

Speakers and facilitators



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General (Rtd) José Luis Barrientos Paau graduated as an army officer in the Military Academy of Guatemala in 1978. Since then he has obtained several post-graduate diplomas and professorships and held various positions, among which: Commander of Special Forces Group, Director of Defense Policy, Chief of the Training Center for Peacekeeping Operations, Commander of the Superior Command of Education, Inspector General of the Army. He served as an analyst in the support team for the Government Commission in the process of peace negotiation 1993-1995, was a member of the Ministry of National Defense group in the project "Towards a Security Policy for Democracy" (POLSEDE) 2000-2002 and of the Executive Committee for the Design of the Defense Policy 2001. He has represented the Ministry in numerous events concerning to civil-military affairs with broad participation and relations with civilian society organizations, and human rights and security, and participates in the Community of Defense and its think tank to this day.



Gesa Bent develops strategies and facilitates partnerships to enhance gender-sensitive approaches to conflict prevention, (human) security, dialogue, and peacebuilding. Originally from Germany, Gesa works as Coordinator of the Gender programme at GPPAC. At GPPAC, she led the development of a Gender Policy in 2010 and develops gender mainstreaming strategies for the network, as well as partnerships with women peace and security networks globally. She also facilitates an annual round of GPPAC meetings and events in New York, advocating for more visibility on women's roles in conflict prevention and their presence in decision-making on peace and security, in relation to UN Security Council Resolution 1325. Gesa holds an MA degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Marburg, Germany, with a focus on feminist criticism of international criminal law.



Thomas Böhlke is Commander (Rtd) of the German Navy, currently assigned to the German Armed Forces Command and Staff College in Hamburg. Thomas is an Instructor within the Joint Operations Department of the College and teaches Operations Planning, Wargaming and Rules of Engagement. He taught for more than 10 years at the NATO School in Oberammergau. He completed postgraduate studies (M.A.) in the field of Mediation (Int'l Conflict Management) and currently pursues a PhD on the topic of the intra-state conflict in Mindanao (Philippines), with a focus on conflict analysis, the role of armed groups towards conflict transformation and the application of mediation, and the military's role in conflict resolution and peace-building.



Edward Canfor-Duma is currently co-leading the MDCDC 'Understand to Prevent' initiative, which is exploring an expanded role for the military in the prevention of violent conflict, and is a member of the Strategy Forum of the UK Chief of the Defence Staff. He took a lead role in 2007 in establishing the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Conflict Issues and in 2011 co-founded Engi, a social enterprise that works with the private sector, civil society, government and the military to help manage conflict and reduce violence. A graduate of New College, Oxford, Edward is also an author and award-winning television screenwriter.



Bibhash Chakraborty is the Programme Manager for Saferworld in Bangladesh, based in Dhaka. He has obtained Masters of Development Studies and PhD in Genocide Studies, having substantial experience in research, humanitarian and development work in Bangladesh and has held various leadership positions in CARE, OXFAM, Save the Children, BRAC and PROSHIKA. Bibhash has designed and managed rights-based programmes with diverse and socially excluded communities including working children, indigenous peoples, tea garden labourers, untouchables, religious minorities and women, focusing on conflict sensitivity and ensuring gender sensitivity in the programme design and monitoring. Bibhash has worked extensively with the government of Bangladesh through its existing structures, systems and mechanisms to ensure changes of the vulnerable groups.



David Cortright is the Director of Policy Studies at the Kroc Institute and Chair of the Board of the Fourth Freedom Forum. He completed doctoral studies in political science at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington DC. David has written widely about nonviolent social change, nuclear disarmament, and multilateral sanctions and incentives as tools of international peacemaking. He has provided research services to the foreign ministries of Canada, Denmark, Germany, Japan, The Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland, and has advised agencies of the UN, the Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict, the International Peace Academy, and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. David has a long history of public advocacy for disarmament and the prevention of war. As an active duty soldier during the Vietnam War, he spoke against that conflict, and has led initiatives such as SANE - Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy - and the Win Without War coalition of national organizations opposing the invasion of Iraq.



