



Parliamentarians for Global Action

PGA Regional Seminars on Strengthening United Nations Peace Operations – International Parliamentary Input

AGENDA

**Parliament House, Accra
January 21-22, 2002**

Inauguration January 21, 2002

8:30-9:30 *Opening Session:*

- ◆ *Remarks by Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, Deputy Speaker, Ghana & Chair, PGA Task Force on Peace and Democracy*
- ◆ *Welcome Address by Rt. Hon. Peter Ala Adjetey, Speaker of Parliament, Ghana*
- ◆ *Remarks from Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, Executive Secretary of ECOWAS*
- ◆ *Remarks by Mr. Suresh Keswani, MP India, Member, PGA International Council*
- ◆ *Message from Under-Secretary-General Mr. Jean-Marie Guehenno, Department of Peace-keeping Operations, United Nations*
- ◆ *Message from Secretary-General Kofi Annan, United Nations*

Day I – January 21, 2002

Introduction by Ambassador John Hirsch, Vice President, International Peace Academy

10:00 – 12:30 Session I: Report of the Panel on the United Nations Peace Operations and the subsequent debate

Chair, Mr. Alh. Mohammad Sanusi Daggash, MP, Nigeria

- ◆ Background to the report
- ◆ Report's recommendations
- ◆ Summary of the post-report debate
- ◆ Limits to implementation
- ◆ Regional aspects of the recommendations
- ◆ Current implementation efforts

Panelists:

- **Ambassador John Hirsch, Vice-President, International Peace Academy**
- **Mr. Peter Penfold, Department for International Development, United Kingdom**
- **Major-General Henry Anyidoho, Ghana**

- **Dr. Louis Philippe Tsitsol-Meke, MP, Cameroon**
- **Professor Borafo Arthur, Legon Center for International Affairs, Ghana**
- **Dr. Yao Gebe, Legon Center for International Affairs, Ghana**
- **Dr. Vladimir Antwi-Danso, Legon Center for International Affairs, Ghana**

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch

**14:30 – 17:00 Session II: National strategies for conflict prevention in the region of interest:
Case Studies – Mozambique, Cote d’Ivoire, Sierra Leone**

Chair, Mr. Mamadou Lamine Thiam, MP, Senegal

- ◆ Role of national parliaments in defining, implementing and evaluating strategies for conflict prevention and peacekeeping operations
- ◆ The role of non state actors (NGOs, media, business, religious actors) and their representation and participation in a coherent strategy for conflict prevention and peacekeeping operations
- ◆ Multilateral support for the UN intervention

Panelists:

- **Mr. Simon Pierre N’Kragbo Mobio, MP, Cote d’Ivoire**
- **Dr. Chico Francisco, MP, Mozambique**
- **Ambassador George Adetuberu, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, UNAMSIL, Sierra Leone**
- **Ambassador John Hirsch, Vice-President, International Peace Academy**
- **Dr. Gebe Yao, Legon Center for International Affairs, Ghana**
- **Ms. Margaret Novicki, Spokesperson and Chief of Public Information, UNAMSIL, Sierra Leone**

19:00 Dinner Reception – Hosted by the Rt. Hon. Peter Ala Adjetey, MP, Speaker of Parliament, Ghana

Day II, January 22, 2002:

10:00 – 12:30 Session III: Institutional improvements in the regional and international system aimed at establishing an effective regime of conflict prevention

Chair, Mr. Aly Lo, MP, Senegal

- ◆ Relevant Regional agreements
- ◆ Coordination with the United Nations system
- ◆ Role of international legislators as peacemakers – PGA Task Force and its role in the Lusaka peace process
- ◆ Constraints and contradictions: minimum standards and “double” standards & the international community approach to conflict prevention

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- **Dr. Vladimir Antwi-Danso, Legon Center for International Affairs, Ghana**
- **Mr. Almerindo Jaka Jamba, MP, Vice President of the Angolan Parliament**

12:45-14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 17:00 Session IV: Towards a Renewed commitment from member states?

Chair, Dr. Amin Mobarak, MP, Egypt

- ◆ Plan of action
- ◆ Inter-parliamentary coordination
- ◆ Partnerships

Panelists:

- **Mr. Alh. Mohammed Sanusi Daggash, MP, Nigeria**
- **Mr. Suresh Keswani, MP, India**
- **Prof. Bofo Arthur, Legon Center for International Affairs, Ghana**

17:30 – 18:00 Closing