

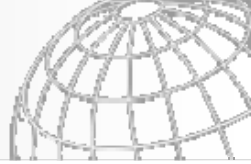
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**In War as in Peace:**  
**Youth Violence – A Challenge for International Co-operation**  
**International Conference, 14 – 16 November 2007**

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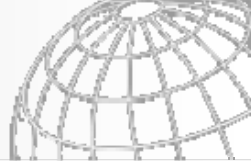
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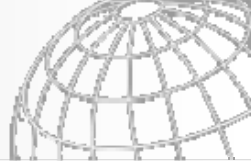
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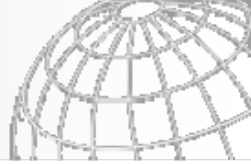
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- How can children - ready for violence - be integrated in societies and how can we free these children from their readiness of violence?



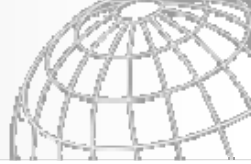
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- On which kind of levels can integration be done?



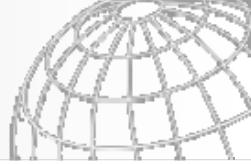
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- How can they learn to live with their experience of violence?



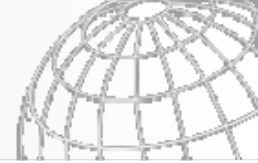
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- Which cultural characteristics must be observed?



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- How can we avoid the reinforcement of existing conflicts by our action?

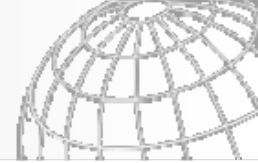


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République  
Démocratique  
Du Congo

en Afrique  
Équatoriale



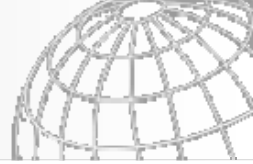


## Appui aux Jeunes Défavorisés à travers des Initiatives Communautaires

Un pays avec  
une dimension  
77 x  
la Belgique



avec 56.6 mio. habitants, 48.3% entre 0 et 14 ans



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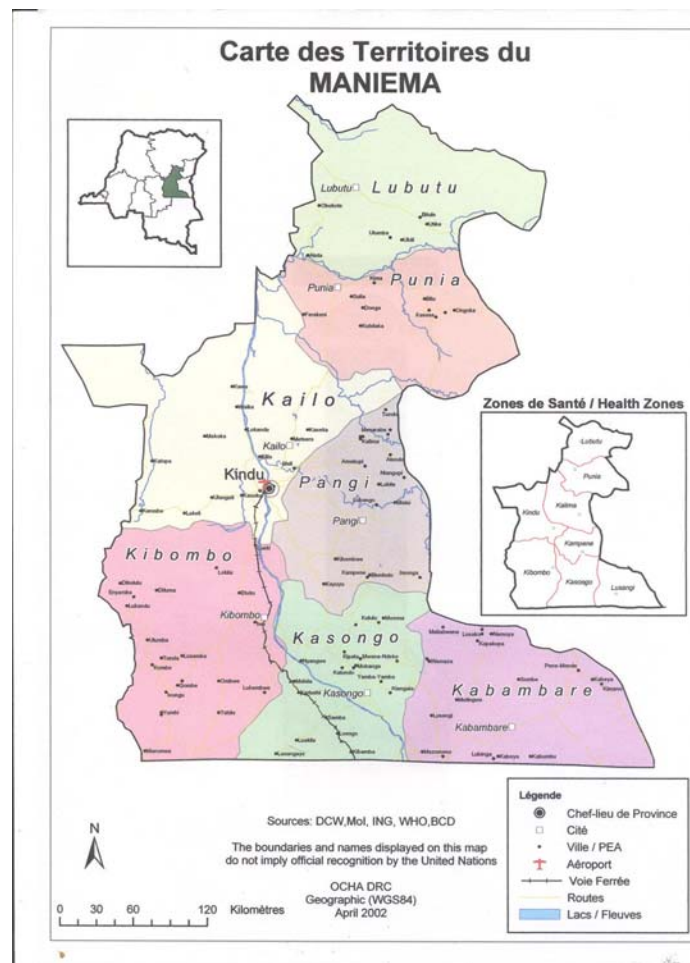
- **1996** invasion of troops from Rwanda and Uganda together with L.D. Kabila; recruitments of child-soldiers in Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Congo ...
- **1997** invasion in Kinshasa; L.D Kabila President; death of Mobuto
- **1998** L.D. Kabila gives notice to foreign troops to return home; troops set in the east; fights against resistance of the Mai-Mai; recruitments of thousands of child-soldiers
- **1999** UN starts its mission in DR Congo
- **2001** L.D Kabila killed; Joseph Kabila follows; slow reduction of fights
- more than 4 mio people killed ( “ 3. World War »)

