



Bridging the Gap

Rhetoric and practice in security and the rule of law

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Minister Priscilla Schwartz



Dr. Priscilla Schwartz was appointed Sierra Leone's first female Attorney-General and Minister of Justice in June 2018. Dr. Schwartz is an international business lawyer with over 20 years experience advising governments, private and international companies operating in energy, telecommunications, natural resource and infrastructure sectors on sustainable development issues in developing

countries. In July she was named among the Inaugural List of 100 Most Influential African Women on 2019 by Avance Media.

She has worked with global institutions, such as the World Bank, the IMF and the UN, on intricate international negotiations and policy studies including on the rule of law and anti-corruption. Dr. Schwartz conducted the first anti-corruption prosecution that convicted a Court of Appeals Judge in Sierra Leone. She was key in setting up the UN Special Court for Sierra Leone, including the drafting of its statues and agreements.

Dr. Schwartz is also a distinguished UK academic who has published widely on international business law and economic development, and sustainability issues. Dr. Schwartz has lectured at University of Leicester, her alma mater Queen Mary, University of London, and the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. She has worked with the United Nations Office of the High Commission on Human Rights to develop and deliver e-learning courses to representatives from governments, the UN system, NGOs, Civil Society and academia, to enhance knowledge on the Right to Development and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Plenary Room

10:45 - 12:15 Working Principles for Developing RoL Contexts

This session is an open invitation to join us in looking for informed divergence of existing routes in policy-making & implementation through a combination of five perspectives: breaking complexity down, stacking communication; gathering creativity; seeking consensus; commitment to action. Based on insights from research in Libya, Mali and Niger on the role of traditional authorities in stabilizing the complex context in the Sahel, we do not call for a 'system innovation', but rather for incremental adjustment fueled by the reflections and follow-up actions of the involved professionals. What does it mean to be a policy-maker or implementer and how does that affect your ability to contribute to change processes?

Speakers:

Anne Marie Brinkman & Douwe Buis, BE

14:00 - 15:15 Co-creation: Bridging Research, Policy & Practice?

SRoL research, policy and practice sometimes seem two worlds apart, while they should be of mutual value. During this session, stakeholders from different backgrounds will reflect on and discuss the enabling and disabling factors of a co-creation approach when it comes to bridging gaps between theory and practice. The focus is on three gaps: External interventions & Local perceptions, Practice & Science, and Knowledge & Change. Participants are invited to share and reflect on how a co-creation approach to policy-oriented research can contribute to filling these gaps.

Speakers:

David Betge, ZOA / Faisal Khan, ICCT / Daniel Blocq, Empatix / Jair van der Lijn, SIPRI / Catrien Bijleveld, NSCR

<u>15:30 - 16:45 Making Development Programs PVE Sensitive</u>

The Netherlands MFA has built a toolkit to facilitate the design of development programs in environments of violent extremism. It helps to enhance conflict sensitivity, to improve risk management and analyse root causes of violent extremism from a conflict transformation perspective. The toolkit can also be seen as an innovative modality to enable & encourage learning. It helps policy officers and practitioners to think beyond the traditional pillars of development and security and provides guiding steps for PVE programming. During this session we will explain the background of this toolkit and exchange experiences on its implementation.

Speakers:

Sudi Suleiman, Fia van der Klugt & Jeroen Muntinga, MFA / Fulco van Deventer, Human Security Collective

Newsroom

10:45 - 12:15 Less Pretension, More Realism: Evaluating Programs & Partnerships

The Policy and Operations Evaluation Department (known by its Dutch acronym, IOB) recently published an evaluation of three important programs under the policy priority, Security and Rule of Law: Reconstruction Program, the Strategic Partnerships Chronic Crises Program and the Addressing Root Causes Tender Process. IOB's report contains lessons and recommendations that have a wider bearing on formulating program and policies for addressing the root causes of conflict aimed at providing sustainable benefits to vulnerable people in situations of insecurity. In this session, participants will discuss the main insights emerging from the evaluation, and what each party involved can do to facilitate the necessary changes.

