



PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION

33RD ANNUAL FORUM

THE IMPACT OF ARMED VIOLENCE ON DEVELOPMENT – ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND PARLIAMENTARY SOLUTIONS

Colombo Hilton Hotel

Colombo, Sri Lanka

October 28-30, 2011

AGENDA

28th October 2011

4:00 p.m.

Inauguration of PGA's 33rd Annual Forum

Lighting of Oil Lamp

Hon Nimal S. De Silva

Leader of the House of Parliament

Minister for Irrigation and Water Resources Management

Sri Lanka

Dr. Ruth Wijdenbosch

MP, Suriname

PGA President

Amb. H.M.G.S. Palihakkara

Former Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the UN

Chairman designate of the UNSG's Advisory Board on

Disarmament Affairs

Mr. Subinay Nandy

United Nations Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator

UNDP Resident Representative

Sri Lanka

Ms. Savitri Goonesekere
Emeritus Professor of Law
University of Colombo

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Speaker of the Parliament
Parliament of Sri Lanka

Vote of Thanks by Hon. John Amaratunga, MP
Chief Opposition Whip
Parliament of Sri Lanka

5:45 p.m. Buses leave for visit to Parliament of Sri Lanka

7:30 p.m. *Dinner Reception*
Hosted by Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Speaker of Parliament of Sri Lanka
Place: Water's Edge, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka

29th October 2011

10:00–12:00 pm *Opening Session*

The Impact of Armed Violence on Development: *The Education & Health Dimension*

- How are students, education standards and institutions adversely affected by armed violence?
- How are hospitals, patients adversely affected by armed violence?
- What are the economic and social costs of armed violence vis-a-vis these two critical sectors?
- What can be done to address/reverse these negative consequences?

Chairperson: Dr. Alain Destexhe, MP, Belgium

- Hon. Charity Ngilu, Minister of Water and Irrigation, Kenya
- Mr. Ibrahim Sorie, MP, Sierra Leone
- Ms. Minou Tavárez, MP, Dominican Republic
- Ms. Elsa Papademetriou, MP, Greece
- Dr. Sudarshini Fernandopulle, MP, Sri Lanka
- Ms. Christiane Agboton Johnson, Deputy Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Interactive Dialogue (30 minutes)

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30-3:00 p.m.

**The Impact of Armed Violence on Development:
*The Gender Dimension***

- How are women and girls adversely affected by armed violence?
- What strategies have been successful in addressing/reversing these negative consequences?
- How can women contribute to positive change in their societies in addressing armed violence?

Chairperson: Ms. Marie Norden, MP, Sweden

- Mr. Jacob Oulanyah, MP, Uganda
- Mr. J.D. Seelam, MP, India
- Ms. Irena Naa Torshie Addo, MP, Ghana
- Ms. Rosy Senanayake, MP, Sri Lanka
- Mr. Coskun Çörüz, MP, The Netherlands
- Mr. Deepayan Basu Ray, Policy Adviser, Oxfam UK

Interactive Dialogue (20 minutes)

3:00-3:15 p.m.

Coffee Break

3:15-4:45 p.m.

**The Impact of Armed Violence on Development:
*The Security Dimension***

- How does armed violence negatively impact national security and the basic security of people in the villages, towns and cities in which they live?
- How does this 'negative' security environment affect the issue of terrorism?
- What strategies have been successful in decreasing armed violence at the local, national, regional or international level?

Chairperson: Ms. Shazia Rafi, Secretary-General,
Parliamentarians for Global Action

- Hon. David Musila, Assistant Minister of State for Defense, Kenya
- Mr. Prakash Sharan Mahat, MP, Nepal
- Mr. Lotfullah Baba, MP, Afghanistan
- Prof. Edward J. Laurance, United States

Interactive Dialogue (30 minutes)

4:45 p.m.

Meeting Adjourns

7:30 p.m.

Dinner Reception

Hosted by Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Chief Minister of the Western Province
Colombo Hilton Hotel

30th October 2011

9:00-10:30 a.m.

**The Impact of Armed Violence on Development:
Security Dimension Panel continued**

Chairperson: Dr. Bernadette Lahai, MP, Sierra Leone

- Mr. Gabriel Smith, MP, Liberia
- Senator Mwamba Mwamus, DRC
- Mr. Song Min-soon, MP, Republic of Korea
- Senator Jim Walsh, Ireland
- Mr. Musa Al Zawaharah, MP, Jordan

Interactive Dialogue (30 minutes)

10:30-10:45 a.m.

Coffee Break

[Distribution of Draft Colombo Plan of Action]

10:45-12:30 p.m.

**The Impact of Armed Violence on Development:
The Trade & Investment Dimension**

- How does armed violence negatively impact regional and global trade and investment?
- How can the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) make a useful contribution in this area?
- What other steps can be taken to address/reverse these negative consequences?

Chairperson: Mr. Felipe Michelini, MP, Uruguay

- Dr. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan, MP, India
- Dr. Donya Aziz, MP, Pakistan
- Mr. Stephen Tashobya, MP, Uganda
- Ms. Margareta Cederfelt, MP, Sweden
- Dr. Yusuf Ziya Irbec, MP, Turkey
- Mr. Thilanga Sumathipala, MP, Sri Lanka
- Mr. Cristian Paredes, MP, Dominican Republic
- Mr. Jeff Abramson, Coordinator, Control Arms

Interactive Dialogue (35 minutes)

12:30-1:30 p.m.	Discussion and Adoption of <u>Colombo Plan of Action</u> Chaired by Mr. Ross Robertson MP, New Zealand Convener of Peace and Democracy Program, PGA
1:30-1:45 p.m.	<i>Closing Remarks</i> Ms. Shazia Rafi Secretary General Parliamentarians for Global Action Hon. Nimal S. De Silva Leader of the House of Parliament Minister for Irrigation and Water Resources Management Sri Lanka
2:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
3:00 p.m.	Optional Colombo Sightseeing Tour (until 5:30 pm)
6:45 p.m.	Buses leave from Colombo Hilton Hotel to Mount Lavinia Hotel
7:30 p.m.	<i>Defender of Democracy Award (DDA) - Dinner Reception</i> Hosted by the Ministry of External Affairs of Sri Lanka Mount Lavinia Hotel