



ILO-Peacebuilding Forum Joint Public Seminar
“Making Peace through Decent Work”
15:00-16:45, 28 January, 2008
Elisabeth Rose Hall, 5th floor, the UN House, Tokyo

The reconstruction of war-affected societies through employment creation and decent work has been the core to the ILO's existence. The ILO was created in 1919 at the end of the First World War. Since then, the ILO has placed the importance of social justice in securing peace. Having gone through the two disastrous world wars and many other violent conflicts, the ILO came to firmly believe that providing stable and decent work opportunities for all women and men is the key to create lasting peace and avoid recurrence of war.

In recent years, the ILO has increasingly engaged in peacebuilding through employment generation, livelihood and economic recovery. The ILO has involved in peacebuilding through various activities such as DDR (Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration of ex-combatants), community-based livelihood recovery and vocational training. The socio-economic aspect of post-conflict reconstruction, in particular in the DDR context, has been one of the most difficult challenges in peacebuilding in conflict -affected societies.

This joint ILO-Peacebuilding Forum Seminar introduces the ILO' empirical experience in generating and securing peace. The seminar emphasizes the growing need for economic recovery assistance and for training practitioners in the field in order to sustain peace in post-conflict societies.

Date: 15:00-16:45, Monday 28 January 2008

Venue: Elisabeth Rose Hall, 5Floor, UN House, 5-53-70 Jingumae, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-0001

Languages: English only

Admission: Free (**please register by sending email stating your name and contact address, to ilo-tokyo@ilotokyo.jp**)

Programme

14:30 Registration

15:00 Opening remarks & Introduction of the speakers (5 minutes)

- o Mr. Shinichi Hasegawa, Director, the ILO Tokyo Office

15:05 Presentations on the ILO experience in peacebuilding (40 minutes/ 20 min each)

- o Mr. Alfredo Lazarte-Hoyle, Director, ILO/CRISIS
“Decent Work for Peace: Experience from Africa”
- o Ms. Tine Staermose, Director, ILO Sri Lanka Office
“Examples from Sri Lanka: Challenges and Opportunities”

15:45 Comments on the presentations (15 minutes/ 5 minutes each)

- o Dr. Yuji Uesugi, Hiroshima University/ Peacebuilding Forum
- o Mr. Masahiko Kiya, Director, International Peace Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- o Mr. Saburo Takizawa, Representative, UNHCR Representation in Japan

16:00 Q&A and discussion (40 minutes)

16:40 Closing remarks (5 minutes)

- o Dr. Yuji Uesugi, Hiroshima University/ Peacebuilding Forum

***16:45 – 17:15 Coffee & Tea session (all seminar participants are cordially invited)**