Joint Forum on
Managing Natural Resources in Post-Conflict Societies:
Lessons in Making the Transition to Peace

Sept. 17-18, 2008
Columbia University
New York City

Provisional Agenda

Wednesday, Sept. 17

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome, Introductions, and Overview by Marc Levy, Carl Bruch, David Jensen, and Mikiyasu Nakayama

9:15 – 9:30 Opening Remarks by Ambassador Takasu, chair of the UN Peacebuilding Commission [invited]

9:30 – 10:15 Review of Issues and Project by Carl Bruch

Christian Webersik & Marc Levy, “The Role of Natural Resource Management in Reducing the Risk of Conflict Recurrence”

9:30 – 10:15 Coffee Break

10:15 – 10:30 Review of Issues and Project by Carl Bruch

10:30 – 12:00 Panel I: Land Tenure and Policy Reform

Jon Unruh, “Land Tenure and Natural Resource Management in Post-Conflict Societies”

Gill Green, “Land Tenure in Post-Conflict Aceh”

Nesreen Barwari, “Post-Conflict Land and Water Reform in Kurdistan”

12:00 – 12:30 Working lunch (provided)

12:30 – 1:00 Panel II: Energy

Mikiyasu Nakayama, “Making Best Use of Domestic Energy Sources: Priority Production System for Coal Mining in Post World War II Japan”

1:00 – 2:40 Panel III: Low-Value Resources
Lisa Goldman, “The Role of ‘Low-Value’ Natural Resources in Conflict and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding”

Patricia Kameri-Mbote, “Cattle, Land, and Grazing in the Turkana-Karamoja Cluster (Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia)”

Christian Webersik and Alec Crawford, “Charcoal, Bananas, and Fisheries in Somalia”

2:40 – 2:55  Coffee Break

2:55 – 4:55  Panel IV: *Forests and Protected Areas*

Alec Crawford, “Transboundary Environmental Cooperation in the Virungas (DRC, Rwanda, Uganda)”

Miko Maekawa, “Gorilla Eco-tourism Generating Wealth and Peace in Post-Conflict Societies (DRC, Rwanda, and Uganda)”

Al Gillespie, “Conflict and Protected Areas of International Significance”

Sandra Nichols, “Leveraging High Value Natural Resources to Engage Stakeholders in Industry Reform: The Liberia Forestry Initiative's Role in Liberia's Transition to Stability”

4:55 – 5:00  Announcements

7:00  Dinner for participants:
      TERRACE IN THE SKY
      400 West 119th Street

**Thursday, Sept. 18**

9:00 – 10:30  Panel V: *Water*

Jessica Troell & Erika Weinthal, “Shoring up Peace: Sustainable Water Management in Post-Conflict Societies”


Yuka Toguchi, “Legislation Related to Flood Control by Local Population in Postwar Japan”

10:30-10:45  Coffee
10:45 – 12:15 Panel VI:  **Institutions**

David Jensen & Ken Conca, “Review of UNEP Post-Conflict Assessment Experiences”

Birgitta Liljedahl, “The Role of the Military in Managing Natural Resources in Peace Support Operations and Post-Conflict Societies”


12:15-12:45 Next Steps

12:45-1:00 Closing of the Workshop