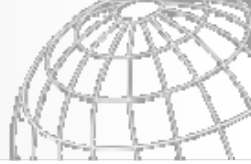


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# LA PROVINCE

Superficie : 132.250 km<sup>2</sup>,  
4 x la Belgique  
1.802.913 habitants en 2004,  
soit ( 14 hab./km<sup>2</sup>)  
Entourée de 5 provinces  
**Région enclavée**

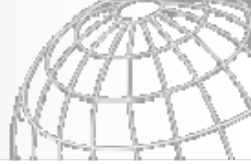




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## Aim of the project

Reintegration of ex-child-soldiers and  
disadvantaged young people between 12  
an 17 years



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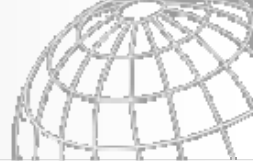
## The project components

- ✓ Initiation of professional life
- ✓ Non-formelle education
- ✓ Psycho social promotion
- ✓ Promotion of community initiatives
  
- ✓ Promotion of life-skills
- ✓ Reconciliation



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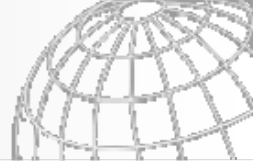
Results (after 2 years)	done	actual
economic reintegration	2.890	800
primary education 1.500		500
social reintegration 150		80
HIV/AIDS campaign	12.400 ( six months)	
girls and young women	35.1%	
« child soldiers »		54.3 %



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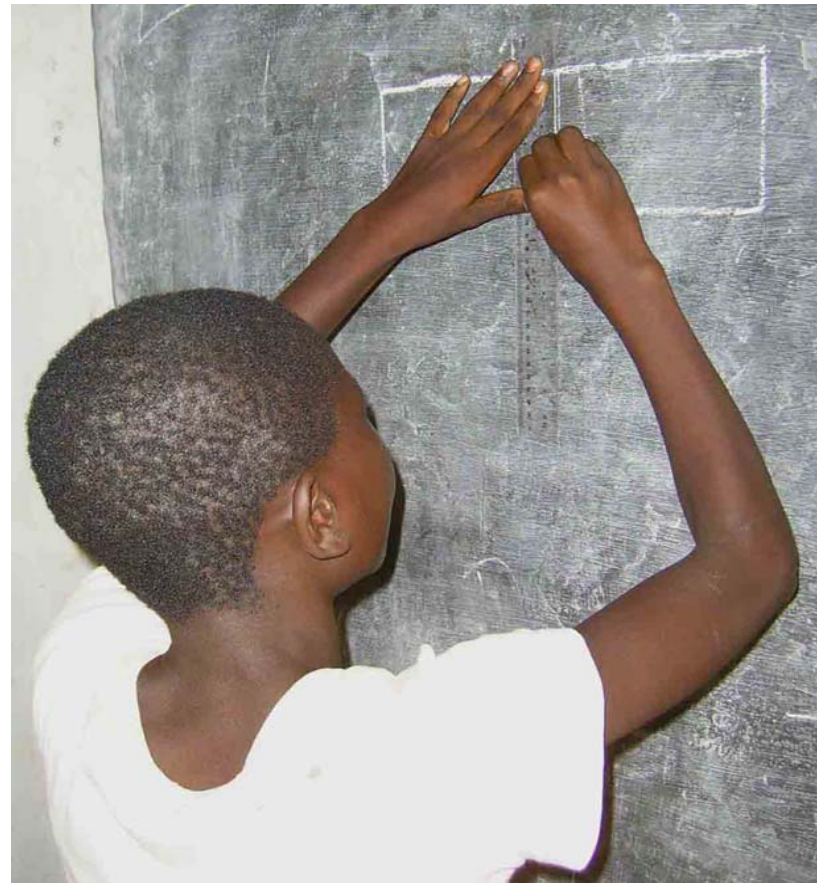
reintegration in societies  
is a proven remedy  
before potential  
and after collective  
violence