Speakers:

Marriët Schuurman, Rens Willems & Wilma van Esch, MFA / Remco van der Veen, Cordaid / Marijke Twerda, Netherlands Red Cross

14:00 - 15:15 After 4 Years of SDG 16+: How to Accelerate Local Impact?

After four years of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) the United Nations SDG-review aims at mobilizing 'further actions to accelerate implementation'. The 2019 SDG report notes that progress on SDG 16+ and realizing 'peaceful, just and inclusive societies is still a long way off'. This is worrisome; delivery on SDG16+ impacts progress on all goals, after all. Actors working on peace, justice and inclusion must reflect on how to expedite implementation. This session offers a space for a joint civil society and government rethink of actions needed to accelerate progress on SDG 16+ targets where they matter most: at national and sub-national levels.

Speakers:

Peter van Sluijs, Cordaid / Wilma van Esch, MFA / Wouter Dol, NIMD / Pascal Richard, GPPAC Katie Davis, HiiL

15:30 - 16:45 Power and Partnerships in 'Crisis Conservation'

This sessions aims to tackle the problems that arise when there is a range of different actors involved in nature conservation in difficult environments, such as in protracted conflict areas. By interrogating dominant power structures, we will try to identify ways to conserve nature that will both contribute to the protection of endangered biodiversity and respect human rights. Going beyond the rhetoric of gender-inclusive, and community-based conservation we will explore how we can implement these principles in practice, while assuring accountability and transparency. Speakers:

Emmanuel Akampurira & Esther Marijnen, Ghent University / Saidi Kubuya, ASSODIP



10:45 - 12:15 Innovating for Human Rights: Breaking Barriers to Partnership

The complex challenges faced by those operating in SRoL and human rights cannot be solved alone. But how do we overcome the structural and political impediments that often inhibit genuine collaboration? How can we nurture partnerships between (non)traditional actors and encourage genuine learning and innovation? FROLIC studio will share its experiences of their KMF-funded collaboration with a human rights NGO to redesign a covert camera used to document human rights abuses around the world. This interactive session will dive into the murkier waters of perceived and real barriers to innovative partnerships, with participants sharing and evaluating their own experiences and proposing viable solutions.

Speakers:

Catriona Hands, FROLIC studio

12:30 - 13:30 Community Approaches to Peacebuilding in Securitized Environments

Evidence generated through the learning agenda: Working in securitized environments calls for support and empowerment of community level structures. Where prospects of peace seem elusive, local communities are well placed to engage with parties to the conflict; and find pathways out of violence. They are critical in peace building and conflict resolution processes; including strengthening of civil society initiatives. Community-based organizations and civil society organizations are important vehicles for peacebuilding, socio-economic development, addressing the needs of victims/survivors and maintaining relationships across political division. But we also acknowledge that for impactful change, scaling up is key.

Speakers:

Rukiya Abdulrahman, CDI / Ali Hersi & Madeline Church, Saferworld

14:00 - 15:15 Hybrid Security & Justice in Myanmar & South Sudan

International policy and programming continues to focus on state-building, state security and justice provision, despite evidence that ignoring local realities and the existing systems people use undermines these efforts. This session builds on Saferworld's research in Myanmar and South Sudan, which focused on how plural and hybrid security and justice systems function, and assessed the legitimacy and effectiveness of security and justice providers from the perspective of local populations. It will challenge participants to use their experience to find ways to overcome barriers to ensure programming actually does take into account realities on the ground.

Speakers:

Charlotte Watson, John Bainbridge, Lucian Harriman & Mai Hla Aye, Saferworld

15:30 - 16:45 To Collaborate with Authorities or Not: A Practitioner's Dilemma

As NGOs, we aim to promote SRoL across all levels of society, but in practice the partnership between community-based peace building structures and the state authorities is challenging. Communities trust customary authorities more than the state; and the government does not always welcome influence from the civil society. This session will explore how to bridge the partnership and power gap between community-based peace building work and government authorities at different levels. It will explore how organisations can effectively learn to improve programming results.