General Birame Diop (Senegal Air Force) a scholar and practitioner in the field of security in West Africa, served as director of Partners Senegal: Center for Change and Conflict Management. He designed and managed the Guinea Citizen Security Project with funding from the National Endowment for Democracy (NED). Diop is now serving as Chief of staff of the Senegalese Air Force. In 2009, he served as a Reagan-Fascell Democracy fellow with NED and a public policy scholar fellow with the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars. His research is focused on reforming Africa's armed forces. He has sought to bridge the civil-military divide by hosting seminars on the role of military in society, as well as how the military and civilian populations in West Africa can cooperate.



LtGen (Rtd) Raymundo Ferrer joined the Philippine Army as an Infantry Officer, having gained extensive field experience and served staff positions at various military units in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao regions. His last positions before retirement in 2012 were Commander of Western Mindanao Command (WESTMINCOM) based in Zamboanga City, and Commander of Eastern Mindanao Command (EASTMINCOM) based in Davao City. LtGen Ferrer studied Fundamentals in Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution Skills at the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute in 2005 and is a graduate of the Bridging Leadership Fellow Program at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) Team Energy Center for Bridging Leadership. He is a recipient of numerous military and civilian awards, including the Ateneo de Zamboanga University Peace Award (2010), the Mindanao Peace Champion Award (2010); and the Peace Weaver Award (2011). He was again granted the Presidential Legion of Honor Award (Degree of Commander) at the end of his tour of duty as Commander of Western Mindanao Command.



Maria Ida (Deng) L. Giguiento is the Training Coordinator for the Peace and Reconciliation Program of Catholic Relief Services Philippines. She is a recipient of the 2015 Tanenbaum Peacemaker In Action Award. She is a member of the Project Reference Group for a curriculum development project involving best practices of civil society working with security forces to improve human security. A grassroots peacebuilder from the Philippines, Deng has dedicated nearly two decades to using the conflict transformation paradigm in working with partners in Mindanao and post-independent Timor Leste. She has trained men and women from Caritas International partners to local military officials. She is currently finishing her Master's Degree in Peace and Development Studies at Notre Dame University in Cotabato City, Mindanao, Philippines. Deng has facilitated at Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute since it was established in 2000.



Melanie Cohen Greenberg is President and CEO of the Alliance for Peacebuilding. Before joining AfP, she was the President and Founder of the Cypress Fund for Peace and Security. From 2003 to 2004, she was a visiting scholar at the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies, focusing on justice in post-conflict peacebuilding. She previously served as director of the Conflict Resolution Program at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, associate director of the Stanford Center for International Security and Cooperation and deputy director of the Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation. She serves on numerous boards, and has taught advanced courses in international conflict resolution, multi-party conflict resolution, and negotiation at Stanford Law School and Georgetown University Law Center. Melanie holds an AB from Harvard and a JD from Stanford Law School.



Colonel (Rtd) Christopher Holshek is an international peace & security consultant on civil-military and peace operations education and training. A member of the Leadership Council of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition's "Veterans for Smart Power," he is a retired U.S. Army Civil Affairs officer with three decades of civil-military operations experience at the strategic, operational, and tactical levels in joint, interagency, and multinational settings across the full range of operations, including: EUCOM/SHAPE Military Representative at USAID; Senior U.S. Military Observer and Chief of Civil-Military Coordination in the UN Mission in Liberia; and, command of the first CA battalion to deploy to Iraq in support of Army, Marine and British forces. He helped develop civil-military policy and

doctrine for the U.S. Army, DoD, NATO, and the UN as well as partner nations. Christopher is a Senior Fellow at the Alliance for Peacebuilding, an executive member of the UN Association of the USA (National Capital Area), and a Director in the Civil Affairs Association, for which he organises annual Symposia and roundtables and edits the annual Civil Affairs Issue Papers.