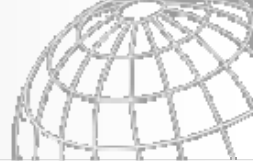




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alphabetization  
campaigns  
and reconstructed  
basis education are  
basic components  
for reintegration

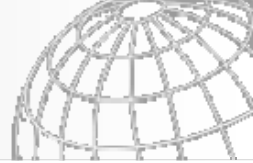




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economic reintegration based on education is  
mostly the final activity to turn away from  
violence

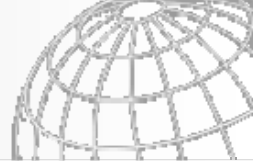




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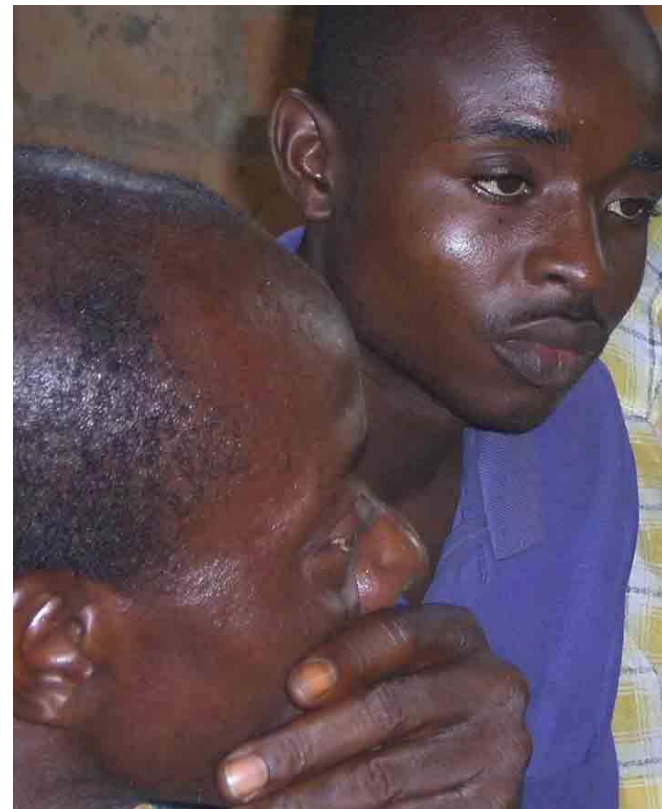
in poor post-conflict countries psychosocial  
stability demands first of all social work

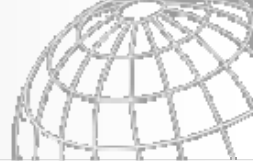




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Knowledge of own history helps to understand that life conditions are results of different facts even independently of the life of the young people