Speakers:

Corita Corbijn, ZOA / Abdel-Rahman El-Mahdi, SUDIA / Noelina Nabwile Opiyo, Saferworld

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10:45 - 11:45 Gamifying How Citizens & Public Servants Interact - The Role of Aesthetics and Technology

Citizens have a voice in shaping the quality of public services. But why don't we ever hear this voice? Technology can be a platform for citizens to give their feedback. But data alone cannot influence governments to improve. Those who are serious about improving the justice sector need to involve new disciplines and narratives to incentivize governments to take responsibility. This session is about the role of data, gamification and aesthetics in influencing the citizen-government feedback loop, based on a pilot in Uganda. The gap here is twofold: on the one hand, how do you make sure citizens raise their voice in shaping public services directly? On the other hand, how do you bridge the gap for public servants to feel they have a direct hand in improving their performance and can be proud of the services they provide? Speakers:

Nathalie Dijkman & Kakuru Timothy, SEMA / Arthur Steiner, Hivos

12:30 - 13:30 There's an App... for That? Making Innovation Work for Justice

This session will explore contemporary insight on how to create and use innovative justice solutions in expanding access to justice. Drawing on insights from the Basic Investigative Standards App ('BIS') as case study, we will share our learning experience in developing and integrating technology-based justice solutions for documenting international crimes such as the challenges and risks to its free use, or the accessibility of funds for promoting and practicing change. We will also challenge participants to reflect on how this gap exists within their organizational context and how to bridge this justice need.

Speakers:

Wayne Jordash, GRC / Yousef Wehbe, Syrian Legal Development Program / Alex Whiting, Prosecutor's Office in The Hague

14:00 - 15:15 Influential Actors' Language & Violence: Kenyan Case Study Using Al

We conducted a study on Kenya that takes preliminary steps towards identifying influential actors' language associated with violence. To this end, an app was created that connected variations in sentiment in language to an objective measure of political violence – daily fatalities as reported via the ACLED Project. The results indicate that our model can predict both increases and decreases in average fatalities for look ahead periods between 50 and 150 days, with overall accuracy approaching 85%. We will address the report's policy genesis, point to future directions of research, and navigate the ethical dilemmas of an emerging field.

Speakers:

Chris Mahony, Peloria Inc. / Eduardo Albrecht, Mercy College / Rohini Srihari, State University of NY

15:30 - 16:45 Legal Empowerment & the Crisis in Aid for Democracy & RoL

With democracy and the rule of law under attack across the globe, the development community needs to take stock of why decades of aid for democratic and legal institutions has proven apparently ineffective. Legal empowerment provides a lens through which to review this crisis. Focusing on empowering people rather than the state, it complements mainstream, government-centered development efforts in some ways and serves as an alternative in others. Does it offer a way forward for efforts to fortify democracy and the rule of law? Or does its potential - to the extent its potential is worth pursuing - lie elsewhere?

Speakers:

Stephen Golub, International Development Consultant

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10:45 - 11:45 Economic Development & Stable Inclusive Governance: Somalia & Beyond

How can we focus on economic development in fragile and conflict affected situations in a way that contributes to more stable inclusive societies? In other words: how can we link SDG8 with SDG16? We'll take Somalia as example and will share good and bad practices for mutual learning.

Speakers:

Jos Meester, Clingendael Institute / Fia van der Klugt, MFA

12:30 - 13:30 Strengthening Capacity of Subnational Governments: Burundi & Rwanda

Capacity strengthening of subnational governments in fragile settings remains a challenge for most development organizations. It is either done in a simplistic manner: outdated knowledge or skills are transferred from the Global North to the Global South, or not contextualized enough. What is the best approach to use? Who/what level of subnational government to target? How to contextualize the approaches? How to build capacity in a sustainable manner? These are some of the questions that many organizations engaging with subnational government are struggling with. The joint CARE NL/THA session will attempt to answer these questions through an interactive discussion.

Speakers:

Lori Cajegas, CARE Nederland / Freddy Sahinguvu, The Hague Academy

14:00 - 15:15 The Missing Piece in SSR: Lessons from 10 years in the DR Congo

This session will highlight a crucial gap in traditional Security Sector Reform (SSR) approaches - addressing the trust deficit between civilians and security forces - and offer locally-anchored, concrete avenues to fill that gap. Panelists will explore lessons-learned from 10 years of SSR interventions by Search for Common Ground (SFCG) in the DR Congo (DRC) and adapting these lessons to inform interventions in Mali. A participatory role-play exercise will enable participants to engage with the challenges of assessing trust-building. An interactive debrief and audience exchange will allow participants to discuss the implications of incorporating trust-building in SSR.