Khola Iram is a Gender and Police consultant in Pakistan and a Fellow from Johns Hopkins Baltimore, USA. She took up several courses in gender, women and peacebuilding, International Human Rights etc. and left a medical career to work exclusively on gender based violence in Pakistan. She joined GIZ (The German Agency for International Cooperation) in 2006 as Senior Gender Advisor and worked with the provincial Government of Punjab to improve services for women in distress seeking assistance. She took measures to bring the civil society and the provincial government on the same platform to collaborate for women protection. In 2008 she was selected as the Team Leader for a nationwide Gender and Police project. During the six years of police project she organized two international women police conferences and initiated an International Gender Responsive Policing Network to share best practices and experiences worldwide for ensuring better services for women who need police assistance.



Mallika Joseph is the Deputy Director at the Australia India Institute in Delhi, and holds a PhD in international relations. She has previously been with the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies from 1997 until 2015, assuming the roles of Secretary of the IPCS Executive Committee and Director in 2015. She served as the Executive Director of the Regional Centre for Strategic Studies from 2012 until 2014. Mallika specializes in Security Sector Reform and is one of the 24 experts selected worldwide and inducted into the UN Roster of SSR Experts. Previously, she has worked with the International Security Sector Advisory Team (ISSAT) of the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) designing, planning and delivering courses on SSR and assisting its certified e-learning course on SSR with UNITAR. She is part of many global and regional networks working on security sector, human security, countering violent extremism, conflict prevention, regional architectures and global governance. She has served as chair of the GPPAC Human Security Working Group since 2013.



Major Wouter van Koeveringe joined the Royal Netherlands Army in 1977 as an infantry instructor. Since then he has fulfilled several positions within infantry and logistics, including a deployment in Lebanon. After 20 years he left the Royal Netherlands Army and continued his career in the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee (Military Police). After finishing his study procurement management, he became head of procurement. In the same period he deployed to Sudan as a UN Military Observer. His next position was contracting officer at NATO's Joint Force Command Brunssum where he was responsible for major Afghan-related contracts. During this period he was deployed to Afghanistan (Kabul). He was responsible for the so called “Afghan first” contracts in order to stimulate the Afghan economy. Currently he is posted at the Civil-Military Cooperation Centre of Excellence (CCOE) as Staff Officer in the Concepts, Interoperability and Capability branch. Here he is responsible for lectures on culture and civil related topics, such as Cultural Heritage protection and Rule of Law. Next to this, he is also point of contact for Military Police related Civil-Military subjects.



Agathe Florence Lele serves as a Police Technical Advisor at Coginta in Guinea. She coordinates a project “Partners for Security”, which introduces community policing and focuses on reforming the police to better serve citizens in Guinea. Prior to this function, she worked as a SSR Program Specialist at UNOWA/UNDP SSR Advisory Team in Guinea. She provided high-level strategic advice to the government and national authorities in advocating globally for SSR. She supported the SSR national Steering Committee in the formulation of the SSR national strategy, including the drafting of the National Defense and Security Policy. She also focused on building SSR national ownership, gender responsiveness and strengthening the rule of law and respect of human rights within security institutions. Previous she served as a Senior Police Adviser at UN Integrated Office in Burundi, where she provided strategic support and technical advice to the government to conduct at national level a sector wide approach to all SSR related matters. In this function she gave technical advice to the Burundi National Police and National Intelligence Service.



