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**UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme**

**Progress report**

**Period of activity: 2008-2009**

**UNESCO Chair in African Peace and Conflict Studies**

**Report established by:** Professor David J. Francis, UNESCO Chairholder,  
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**I. Activities**

**1. Education/Training/Research**

*Education*

During the reporting period the UNESCO Chair established education programmes.

- *MA/PG Diploma in African Peace & Conflict Studies*, University of Bradford (UoB)  
Prof. Francis continues to contribute to the delivery of the MA/PG diploma degree programme established in 2006 and serve as course leader for 'African Security Studies' module, with 17 students registered on the cohort for the 2008/9 academic session.
- Within the UoB – Addis Ababa University (AAU) DelPHE research project, contributed to the establishment of the *MA degree programme in Peace and Security Studies* in 2007/8  
As Visiting Professor at AAU, delivered lectures on 'Peace Pedagogy and Peace Research Methodology' in May 2008.
- Within the framework of the African Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies 5-year Allen & Nesta Ferguson Project, contributed to the development of a new *MA degree programme in Religion, Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution* at Mbale Islamic University in Uganda through curriculum and staff development as well as provision of basic textbooks in peace, conflict and development studies.

*Training*

During the reporting period the UNESCO Chair established one major training programme.

- UK Ministry of Defence Short Course Training Programme on '*African Security and Peacekeeping in Complex Political Emergencies*'.

Prof. Francis continues to contribute to the delivery of this one-week short course training programme for MoD officers (army, navy and air force) with a topic on 'African Security and Peacekeeping in Complex Political Emergencies: Setting the Context' on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

### *Research*

During the reporting period, the UNESCO Chair successfully completed the implementation of two England-Africa-Partnership / Department for Education & Skills / British Council research and capacity building projects including:

- *'DR Congo Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation Capacity Building'* in partnership with Kinshasa University and Lubumbashi University, with an edited book publication by Dr. Tshibambe Ngoie Germain, *Les Defis de la Consolidation de la Paix en République Démocratique du Congo (RDC)* Africa Peace Research Series No. 2, University of Bradford, 2008.
- *'Re-inventing Higher Education in Post-war Liberia: for conflict transformation and peace building'*: in partnership with the University of Liberia and Cuttington University, with an edited book publication by Dr. Kenneth Omeje on *War-to Peace Transition: conflict intervention and peace building in Liberia* Maryland: University Press of America, 2009.

The UNESCO Chair also contributed to the implementation of the following British Council-DFID Development Partnerships in Higher Education (DeLPHE) research and capacity building projects in:

- Sudan: *'Institutional Capacity Building of State Universities and Development Institutions in post-conflict areas in Sudan'* in partnership with the Development Studies & Research Institute (DSRI) at the University of Khartoum: 2007-2009. Publication of research project by DSRI on *Gender Mainstreaming in Poverty Reduction Strategy For Post Conflict Situation: Case Study: South Darfur State*.
- Ethiopia: MA Curriculum Development and establishment of the Institute of Peace & Security Studies project at Addis Ababa University: 2007-2009.
- Kenya: *'Capacity Building for conflict and development intervention in the Great Lakes region: bridging the gap between university education and work'* in partnership with the United States International University in Kenya (USIU), University of Lubumbashi (DRC) and Gulu University (Uganda) from 2009 to 2012.

## **2. Conferences/Congresses/Meetings**

During the reporting period the UNESCO Chair participated in many events.

- *United States Institute for Peace (USIP) Peace Education Workshop*, 20-22 September 2009: Participated in the USIP workshop on 'The state of the art of peace education' in Washington D.C.
- *UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education*, 5-8 July 2009 in Paris: Presented a paper at the Africa Roundtable on 'Enterprise for Peace: Social Responsibility in the Higher Education Sector in Post-conflict Societies in Africa'.
- As UNESCO Chair of African Peace & Conflict Studies, invited by the University of Botswana and UNESCO Regional Office in Harare to deliver keynote address at the official launch of the UNESCO Centre for Culture and Peace Studies in April 2008. Theme of keynote address: *'Footpath to Peace: an Africanist Perspective on Peace and Conflict'*.

### 3. Publications Interuniversity Exchanges/Partnerships

#### *Publications*

##### Books:

**Title:** US Strategy in Africa: AFRICOM, Terrorism and African Security

**Publisher:** Routledge

**Year:** March 2010

**Title:** From Bad Cops to Good Cops? Policing in Africa

**Publisher:** Palgrave/Macmillan

**Year:** 2010

**Title:** Education for Peace in Africa

**Year:** 2011

**Title:** Stolen Childhood: Social Reintegration of Child Soldiers in Africa

**Year:** 2011

##### Article:

**Title:** Peacekeeping in a bad neighbourhood: ECOWAS in Peace & Security in West Africa

**Publisher:** African Journal of Conflict Resolution

**Year:** 2009

##### Book Chapter:

**Title:** Asymmetrical warfare and the regionalisation of domestic civil wars in Africa: Implications for EU interventions

**Author:** Josef Schroef

**Publisher:** M. Cox & T. Pankratz (eds.)

**Year:** 2009

**Number of pages:** pp. 237-260

##### Policy Report:

**Title:** OSSREA: 2000-2006

**Publisher:** Stockholm: SIDA

**Year:** 2008

#### *Interuniversity exchanges and partnerships*

Within the framework of the England-Africa-Partnership and DelPHE research and capacity building projects, Prof. Francis facilitated the following inter-university and staff exchange visits:

- DR Congo: visit to UoB of two senior academics including Dean of Political Science at Kinshasa University and Head of Department of International Relations at Lubumbashi University in February 2008.
- Liberia: Visit to UoB of two senior academics including the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) of Cuttington University and the Director of the University of Liberia-based Kofi Annan Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution.

- Ethiopia: Visit to UoB of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Addis Ababa University in April 2009.
- Two weeks Intra-Africa Exchange Visits: facilitated the exchange of senior academics between Sierra Leone and Liberia in July 2008 including Dean of History and African Studies at Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone and the Peace and Development Studies Degree Programme Co-ordinator at Njala University as well as the Director of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at Cuttington University and the Director of the Kofi Anna Centre in Liberia.

## **II. Outcomes**

The report covers two key areas namely:

- The expansion and consolidation of the mainstreaming and institutionalisation of education for peace / peace and conflict studies at African universities as well as African policing institutions, and
- Research, publication and knowledge transfer. The focused countries are Sudan, Liberia, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Botswana, Ethiopia and Kenya.

## **III. Development prospects and Forthcoming activities**

During the following years the plans of the UNESCO Chair are:

- Establishment of UoB/UNESCO Chair Seminar Series as a forum to facilitate synergy between teaching and research as well as intellectual interaction between staff, students and high-profile international policy practitioners and experts.
- One day joint conference in April/May 2010 organised by UoB - ECOversity programme and the UNESCO Chair on 'Fragile Planet', focusing on the themes of the UNESCO principles on Education for Sustainable Development, culture of Peace, the UN Millennium Development Goals and the Bradford UNESCO City of Films Programme.