Speakers:

Patrick Mugula, Julien Niankoye, Adrienne Lemon & Charline Burton, SFCG

15:30 - 16:45 Civil Society Influence in Security, Policy & Practice: Creative Problem Solving

With expert speakers taking us through the examples of Tunisia and Lebanon, we will focus on the 'hot topics' of violent extremism and border security to explore why the policy and practice gap exists in these contexts and how civil society has tried to overcome it. We will hear from a representative of a donor state on what works in influencing policy makers before opening up the discussion to a collective, creative brainstorming session aimed at sharing ideas and experiences and identifying effective approaches.

Speakers:

Mariam Abdel Baky & Ilina Slavova, International Alert

Timetable

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Abdel-Rahman is the founder and Executive Director of SUDIA, an NGO working to achieve greater stability, development and good governance in Sudan. With over 20 years of experience, he specializes in organizational management and programming, with thematic expertise extending to peacebuilding and human security, civic engagement and democratic transformation.



Adrienne Lemon is the Director of Search's Institutional Learning Team, overseeing the work of over 40 staff dedicated to capturing evidence and lessons learned in the peacebuilding field. She previously conducted her doctoral research and served as a consultant on peace and conflict in Burundi and the Great Lakes region.



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Alex Whiting is presently on leave from Harvard Law School working as the Head of Investigations at the Kosovo Specialist Prosecutor's Office in The Hague. Previously, he worked for 18 years as a U.S. and international prosecutor. He was in the Office of the Prosecutor at the ICC where he served first as the Investigations Coordinator, overseeing all of the investigations in the office, and as Prosecutions Coordinator, overseeing all of the office's ongoing prosecutions.



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Ali Hersi is Saferworld's Somalia / Somaliland Country Director; with close to 20 years' experience working in Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia and South Sudan. He holds an MA in Peace and Justice from University of San Diego and another MA in International Relations from Warsaw University, Poland.



Anne Marie Brinkman works as manager and advisor in (inter)national development and governance. She implements innovative strategies and development programs to create opportunities for the growth of people and organizations. She is focusing on the interfaces between ambitions, coalitions and actions.



Arthur Steiner is currently the Program Manager at Hivos. He leads the programmatic work at the intersection of contemporary art, technology and social justice. He set up exhibitions and developed various projects across Africa, the Middle East and Asia. He has curated various events and exhibitions with institutions such as The Centre Pompidou, Jameel Arts Centre, Strelka, The Prince Claus Fund, The British Council and Nesta.



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Bibi van Ginkel is a Senior Research Fellow at the Clingendael Institute. She focuses on legal aspects of combating terrorism and prevention of radicalisation in both a national and an international context. In addition to her work at Clingendael, Bibi is a fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) in The Hague. She is an expert on the OSCE Roster of Experts on Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalisation.



Catrien Bijleveld is Senior Researcher at the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (NSCR), and professor of Criminological Research Methods at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. She is the technical chair of the Program Committee of the Security & Rule of Law Research Program.



Catriona Hands is the Project Manager at FROLIC Studio. After spending the first decade of her career working for various humanitarian and human rights NGOs, Catriona now manages projects for FROLIC studio, a product design consultancy in Amsterdam. She holds an MSc in Violence, Conflict & Development from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS).



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Charlotte Watson is a Conflict and Security Adviser at Saferworld and leads on Saferworld's security and justice work. She also works on gender and peace building and conflict-sensitive development. She spent five years in Uganda and South Africa leading research/field work in Karamoja, Uganda and Northern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan.



Chris Mahony is the co-founder of Peloria Inc. which engages in datadriven risk analytics and Senior Political Economy Specialist in the Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation Global Practice at the World Bank where he was formerly Political Economy Adviser and Criminal Justice and Citizen Security Specialist.