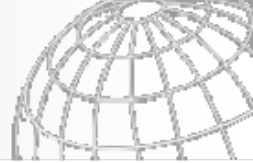




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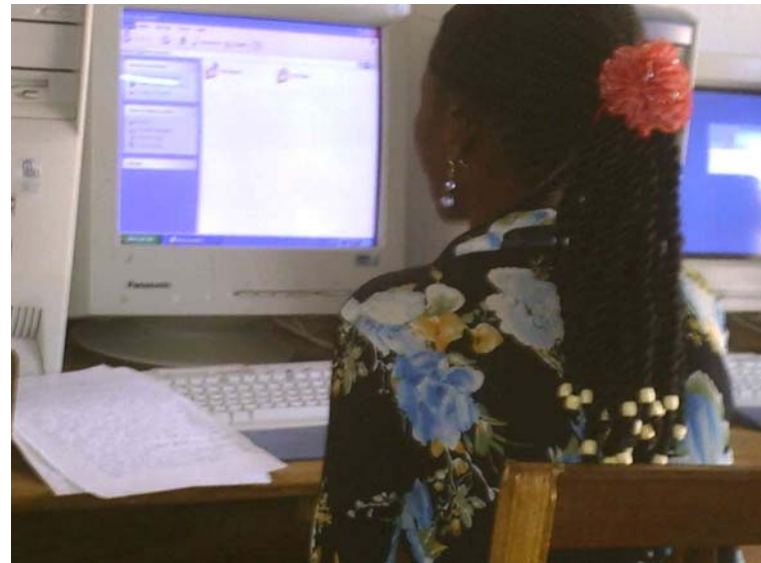
A deep occupation with the role of women in the own society might effect a prevention of special readiness for violence of men against women (as a result of experience with violence)

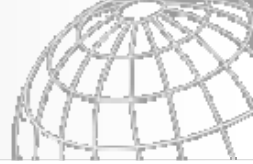




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The ability to be involved  
in techniques of computers  
and internet even  
living in an isolated  
an poor country opens  
view to other worlds

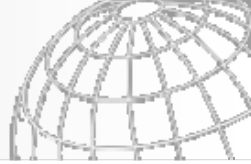




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- Reconciliation as a follow-up of preoccupations with experienced violence and conflicts must be realized in time

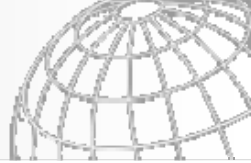




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## LESSONS LEARNT

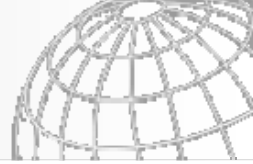
A successful social reintegration of ex child-soldiers can be done only by mixing them with other victims



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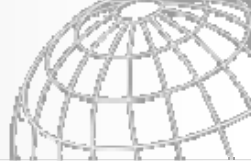
Each step of reconciliation is dependent of a particular time and many of these times are choosen wrong



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## LESSONS LEARNT

There is less aggression of ex child soldiers than  
inner regression

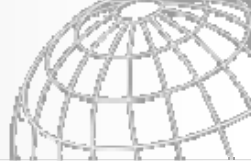


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## LESSONS LEARNT

psychosocial promotion can be successful only

as a long term component

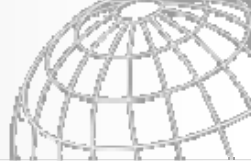


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## LESSONS LEARNT

European and North American matrixes for a so called « trauma treatment » do not work in Africa.

