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**"Peace and Development in the East African:
Lessons and Perspectives "**

Support for targets of the Millennium Development
Goals (MDGs) by 2015.

Call for communication

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1. Background

At a time when Africa enters the twenty-first century, the East African who is the particular object of our symposium, faced the problems of development undoubtedly the most serious that no other region of the world ever heard. However, in the East African, the struggles taking place between various factions, combined with de facto independence, proclaimed in 1991 by Somaliland, that state not recognized internationally, followed closely by neighbouring countries. Each of them pursues its own strategy, often unreadable, which contributes to the undeniable Somalia a hotbed of regional instability. Sudan shares with its neighbours in the Horn a common destiny geographical, historical and diplomatic.

Of course, for some countries in this region, the period after independence has been marked by profound changes in the political and socio-economic conditions, which were accompanied in many cases, serious political and social unrest. Certainly, in terms of development, we can cite a few examples of success: but, overall, the record of these countries remains very disappointing. Nearly half of the population of the region of Central East African now lives in absolute poverty, and the situation shows little sign of improvement.

The worsening economic and social situation of the East Africa particular generated a humanitarian catastrophe on the food. UN agencies like the World Food Programme (WFP) estimated that about 16 million people suffer from famine. The most affected areas are the Horn of Africa and Central Africa: Ethiopia (7.8 million), Kenya (2.7 million), Eritrea (367,000), Uganda (200,000), Djibouti (100,000) and Sudan (75,000). There is also the deterioration of the health and epidemiological situation from which it follows that 90% of malaria cases in the world are listed in Africa or that 40% of children under 15 years are orphans due to the spread of AIDS .

The crisis that invades the East African at the moment is not only economic, it is also legal, human, political and social. The dimensions unprecedented and unacceptable to this crisis is not only due to declining global indicator of economic growth, but also to human suffering, misery and impoverishment of the majority of people in the sub-region. The political context of socio-economic development on the continent is characterized by an over of power and also by unnecessary obstacles to the effective participation of the greater majority of the African population in social and economic development.

It is important to note that "the probability that a war breaks out is twice as high for those countries that are below a tranche of between 500 and 1000 dollars in income

Annual per capita than for those above. "According to experts of conflict management, it has identified several categories of threats to regional and international security:

- Threats of an economic and social (poverty, infectious diseases, degradation environment);
- Conflicts between states;
- Internal conflicts (civil wars, genocide, chemical and biological
- Terrorism
- Transnational Organized Crime.

In the report of Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations, it is also reminded that *there is no development without security, no security without development and there can be no security, no development if human rights are not respected.* This means that the movement

started as early as the 1950's to link peace, security and development is becoming a major concern in the world. It is also the core objectives of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015.

After this, it is important and timely to organize, forums, conferences, seminars and advising involving civil society, governments, academics, constantly reminding that these individuals violence in these civil wars that threaten sub region and throughout Africa. At these annual conferences, it is always important to constantly emphasize that peace is the need of development. Because, academic researcher, expert and international consultant to the United Nations several years ago, I took the initiative to do what intercollegiate regional symposium to be a beginning already to get this message of hope for peace and development.

The main contribution of this symposium is to identify the concepts of peace-building for the region, a culture of peace, and preparation of current and future generations a future developer, and without some conflict in order to claim its place in a XXIeme globalized context of the century. The symposium, I hope to work with the institutions of conflict management and development such as IGAD, UNDP, USAID, ECA, AU, and international scholars in the region. This symposium is on the one hand an initial meeting, discussions, debates, awareness of the plight brushed in the background and on the other hand, the direct involvement of universities in the sub-region, Ongo, experts from business international institutions. In principle, this conference should lead to a regional inter foundation of peace and development which will meet annually to make a diagnosis, to teach and convey the message of peace and development in the sub-region as a first step and the region as a second step, and finally across the continent

2. Objectives of the symposium

As we emphasized in the context of our overall objective of the symposium, we expect to bring together experts, academics, researchers, institutional and non-government throughout the world for the realization of this hope for peace, development and preparation of goals The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015.

1. Six main targets being sought through the organization of the symposium (provisional):
2. The Nation Somalia it is a country "abandonment", the victim of an inescapable marginalization in the contemporary world?
3. What about crises and conflicts that tangle involving all the countries of East Africa?
4. Why these wars, long, deadly, human, social, economic disastrous?
5. Definition of Bases for Democratic Development?
6. Make operational recommendations for priority actions for peace and development "for the preparation of the objectives of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set in 2015.
6. Creation of the foundation of the inter-regional peace and development.

3. Themes and issues to be discussed

The symposium will be organized as the following:

1. The war, an economic variable leads to political instability and under-development;
2. Regional integration and security;
3. Human security and development;
4. War and the Culture of Peace

A panel discussion moderated by personalities, will be devoted to the problem of financing of actions of a foundation of the sub-region Interuniversity peace and development.

For each of the topics listed, a number of key issues is raised and deserves to be developed and discussed by participants at the symposium. These issues are presented by axis, as follows:

Axis 1: The war, an economic variable that leads to political instability and underdevelopment
Development: Analyses and balances.

Axis 2: Impact of armed conflict throughout the region are a major threat development and social progress of the continent;

Axis 3: Can there be development in a context of conflict?

Axis 4 : peace, a need to develop a culture to inculcate in our minds

Axis 5: Peace, a necessity for development, introduction to the concept of 'good Governance'.

4. Preliminary Program

The symposium will be organized according to the following schedule:

Day 1: Opening Session official;
First plenary session moderated by eminent scientists and / or Policies;

2nd and 3rd day: Five parallel sessions around five themes of the symposium;

Day 4: Second Plenary Session: Roundtable on funding for the foundation Inter Peace and Development
Summary and Recommendations;
Adoption of the action plan through a foundation that would be responsible for
To raise awareness on Peace and Development in the region

5. Official Language

The official languages of the symposium are: English, and French.

6. Features Communications

Persons wishing to present papers on one of the axes of the symposium must complete the registration form attached. They must also specify the following:

- Heading to the theme in which communication;
- Title and summary of the communication;
- Method of presentation of the communication (oral, poster).

Abstracts of papers should not exceed 400 words and should be typed in Word (version 6.0 or higher), in Times New Roman 12, with a single-spaced, in an A4. They can be sent by email to the email address listed below or by post (in the latter case, the text must also be sent on an electronic medium).

7. Calendar

The deadline for submission of abstracts is scheduled for 31/02/2009. The secretariat of the symposium will send an acknowledgement to any person who has made a proposal. This information will also be available on the website :

The Scientific Committee will inform all authors of the outcome of the selection of items identified in the programme of the symposium later in the 15/03/09. The full text of papers selected must reach the secretariat of the symposium, in the same manner as for the submission of abstract, but no later than 30/03/09.

8. Scientific Committee

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Agencies involved: Ongs: Association des Etudes Djiboutiennes

9. Registration

Registration for the conference is mandatory (registration form to be completed) and free for all participants to be selected by the Scientific Committee for a submission. An assumption of travel expenses could be envisaged.

10. Organization

Co-organized by the Centre de Recherche university Djibouti; Association Peace and Development; with (awaiting confirmation of these institutions) support UN agencies (UNDP) USAID, IGAD, EU. Private Sector

In addition, an organizing committee oversees the preparation of the symposium. It is comprised of:

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11. Conference Secretariat

All information about the symposium (registration, communication, program, and so on.) Can be obtained by contacting the secretariat of the symposium at the following address:

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The information on the symposium will also be available on the site: crud@univ.edu.dj