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Corita Corbijn is a peacebuilding advisor with ZOA. She will share the challenges and critical reflections of community based peace and security interventions based on the results of the inter-organizational learning event and earlier experiences within ZOA. She is supporting ZOA's work on peacebuilding and conflict sensitivity in 15 countries.



Daniel Blocq is an organizational sociologist at Leiden Law School with extensive experience in fragile and conflict affected states. Daniel has studied militias during civil wars, vetting of states agents after periods of repression, and behavior of UN peacekeepers. In addition to his scholarly work, Daniel consults organizations on questions pertaining to research.



David Betge is a Sector Specialist Land Rights and Gender Focal Person at ZOA International. Prior to that, he was a Doctoral Candidate at the Otto Suhr Institute for Political Science, Doctorate in Policy and Area Studies, Freie Universitaet Berlin.





Douwe Buis is the Founding Partner of Bureau Ensemble and focuses his work on powerful combinations for delicate situations - working in the North African region (Libya, Mali and Niger) on initiative, community and leadership. He is also the Associate Partner of Human Change Group. Douwe's motto is to live and work by intuition, and he is passionate about crafting dynamic interactions that strengthen people and groups.



Eduardo Albrecht is the Peloria Analytic Chief Operations Officer.
obtained a PhD in Social Anthropology from the School of Oriental and
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Emmanuel Akampurira is a PhD researcher at the Institute of Tropical Forest Conservation in Uganda, and a PhD fellow in the Conflict Research Group at Ghent University. Focusing on the political ecology of Human-Wildlife Conflict (HWC) in Queen Elizabeth and Bwindi Impenetrable National Parks. He holds a MSc in Tropical Forestry Conservation.



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Esther Marijnen is a postdoctoral researcher at the Conflict Research Group (University of Ghent) and is affiliated with the CPAID centre at London School of Economics (LSE). Her research focuses on violent conflict, nature conservation and public authority from a political ecology perspective. Esther has conducted fieldwork in eastern DRC since 2013.



Faisal Khan joined ICCT in January 2019 as a Programme Manager. Before joining ICCT, Faisal worked as a Project Manager at the International Organization for Migration in Myanmar and Thailand. He holds an MSc in International Relations from London School of Economics and Political Science, and an LLM from UCL.



Fia van der Klugt is a Senior Policy Officer at the Sustainable Economic Development Department of the Dutch MFA. She works on private sector development and youth employment in fragile and conflict affected situations, with a focus on conflict and gender sensitivity.



Freddy Sahinguvu is a governance specialist and a trainer on inclusive governance/empowerment of marginalized groups in governance processes, with a focus on Sub-Sahara Africa. He has extensive experience in governance issues in Africa. At The Hague Academy, he is a senior program manager and the account manager for Sub-Sahara Africa.



Ilina Slavova leads Alert's research and advocacy work in Lebanon, including research projects on security, access to justice and the impact of PVE interventions. Ilina will speak about her most recent work focused on understanding the root causes of violent extremism and advising donors and state authorities in responding appropriately.



Irene Khan is Director-General of the International Development Law Organization. An international thought leader on human rights, gender and social justice issues, Irene Khan was Secretary General of Amnesty International from 2001 - 2009. Prior to that, she worked for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees for 21 years at headquarters and in various field operations.



Jaïr van der Lijn is a Senior Researcher and Director of the SIPRI Peace Operations and Conflict Management Programme. His research focuses primarily on: current trends and future developments in multilateral peace operations; their handling of complex environments; their evaluation; and, their relationship with local actors in host nations.



Jeroen Muntinga is a Policy Officer in peacebuilding and RoL at DSH/MFA. He works on conflict resolution in fragile and conflict affected focus regions, with a special focus on the Horn of Africa. He is working on the cross cutting approach of conflict sensitivity.



John Bainbridge is Saferworld's Myanmar Country Manager and has been in Myanmar since 2012. He manages all staff in-country and oversees the design, planning and implementation of the country strategy which focuses on security, justice, conflict sensitivity and gender equality, working in partnership with government, Ethnic Armed Organisations and civil society.



Jos Meester is a Research Fellow at the Clingendael Institute's Conflict Research Unit. His work focuses on the functioning of the private sector in conflict-affected environments, with a particular focus on the Horn of Africa: supply chains spanning across political divisions; the close relationship of political and private-sector elites and its consequences for the stability of political power structures.



