

## **Building Peace Across Borders:**

**Conflict does not stop at borders.**

**Why should peace?**

**Tuesday, February 8th**

**9:30 – 11:00am**

Johns Hopkins SAIS  
Rome Building, Rome Auditorium  
1619 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20036

### **Forum Details:**

Many conflicts form part of wider, regional conflict systems. They can have significant cross-border dynamics such as refugee flows, 'nomadic' armed groups like the Lord's Resistance Army, terrorist networks or illicit trade in blood diamonds or small arms; as well as cross-border political, economic and social ties.

But policy responses still rely on nation states as central units of analysis and intervention. There is a 'peacebuilding gap' across borders and in borderlands, where statehood and diplomacy often struggle to reach. How can peacebuilders respond to the distinct challenges presented by the cross-border dynamics of armed conflict?

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### **Speakers:**

**Professor I. William Zartman**

Professor Emeritus, SAIS John Hopkins

**Sophie Haspeslagh**

Policy Analyst, Conciliation Resources

**Gary Milante**

Research Economist, The World Bank

**Nyeko Caesar Poblicks**

East and Central Africa Programme Projects Manager, Conciliation Resources

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### **Speakers' Bios:**

**Sophie Haspeslagh**

Sophie Haspeslagh became Conciliation Resource's (CR) Policy Analyst in February 2010 and leads CR's international peacebuilding advocacy work. She previously managed the advocacy platform of leading British and Irish non-governmental organizations with programmes in Colombia, ABColombia. Before that Sophie worked for the United Nations Development Programme in Algeria on governance and human rights issues. She also worked as an early warning consultant for the World Food Programme in Rome and for the International Crisis Group in Colombia and Brussels. Sophie holds a Masters degree in International Relations and International Economics with a specialization in Conflict Management from the School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University in the USA.

**Gary Milante**

Gary Milante came to the World Bank in 2003 as a researcher, focusing on the causes and impacts of conflict and fragility as well as on effective post-conflict recovery. His interests are in applied game theory and modeling the political economy of peaceful compromise. Before joining the WDR 2011 team, Gary held a joint position in the Development Economics Research Group and the Bank's Fragile and Conflict Affected Countries Group. He led the Bank's "Peace and Development" research project focusing on successful post-conflict economic recovery through effective powersharing arrangements, political systems and macroeconomic policy. He has conducted research in Sudan and has recently written on the upcoming referendum. Additionally, he manages research projects on landmines and geography of conflict data, has written on the "Arab Democracy Deficit" and was a guest editor for a special edition on post-conflict transitions for the Journal of Peace Research.

**Nyeko Caesar Poblicks**

Nyeko Caesar Poblicks is the East and Central Africa Programme Projects Manager for Conciliation Resources. Caesar previously worked as project officer for the northern Ugandan diaspora peace initiative Kacoke Madit between 1999 and August 2005. Before this he was programme coordinator for Hand in Hand Refugee and Homeless Support Group in the London Borough of Newham, and published a book, *The Quest for Peaceful Coexistence in Uganda*. Caesar has a BA in Accounting and Finance and trained with the Association of Chartered and Certified Accountant (ACCA) in Advanced Project Management. He also has a postgraduate Certificate in Conflict Resolution Skills from Lancaster University. He speaks English, Swahili, and Lwo.

**William Zartman**

William Zartman served as the Jacob Blaustein Professor of International Organizations and Conflict Resolution at SAIS for nearly 20 years. He is the former director of SAIS Conflict Management and African Studies programs and former faculty member at the University of South Carolina and New York University. He served as Olin Professor at the U.S. Naval Academy, Halevy Professor at the Institute of Political Studies in Paris and visiting professor at the American University in Cairo. Professor Zartman is a consultant to the U.S. Department of State. He is the president of the Tangier American Legation Institute for Moroccan Studies and the past president of the Middle East Studies Association and the American Institute for Maghrib Studies. Professor Zartman is a member of the International Steering Committee of Processes of International Negotiations Program based in Europe. He received an honorary doctorate from the Catholic University of Louvain and a Ph.D. in international relations from Yale University.

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