njili Airport shortly after his arrival. At centre is Prime Minister Cyrille Adoula and, at left, Joseph Mobutu, General of the Armie Nationale Congolaise. On the Secretary-General's left is Gen. S. McKeown, Commander of the United Nations Force in the Congo. The Secretary-General will meet with Premiere Cyrillo Adoula to discuss United Nations aid and support to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. 13 September 1961 (UN Photo).

Monday 19 September - Seminar II:
Sustaining peace in Africa – Regional Reflections
Venue: Swedish Embassy Lusaka

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