Julien Niankoye Bolamou is the Regional Design, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator in West Africa/Sahel for SFCG. Based in Conakry, he supports SFCG's programs in the region, as part of his which, he has ensured lessons learned from DRC are incorporated in SFCG's SSR program in Mali.



Katie Davis is a Justice Campaign Strategist at HiiL. She started her career in philanthropic grant-making in Beijing, and later moved into supporting humanitarian work in Europe. Katie has studied law and justice in The Hague, development ethics and how to design and implement interventions at Washington University, and has also accomplished a combined study with Peking University and Stanford University.



Lori Cajegas has extensive experience in designing multi-country advocacy programs using the Theory of Change approach. She has over 13 years of experience coordinating and supporting Asian and African civil society actors in designing/implementing lobby and advocacy program.



Lucian Harriman is a Security and Justice Adviser with Saferworld. He has lived in Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Somaliland, the United Kingdom and Myanmar and has worked in support of peace processes, armed violence reduction, security sector governance/reform, and as a conflict mediator.



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Madeline Church is the Head of Strategy and Organizational Development, and chair of the Knowledge and Learning at Saferworld docket. She leads program and organizational strategy, MEL and innovation, and was on the core team developing ARC program approaches, theories of change, MEL frameworks and the overall ARC Results Framework



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Mai Hla Aye is a Policy and Advocacy co-ordinator in Saferworld's Myanmar office. Her work includes commissioning and conducting analysis and research, and drawing evidence from local-level activities to inform and influence our work within Myanmar, regionally and internationally. She is currently working on a research paper on civilian - military relations.



Mariam Abdel Baky is a Project Manager at International Alert's Tunisia office. Mariam will speak about her work on the Libyan border, which aims to influence Tunisian state policy towards its border regions, through an understanding of citizen perceptions and a particular focus on improving healthcare as a priority need.



Marijke Twerde has worked for the Netherlands Red Cross for 11 years in Kenya and Ethiopia and is currently the Netherlands Red Cross Country representative for Ethiopia. She is trained Red Cross Emergency Response Field Assessment Member (FACT). She coordinates the Chronic Crisis project within the SPCC, leading a consortium with Climate Center and Wetlands International for Netherlands Red Cross in the Somali Region & Ethiopia.



Marriët Schuurman is the Director of the Department for Stabilization and Humanitarian Aid of the Dutch MFA. Prior to this role, she led the Task Force on the UN Security Council membership of The Netherlands. She has held a number of high-level positions within multilateral security bodies, including Special Representative on Women, Peace and Security at NATO.



Nathalie Dijkman is a social entrepreneur who co-founded SEMA - an enterprise bridging the gap between citizens and public servants in East Africa through feedback data. She consults on justice innovation with the Amsterdam Law Hub and the Ugandan Justice Sector and previously worked at HiiL and the Gates Foundation.



Nicolas Haezebrouck develops training programs at The Hague Academy in the areas of decentralization, inclusive local governance, conflict and local security, gender, citizen participation, social accountability, integrity and the fight against corruption. He has gained experience in Asia (Pakistan, the Philippines, Turkey) and sub-Saharan Africa (Burundi, DRC, Mali, Rwanda, Somalia and Sudan).



Noelina Nabwile Opiyo is a Regional Learning Manager at Saferworld. She will share lessons learned on how community level interventions and information is used to influence at the sub-national, national, regional and international levels. She leads and implements learning and knowledge management strategies and steers collaborative learning and adaptation; and online communities of practice.



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Pascal Richard is GPPAC's Managing Adviser for Policy and Advocacy. He links members to policymakers in Brussels, New York or Addis Ababa, arranges exchanges activists from around the world, analyzes new conflict prevention policies or trains GPPAC women leaders on using the SDGs for their advocacy. He is also the Regional Coordinator for South East Asia and West Africa.



Patrick Mugula heads SFCG's offices in Kinshasa and Goma and serves as SSR Advisor for the DRC. During his ten years with SFCG, he has lead initiatives on conflict sensitivity training and reform of the army, police, and judicial system in four provinces across DRC.