Alyson Lyons joined Partners in May 2015 as the Manager of the Sub-Saharan Africa and Europe Program. She brings with her several years of experience in conflict resolution project management in the region. As manager, Aly oversees all aspects of the program’s security sector reform project in Guinea and provides support to all other projects. Prior to joining Partners, Aly was Program Associate for the Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity, an initiative of the Africa Program at Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Additional areas of experience are gender mainstreaming in conflict resolution and negotiation practices, social innovation, corporate social responsibility, and health and education in Africa. Aly has a Master’s degree in International Peace and Conflict Resolution from American University in Washington, DC and a Bachelor’s degree in International Affairs from Roger Williams University, Rhode Island.



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Pascal Richard joined GPPAC as Coordinator for the Great Lakes Program. He has more than ten years' experience in building and managing international civil society networks across the global divides in the field of human rights, governance and conflict transformation. Before joining GPPAC he established and led an international lobby and advocacy coalition on Zimbabwe, managed good governance programs for the German International Cooperation (GIZ) and worked for Doctors Without Borders (MSF), amongst others. As a dedicated practitioner in the field of conflict transformation he serves as a strategic advisor to various initiatives and organisations.



Jonathan Rudy is currently the Peacemaker-in-Residence for Elizabethtown College's Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking as well as professor of Peace and Conflict Studies. With more than more than 25 years of working and learning in 30 countries in Asia and Africa, he has focused his efforts at peacebuilding and conflict transformation on a grass roots communities and middle-out leadership. He has an MA in Religion with a Graduate Certificate in Conflict Transformation from Eastern Mennonite Seminary/University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He recently earned a Teaching for Higher Education Certificate from Temple University. Jonathan has a BA in International Development, an AA in Industrial Arts and Minor in Communications from Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas. He has worked for/with several institutions, including; CDA Collaborative Learning Projects, Catholic Relief Service, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Interfaith Center Conciliation and Nonviolence, Institute for Global Engagement, Ka-ili-Yan Peacebuilding Institute, Lingana Foundation, Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute, Oxfam, USIP, University of Hargeisa.



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Shafeek Seddiq has been working as a lawyer in Afghanistan since 2008 in reforming the rule of law as part of the overall international intervention of building the legal system in fragile and post conflict countries. Currently, he is heading the Afghanistan Justice Organization (AJO), an Afghan NGO, which he founded in 2011 with the aim to continue the international efforts on legal reform, capacity building, legal awareness, and to advance free markets and individual liberty through rule of law and an informed and competent citizenry. Mr. Seddiq practiced law with Sidley Austin in Washington DC before becoming the Country Director for International Development Law Organization (IDLO) in Kabul. Before that he was advisor to the Attorney General of Afghanistan, working on, among other issues, the establishment of the Anti-Corruption Unit within the Attorney General Office, and reviewing Guantanamo and Bagram detainees cases.



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Ana Glenda Tager has served as the Latin American Regional Director of Interpeace since 2005. Previously, Ana Glenda worked with WSP International (Interpeace's predecessor) as a Programme Officer. In this capacity she supported the development of the “Toward a Policy in Citizenship Security” programme, the Guatemalan Network for Democratic Security, and “Strengthening the Capacities of Civil Society on Security Issues” programme. She helped to create a platform for dialogue between civil society and the military for FLACSO –Guatemala, WSP International, IGEDEP and UNDP/UNOPS. Ana Glenda has also supported the Nicaraguan Ministry of Defence and has worked as an Investigator for FLACSO-Guatemala in the Political Military Project and Agenda of Security. She assisted the Verification Program in Guatemala that ensured the fulfilment of agreements made in relation to Guatemalan repatriated populations, and advised the Verification Program on Women's Rights at Procuraduría de los Derechos Humanos (the Ombudsman Institution in Guatemala).



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Marshall Wallace has worked in more than forty countries with hundreds of organizations including humanitarian relief, development, peacebuilding, UN agencies, donors, and host governments. He has focused on the impacts of interventions on conflict, both ongoing and latent, and on appropriate and effective responses to those impacts. In 2014, Marshall founded Brevity, a consulting and software firm that brings together the capacity of technology to collapse time and distance with the latest findings on adaptive responses in complex environments.