



HI AGAIN!

The 2013 Fellows programme has just drawn to a close. Reflecting on the many rich discussions that characterised this programme, it is again evident to me how important it is for us practitioners in transitional justice to come together and exchange on the many experiences gained from our respective journeys. And such discussions need not exclude the likes of South Sudan and Zimbabwe, who are just embarking on their journey of dealing with the past. Having a relative new-comer at the table while exploring transitional justice achievements in Kenya, Burundi, South Africa, Rwanda etc had the tremendous advantage of forcing us all to clarify our thinking while reflecting very critically on what has worked and why and more importantly, what has not worked—and why. Sobering reminders throughout these conversations were the many personal stories and memories of victims and perpetrators as well as those who were affected indirectly. These were the stories that cut to the bone, challenging the still prevalent one-size-fits-all approach to implementing the so-called five pillars of transitional justice (truth, justice, reparations, guarantees of non-recurrence and reconciliation).

For the first time ever, this year's programme started off with three full days visiting museums and memorials in Johannesburg. Starting at the brand new Freedom Park memorial in Pretoria, we then moved on to the brilliantly curated Constitution Hill, Newtown Workers Museum and the public-private Satyagraha House where Ghandi lived during his stay in Johannesburg. The group was lucky enough to be guided by one of the main curators herself—heritage consultant Lauren Segall, who was able to provide unique insights into curatorial design and methodology.

Perhaps most striking however, was moving from Johannesburg's relatively rich memorialisation landscape to Cape Town, where so little has been done to date, to remember the city's painful past. This was particularly evident during our visit to Robben Island; the rushed and very superficial tour of which does not allow for in-depth reflection nor adequate remembrance of the many heinous human rights violations that mar this strangely beautiful place.

During the programme, IJR had the great pleasure of hosting The Hague Institute for Global Justice' Senior Researcher Dr Kjell Andersen who observed the programme and presented on the topic "Dealing with Perpetrators of Mass Crimes," in which he detailed Rwanda as a case study for examining perpetrator motivations and how transitional justice can effectively prevent future atrocities. IJR hopes that this was the beginning of many more fruitful engagements with THIGJ.

I hope you enjoy this mid-year news flash. Feedback and comments are welcome as usual.

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IJR WELCOMES THE 2013 FELLOWS:



THEY ARE:

- **Biel Boutros Biel** is the Executive Director of the South Sudan Human Rights Society for Advocacy (SSHURSA) in Juba, South Sudan.
- **Hawa Khamis Aganas** is a Civil Affairs Officer for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and is based in Jonglei state.
- **Florence Jaoko** is a consultant and senior lecturer in law, previously chair of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights.
- **Dr Julius O. Jwan** is the Director of Programmes and Technical Services at the National Cohesion and Integration Commission, Kenya.
- **Clever Chikwanda** PhD candidate at the University of the Western Cape and consultant working with the Joint Monitoring and Implementation Committee (JOMIC) in Zimbabwe.
- **Sonia Ndikumasabo** is a lawyer and the deputy chair of the Independent National Human Rights Commission of Burundi.



INTRODUCING THE EPI PROJECT:

This quarter the IJR has embarked on a new project to investigate alternative, bottom-up indicators of peace. Over the next 18 months, the Everyday Peace Indicators (EPI) Project—a joint initiative of the IJR, the

University of Notre Dame in the United States, and the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom—will facilitate the harnessing of local knowledge of peace in twelve communities in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Uganda, and South Sudan, and utilize that knowledge to inform strategy and analysis of conflict-to-peace transitions.

There is growing recognition in the policy and practitioner communities that existing indicators of peace and stability are limited. Oftentimes, they are unable to differentiate between levels of peace within and between communities, and they are developed at national, or even international, levels and ‘imposed’ from the top down. There is without doubt value in aggregate data, but such indicators can serve as limited proxies of peace and fail to capture the experiences of affected communities, especially when violence is localized to specific districts, regions, or neighbourhoods.

In response, the EPI Project is piloting a new methodology that complements these existing indicators, whilst remaining responsive to the experiences of conflict-affected communities. In partnership with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in each of the participating countries, the EPI Project will facilitate community members to identify their own local peace indicators and then input those indicators into a community-specific survey. The survey will be administered in the communities at intervals using mobile phone technology to measure change over time. We will then use what we learn to lobby policy-makers and organizations to incorporate ‘everyday peace indicators’ and other participatory methodologies in their own processes for understanding and analyzing transition and change.

