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on Ethnic and Religious Conflict
Resolution and Peacebuilding

Theme:

Diversity, Equity And Inclusion Across All Sectors:
Implementations, Challenges, And Future Prospects

Date:

Tuesday, September 26 – Thursday, September 28, 2023

Location:

75 S Broadway, White Plains, NY 10601

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DAY ONE

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

9:00 AM

Registration and Check-in

Check in first at the Security Post when entering the building.

9:00 AM

Continental Breakfast

Location: Café

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Plenary Session

Location: Conference Room A

10:00 AM

Opening Remarks

Basil Ugorji, Ph.D., President and CEO, ICERMediation

10:30 AM

Keynote Speech

Theme:

Diversity, Equity And Inclusion Across All Sectors:
Implementations, Challenges, And Future Prospects

Keynote Speaker

Arthur J. Lerman, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Political Science, History, and Conflict Management, Mercy University, Dobbs Ferry, NY; Certified Mediator and Chair, Board of Directors, Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution, Bronx, NY

Chair

Jude Aguwa, Ph.D., Professor of Religion, School of Liberal Arts, Mercy University, Dobbs Ferry, NY.

11:00 AM

Q&A Session with the Keynote Speaker

11:45 PM

Conference Group Photo

1:00 PM – 2 PM

Luncheon

Location: Conference Room A

Face in Mediation:

How Face Impacts Ethnic and Religious Conversations and May Act as a Barrier to Conflict Resolution

Lisa Singh

Independent Mediator/Consultant/Trainer, Dayton Mediation Center, Dayton, OH

2:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Insights from the Experts and Panel Discussions

2:30 PM

Panel 1

Location: Conference Room A

DEI and Coloniality in a Peace and Conflict Studies Program

Rafael Lindau

Unit for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Innsbruck, Austria

The Contempt for Voodoo in the Nineteenth Century by the Haitian Intellectual Elite

Rodady Gustave

University of Grenoble Alpes, France/ State University of Haiti, attached to CESICE/LADIREP Laboratory

Reinforcing Peaceful Coexistence through Interreligious Dialogue, Equity, and Inclusion in Cameroon

Francis Tazoacha

Peace and Security Division, Nkafu Policy Institute, Cameroon

4:00 PM

Panel 2

Location: Conference Room A

How International Aid Challenges the Diversity of Indigenous Peacebuilding Civil Society Organisations

Mark Barrow

Politics and International Studies at the University of Cambridge (Christ's College), UK

Development Aid and Post Religio-Ethnic War Reconstruction in Africa's Fragile States

Badru Hasan Segujja

Peace and Conflict Resolution, International Relations and Diplomatic Studies, Kampala International University, Uganda

Promoting Compassionate Values to Foster Equity and Inclusion Across all Sectors:
The Role of Non-Governmental Organizations

Alao Oluwatobi Sinmisola
Solutions To Our Generation, Nigeria

5:30 PM

Day One Closing Remarks
Basil Ugorji, Ph.D., President and CEO, ICERMediation

DAY TWO

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

9:00 AM

Registration and Check-in
Check in first at the Security Post when entering the building.

9:00 AM

Continental Breakfast
Location: Café

10:00 AM – 12:45 PM

Insights from the Experts and Panel Discussions

10:00 AM

Panel 3

Location: Conference Room A (Virtual)

Identity Crisis and Religious Radicalism among Young People in the Suburbs of France

Abdel-Halim Berretima
Laboratory LASSU “Society, Health, Urbanity” at the University of Bejaïa, Algeria

The Brotherhood We Need: A Sufi Master’s Message to Believers

Ayşe Büşra Yakut Kubaş
Ankara University, Turkey

Unity in Diversity: Education in Multi-ethnic Malaysia

Nur Daut
Asian Studies Program, Kansai Gaidai University, Japan

11:30 AM

Panel 4

Location: Conference Room A

**Trends and Patterns of Violence against Civilians by State Forces in Ethiopia:
Emphasis on the Recent Tigray War**

Micheal Tsegay Assefa

School of International Relations, University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), Beijing, China

**Ethnic-Based Violence and Religious Strife on Social Economic Status of
Selected Communities in East Africa**

Hastings Rutindangyezi

Kampala International University, Tanzania

Transforming Horizontal Violence: A Framework for Intragroup Conflict

Ani Kalayjian

Association for Trauma Outreach & Prevention, New York

12:45 PM

Conference Group Photo

1:00 PM – 2 PM

Luncheon

Location: Conference Room A

**“Treat Him Like a Tax Collector” Matt 18, 17:
A Christian’s Response to Socio-Religious Conflicts in Nigeria**

Dominic Obielosi

Department of Religion and Human Relations, Nnamdi Azikiwe University,
Awka, Anambra State, Nigeria

2:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Insights from the Experts and Panel Discussions

2:30 PM

Panel 5

Location: Conference Room A

The Conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh

Karol Janas,

Department of Political Science, Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín in Trenčín, Slovakia

Rudolf Kucharčík,

Faculty of International Relations, University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovakia

**The Engagement of the European Union in the Armenian-Azerbaijani Peace Process:
The Regional Leadership Takeover in the Global Multipolar Matrix**

Michael Augustin and Rudolf Kucharcik

Faculty of International Relations, University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovakia

4:00 PM

Panel 6

Location: Conference Room A

Climate Change Contribution Towards the Global Unrest and the Emergence of Conflicts

Jakub Pernický

Faculty of International Relations, the University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovakia

**Representation of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Values in Pre-School and Lower Primary
Learner's Workbooks in the Kenya's Competency-Based Curriculum:
Misses and Opportunities**

Samuel Kochomay

Mount Kenya University, Kenya

Homosexuality in Ugandan Schools: A Case of 2023 Anti-Homosexuality Bill in Uganda

Kayiga Wahab

Islamic University in Uganda, Females Campus

5:30 PM

Day Two Closing Remarks

Basil Ugorji, Ph.D., President and CEO, ICERMediation

DAY THREE

Thursday, September 28, 2023

9:00 AM

Registration and Check-in

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9:00 AM

Continental Breakfast

Location: Café

10:00 AM – 12:45 PM

Insights from the Experts and Panel Discussions

10:00 AM

Panel 7

Location: Conference Room A

The Islamic Republic of Iran and Saudi Arabia: Between the Politics of Ideology and Pragmatism

Ján Dančo

Faculty of International Relations, University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovakia

The Conception of Human Security in Kurdistan Region of Iraq : A Legal Analysis on ISIL

Saman Omar,

University of Duhok's College of Humanity Sciences,
Kurdistan Region – Iraq and Universities Utara Malaysia

Asmar binti Abdul Rahim,

College of Law, Universities Utara Malaysia

Game Theory in Ethnic and Religious Conflict Research

Martin Karas

Faculty of International Relations, University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovakia

11:30 AM

Panel 8

Location: Conference Room A

The New Era for Christianity in China

Eva Jančíková

Faculty of International Relations, University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovakia

Building Civic Unity in the Kyrgyz Republic

Jyldyz Murzabekova

Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic

Women's Empowerment: Peace And Sustainable Development In Uganda

Asiimwe Daisy Jorriah

Kampala International University, Uganda

12:45 PM

Conference Group Photo

1:00 PM – 2 PM

Luncheon

Location: Conference Room A

Media, A Powerful Weapon for Peacebuilding

M. I. M. Ziyad

Sri Lanka Professional Social Workers Association (SLPSW)

2:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Insights from the Experts and Panel Discussions

2:30 PM

Panel 9

Location: Conference Room A

Conflict Management and Conflict Resolution in Nigeria

Babatunde Osabiya

Department of Political Science, Clemson University, South Carolina

Good Governance: Conflict Resolution and Peace Building in Lagos State Tertiary Institutions, Nigeria

Babatunde Joel Todowede

Tax Management and Revenue Unit, Lagos State University, Nigeria

Public Policy and Citizenship Question in Nigeria: Implications for Nation-Building

Martins A. Arogundade

Department of General Studies, College of Applied Social Science, Lagos State University of Science and Technology, Ikorodu, Lagos, Nigeria

4:00 PM

Panel 10

Location: Conference Room A

Armed Banditry and the Lake Chad Food Security Quandary: Routinized Response or Broader Approach?

Augustine Ugar Akah

Institute of International Political Sociology, Kiel University, Germany

Bottom-Up Cultural Diplomacy: How Practitioners Can Support Local Movements and Effect Change

Lisa Singh

Independent Mediator/Consultant/Trainer, Dayton Mediation Center, Dayton, OH

5:30 PM

Day Three Closing Remarks

Basil Ugorji, Ph.D., President and CEO, ICERMediation

Honorary Award Presentation

2023 Honoree:



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