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Peter van Sluijs coordinates the Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS) - the South-North non-governmental coalition of peacebuilding organizations that coordinates and supports civil society participation in the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (IDPS) & New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States.



Remco van der Veen is the Director International Offices, Cordaid. He believes that there are no simple solutions for complex problems in fragile countries like South Sudan, Afghanistan and the Central African Republic.





Rens Willems is a Senior Policy researcher at The Policy and Operations Evaluation Department (known by its Dutch acronym, IOB) of the Dutch MFA. He has over a decade years of working experience in research, project management, coordination, moderating, and education.





Rob Sijstermans has an LLM MA and currently works for the Dutch MFA. Previously he worked in the NGO community on security and justice issues. He coordinates the Human Security cluster within the Directorate for Stabilization and Humanitarian affairs. He deals with de-mining, POC, PVE and SSR. Within this cluster he focuses on themes such as SSR and is responsible for evidence-based policy through cooperation with different knowledge partners.



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Rohini Srihari is a Professor of Computer Science at State University of New York at Buffalo. She has been involved with language technology companies for over a decade. She has also worked with the US Government, specifically the Department of Defense on developing innovative multilingual text mining solutions.



Rukiya Abdulrahman is the Senior Program Officer, Conflict Dynamics International (Somali Program) Rukiya provides technical support to CDI's local partners in Somalia and has 10 years of experience working in peacebuilding and governance in Kenya and Somalia.

Saidi Kubuya Batundi has spent two decades of experience as a human

rights defender in North Kivu, eastern DR Congo. He is also assistant



lecturer at the Superieur Pedagogical and Technical Institute of Goma. He is co-founder of ASSODIP (association for the development of peasant initiatives) and is currently its Secretary-General. @ugent



Stephen Golub is a widely recognized international development consultant, researcher and scholar with experience in over 40 countries spanning the globe. He has played a leading role in the legal empowerment field, including teaching courses on it at leading universities and heading numerous research and publication initiatives on the topic.



Sudi Suleiman is a policy officer at the Dutch MFA. Within the Stabilization and Humanitarian Aid Department, Sudi is, among other things, responsible for Preventing Violent Extremism-policy and more specifically the application of the Preventing Violent Extremism- (PVE)-toolkit.



Timothy Kakuru is the co-founder of SEMA. He is also the Head of Programmes at BarefootLaw where he uses innovative approach to provide free legal information to the public.



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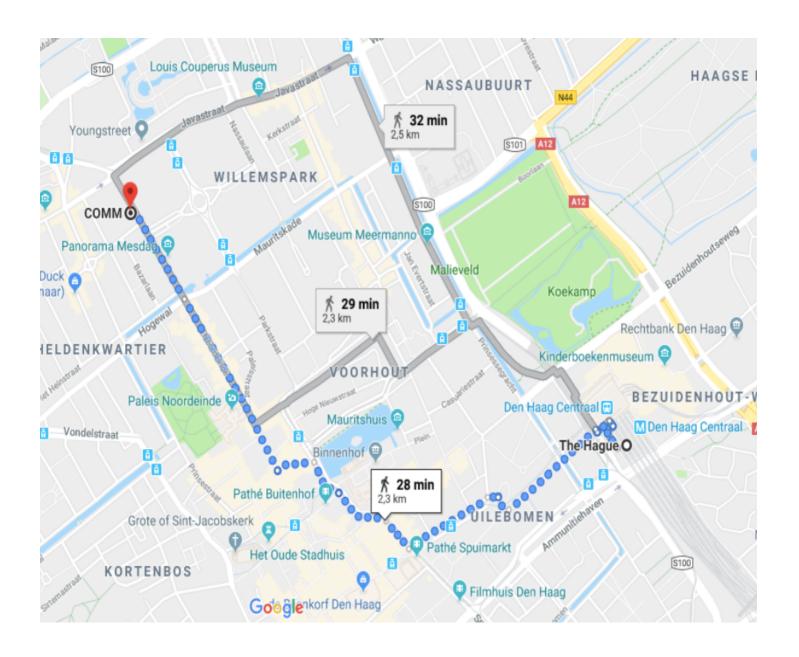


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