They have to be linked to traditional healing,  
even if we do not find an approach to understand  
it detailed



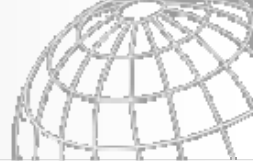
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## LESSONS LEARNT

Momentary quality education is an

ignored instrument for an effective prevention of

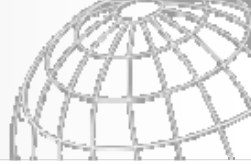
violence



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## LESSONS LEARNT

Sustainable developments of economies should  
be started at the earliest moment after collective  
violence and should be developed quickly out of  
a social economic program



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**D**rug crime in Rio, racist offences against immigrants, shootings at schools, harassment in Belfast's neighbourhoods, killing brothers and sisters in Ramallah, kids traumatized by war in Bosnia or in the Congo – the involvement of children and adolescents in political and criminal acts of violence in mega-cities, as well as in (post-)conflict zones of recent wars, is an increasingly disturbing phenomenon.

What do we know about the reasons and root causes of youth violence stemming from such a variety of political and cultural backgrounds and contexts? What do (post) war constellations have in common with the urbanized reality of western democracies? Do social exclusion, poverty, the absence of education, and the availability of small arms create contexts which enhance violence and may be considered as „grey zones“ between war and peace? How would we differentiate between politically motivated, socially, ethnically or religiously based, and other ritualized forms of violence? Which patterns of violence are specifically youth related?

The conference will look at recent results and findings of international research on youth violence. In order to better understand the driving forces behind, and to identify political strategies to deal with this critical development, we will try to compare and contrast (post) war and non-war constellations, and the causes or patterns of youth violence they present. What are promising approaches on communal and state levels, amongst civil society actors and those in the field of international co-operation, to tackle the challenge of youth violence?

You are cordially invited to participate in the discussions of this conference.

**Dr. Corinna Hauswedell**, Academy Loccum

**Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach**, Institute for Development and Peace (INEF)

**Andrea Grimm**, Academy Loccum

**Dr. Fritz Erich Anhelm**, Academy Director

### Conference Fees/Registration:

Room and meals: € 180,--.

For students (age 30 or under), members of the armed services and alternative service as well as unemployed with proper identification: € 90,--. Conference fees are to be paid in cash at the time of registration.

We request that you register by name, address, institution/ organization at:

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E-mail: Karin.Hahn@evlka.de

Registrations will be confirmed as long as places are available. Should you have to cancel your registration, please inform us as soon as possible.

### Accommodation and meals:

Participants will be accommodated in single rooms or double rooms, if preferred. All meals are served at the Academy. By prior arrangement, rooms and meals may be available before and after the conference.

### Directions:

Loccum is located 50 kilometers west of Hanover in Lower Saxony. The nearest airport is in Langenhagen airport near Hanover. The nearest train stations are Wunstorf, Minden and Nienburg. Detailed instructions will be sent to all registered participants.

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### HOUSE SCHEDULE:

8.30 MORNING PRAYER, 8.45 BREAKFAST

12.30 LUNCH, 15.30 COFFEE/TEA,

18.30 DINER.

Opportunity to visit Loccum Monastery, Thursday 13:30 Uhr

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## ■ Wednesday, November 14, 2007

- 15:30 Coffee/ Tea with cake  
16:00 Welcome and introduction  
*Dr. Corinna Hauswedell, Loccum*
- 16:15 **Youth violence in the globalized world**  
- Introductions to the conference theme
- 18:30 **Context matters: violence in (post)war and non-war societies**  
*Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach, INEF, Duisburg*
- Demographic data and findings concerning the social situation of youth in countries undergoing (post-)conflict and crisis-like situations of radical change**  
*Dr. Rüdiger Blumör, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Eschborn*  
*Steffen Kröhnert, Berlin Institut für Bevölkerung und Entwicklung*  
Facilitator: *Dr. Corinna Hauswedell*
- 19:30 **Current state and perspectives of international research on youth violence**  
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21:00 *Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Heitmeyer, Institute for Interdisciplinary Conflict and Violence Research, Bielefeld University*

## ■ Thursday, November 15, 2007

- 09:30 **Causes and contexts of youth violence – stocktaking** (work in two parallel sections)

