

Date and hours: Friday 30th August from 13:00 to 14:40

Location: La Vela at the InterContinental Hotel Yokohama Grand

Peacebuilding on the Ground: Restore Lost Bonds between Local Governments and Communities

Background

In conflict-affected countries, provision of sufficient public service is often difficult due to limited resources and damaged infrastructure. Residents who overcome the conflict usually have high expectations for the role of the local administration to regain a peaceful life. However, if the government does not function well and fails to deliver the level of services expected by the people, dissatisfaction among the population may grow and lead to social instability again. To break this undesirable cycle, it is necessary for local governments to provide sufficient services based on the needs of residents as dividends of peace and to restore bonds with their people and communities.

Objectives

To introduce good examples on the capacity building of local governments and participation of communities in public service, and discuss enablers for effective peacebuilding approaches for wider application.

Key Questions

- ▶ What are the challenges regarding the capacity development of local government in conflict-affected situations?
- ▶ How to promote community participation in public service and restore the bond between local governments and communities?
- ▶ What is the role of development partners for effective peacebuilding?

Speakers

Ismael Musa Onzu, Chief Administrative Officer, Zombo District, Uganda
 Kone Siaka, Deputy Mayor, Abobo City, Cote d'Ivoire
 Abba Yusuf, Permanent Secretary, State Ministry of Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Resettlement, Borno State, Nigeria
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