



THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENT IN CONFLICT PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT IN WEST AFRICA



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PROGRAMME

MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 2013

Session Chairs

9.00 a.m.	Registration of participants and distribution of documents	
9.30 a.m.	INAUGURAL SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Welcome address by the President of the IPU Group of the National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire, Mr. Jean-Albert Agbre– Address by the Secretary General of the African Parliamentary Union, Mr. Coffi N'Zi– Address by the Deputy Secretary General of the IPU, Mr. Martin Chungong– Opening address by the First Vice-President of the National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire, Mrs. Sarra Fadika Sako	
10.15 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.30 a.m.	SEGMENT 1 - CRISES AND CONFLICTS: CAUSES AND TYPES Interactive Discussion	Ms. Laurette Yacé De Mel, MP, Côte d'Ivoire
1.00 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>	
2.30 p.m.	SEGMENT 2 - PARLIAMENT AT THE HEART OF CONFLICT PREVENTION <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Session I: Parliament's role in safeguarding the principles of democratic governance for successful peacebuilding <u>Panellists:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr. Mélégué Traoré, MP, Burkina Faso– Mr. Simon Osei-Mensah, MP, GhanaDiscussion▶ Session II: Strengthening early warning systems through cooperation between the parliament and all other regional and international stakeholders: Implementing the Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peace-keeping and Security and the ECOWAS Early Warning System <u>Panellists:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">– Ms. Marguerite Yoli-Bi, Head of National Section, Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP)– Mr. Emile Ouedraogo, MP, Burkina Faso, Member of the Committee on Political Affairs, Peace and Security, ECOWAS ParliamentDiscussion	Mr. Kacou Gnangbo, MP, Côte d'Ivoire
6.00 p.m.	<i>End of day one</i>	



TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2013

SEGMENT 3 - FROM CONFLICT MANAGEMENT TO PEACEBUILDING: TOWARDS EFFECTIVE PARLIAMENTARY ACTION

- 9.00 a.m. ▶ **Session I:** Peace-making and reconstruction after crises/conflicts: Parliament's role in conflict resolution and the national reconciliation process / On the road to peace
- Mr. Kouamenan
Alphonse Zimbril,
MP, Côte d'Ivoire
- > Renewing parliament with broader powers for inclusive action
Panellist: Mr. Mélégué Traoré, MP, Burkina Faso
 - > The right to protect civilian populations, refugees and internally displaced persons
Panellist: Mr. Innocent C. Sangara, Senior Protection Officer,
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Côte d'Ivoire
- 11.00 a.m. *Coffee break*
- 11.15 a.m. > Reform for a new beginning: Parliament as a key stakeholder in the national reconciliation process
- Panellists: Mr. Kwaku Balado Manu, Former MP, Ghana
Discussion
- 12.00 p.m. ▶ **Session II:** The need for inter-institutional cooperation for concerted action
- Panellist: Mr. Simon Osei-Mensah, MP, Ghana
Discussion
- 1.00 p.m. *Lunch break*
- 2.30 p.m. ▶ **Session III:** Strategies for involving women in conflict management and reconstruction: Concrete examples in Africa
- Panellist:
- Ms. Aïchatou Mindaoudou Souleymane, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Côte d'Ivoire and Head of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire, ONUCI
- Discussion
- 5.30 p.m. *End of day two*
- Ms. Laurette Yacé
De Mel, MP,
Côte d'Ivoire

WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2013

- 9.00 a.m. ▶ Summary of day two and discussion
- Mr. Jean-Albert
Agbre, MP,
Côte d'Ivoire
- 11.00 a.m. *Coffee break*
- 11.15 a.m. ▶ Wrap-up and presentation of the report by the rapporteur
- 12.30 p.m. ▶ Closure of the Conference
- 1.00 p.m. *Lunch break*
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