SECTION I: Non-war constellations: urbanization, social change and exclusion

### **A world of gangs**

*Prof. Dr. John Hagedorn, University of Illinois, Chicago*

### **Youth at risk programming – A crucial element to build citizenship**

*Clarissa Huguet, Children in Organized Armed Violence (COAV), Rio de Janeiro*

### **Nigeria: Youth violence and the challenges in the age of globalisation**

*Dr. Nick Idoko, Centre for Peace in Africa, Lagos, Nigeria*

### **Urban riots in France: History, patterns and the significance of institutional violence**

*Dr. Carsten Keller, Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin*  
Facilitator: *Dr. Rose Ngomba-Roth, Göttingen*  
Rapporteur: *Dr. Peter Lock, Hamburg*

SECTION II: Post-war and continuous conflict constellations: ethnicity and identity, terrorism, religion

### **Israel-Palestine**

*Stephan Clauss, Akademie für Konflikttransformation, Bonn*

### **Northern Ireland**

*Dr. Neil Jarman, Institute for Conflict Research, Belfast*

### **West Africa**

*Prof. Dr. Paul Richards, Wageningen University, Netherlands*

### **Afghanistan**

*Martin Hayes, Child Protection Specialist of the Christian Children's Fund (CCF), Richmond/Virginia*

Facilitator: *Dr. Corinna Hauswedell*  
Rapporteur: *Prof. em. Dr. Peter Waldmann, Augsburg University*

- 16:00 **Strategies for dealing with youth violence and its causes**

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18:30 (work continued in two parallel sections)

SECTION I: Non-war constellations: urbanization, social change and exclusion

### **Juveniles as target group and partner in development co-operation**

*Günter Sohr, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Berlin*

### **Comprehensive public health strategies**

*Dr. Alberto Concha-Eastman, Regional Advisor, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Washington D.C.*

### **Intercultural youth exchange: opportunities for young people to prevent and de-learn violence and experience alternatives (beams of hope)**

*Christa-Berta Kimmich, European play work association (e.p.a.), Hamburg*

### **Neglect and trauma amongst young people in London – how to prevent and work with it at street level**

*Daniel Baltzer, Kids Company, London*

Facilitator: *Erich Marks, Geschäftsführer, Deutscher Präventionstag, Hannover*  
Rapporteur: *Andrea Grimm*

SECTION II: Post-war and continuous conflict constellations: ethnicity and identity, terrorism, religion

### **Linking development and peacebuilding: experiences from Bosnia**

*Dr. Martina Fischer, Berghof Centre for Conflict Research, Berlin*

### **Strategies for working with youth in the immediate post-accord period**

*Siobhan McEvoy-Levy, Butler University, Indianapolis*

### **Demobilization and reintegration of children and adolescents – experience from the Congo**

*Achim Koch, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Eschborn*

### **Strategies to confront youth violence – experiences from Nicaragua and Central America**

*José Luis Rocha, Universidad Centroamericana (UCA), Managua*

Facilitator: *Prof. em. Dr. Franz Nuscheler, INEF, Duisburg*  
Rapporteur: *Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach*

- 19:30 **Youth violence in cultural contexts: film and Hip Hop music**

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21:00 *Katrin Lock, London*

## ■ Friday November 16, 2007

- 09:30 **Youth violence as a challenge facing international co-operation**

Final winding-up session, introduced by reports of the section rapporteurs

Ambassador *Friedrich Däuble*, Appointee for Conflict Prevention, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin  
*Dr. Winrich Kühne*, Center for International Peace Missions (ZIF), Berlin

*Nadine Lyamouri-Bajja*, European Youth Centre, Council of Europe, Strasbourg

Facilitator: *Dr. Corinna Hauswedell*

- 12:30 Conference ends with lunch  
12:50 Departure of shuttle bus to Wunstorf train station (arrival around 13:30 hours)

Conference languages: German and English;  
simultaneous translation available