In August and September, our local partners will travel to the IJR’s offices in Cape Town to receive training on the EPI Project’s research methodology and develop strategies for rolling out the project in-country by the end of the year.

The EPI Project builds upon the IJR’s ten decades of participatory justice and reconciliation work in Africa. We share the belief that local communities are best placed to see the improvement or deterioration of their own society and to select the ways to describe and influence change. To learn more and follow our work, please visit <http://www.everydaypeaceindicators.org>

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EPI PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

The following organizations are involved in the EPI Project:

THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION IN CAPE TOWN, South Africa.

THE KROC INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE STUDIES at the University of Notre Dame in the United States is one of the world’s leading centers for the study of the causes of violent conflict and strategies for sustainable peace. Kroc Institute faculty and fellows conduct interdisciplinary research on a wide range of topics related to peace and justice. Prof. Pamina Firchow is a Principal Investigator of the EPI Project. kroc.nd.edu

THE HUMANITARIAN AND CONFLICT RESPONSE INSTITUTE at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom is a leading research and postgraduate training institution that specializes in the impact and outcomes of contemporary and historical crises. Prof. Roger Mac Ginty is a Principal Investigator of the EPI Project. hcri.ac.uk

THE JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION PROJECT (JRP) in Gulu, Uganda, empowers conflict-affected communities to participate in processes of justice, healing and reconciliation. They have played a key role in transitional justice in Uganda through research and advocacy since 2005. www.justiceandreconciliation.com

PACT SUDAN in Juba, South Sudan, works to enhance South Sudanese capacity to address the recovery process, with a focus on return and reintegration, cross-border peace dialogues, good governance, civil society and access to information, among others. www.pactsudan.org

THE DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH TRUST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (DERT-SA) in Harare, Zimbabwe, is dedicated to promoting and nurturing democracy, human rights, good governance and responsive leadership. The organization is driven by the need to promote integral human development through the provision of development education and action research. www.dert-sa.org

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- [Policy Brief No 13: Gender and Reconciliation in the New Kenya](#), by Peter Nordström

WHAT FELLOWS HAVE BEEN UP TO

MOSES CHRISPUS OKELLO was an IJR-ICTJ Fellow in 2002. He currently serves as Conflict Analyst for the Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanism of the Inter-governmental Authority on Development (IGAD). Prior to this, he was variously Head of the Research and Advocacy Department and Senior Research Advisor with the Refugee Law Project, Faculty of Law, Makerere University. During his time with the Refugee Law Project, Moses was involved in shaping local, national and continental transitional justice and human rights agenda, a process that has seen him engage with organisations and individuals across Eastern, Western and Southern Africa, in undertaking research and catalysing policy processes. At the local level, Moses conceptualised and saw through the creation of Uganda's only National Memory and Peace Documentation Centre (NMPDC), an institution that is dedicated to documenting peoples experiences of conflict and violence in northern Uganda. He has numerous book chapters and articles to his credit and also serves respectively as Editorial Board Member of the International Journal for Transitional Justice and Advisory Board Member of openGlobalRights, alongside other affiliations. Moses is a holder of an MA in International Human Rights Law.



JOSEPHINE ATIM was a Fellow in 2011. For the past 10 years, I have worked with victims of the Lord's Resistance Army in Northern Uganda. I have contributed and been part of numerous action oriented research teams that studied the

impact of the war generally in the communities and particularly on women and children. Since 2005 I have been working with the Victims Participation and Reparation Section of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in Uganda. From 2009, I started working on the Kenyan situation as well and still do when necessary. By working through partners, I have identified and trained strong men and women passionate in working with victims of crimes within ICC jurisdiction to accurately communicate with victims about the novelty of victim participation before the ICC, I continue to advocate to our partners to ensure that victims within the ICC programs are included in other transitional justice processes on going in the communities. I have linked up our partners to several service providers and we continue to make referrals of victims to benefit from services that they would otherwise not get from the ICC. Networking with other organisations has benefited our program since it's a judicial institution. Also, because of no proceedings due to lack of arrest of the wanted LRA commanders, victims have not seen actual benefits of participation therefore, a call for them to be part of other processes in the country is what I am focusing on. I am closely observing and encouraging the Uganda Victims Foundation and other partners to proactively participate in discussions on other transitional mechanisms in Uganda (as options for redress) so that an active role of victims in them is guaranteed.



VALNORA EDWIN was one of the first ever IJR/ICTJ Fellows in 2002. She is a Sierra Leonean and currently serves as the Director of the Campaign for Good Governance, a post she has held for the past seven years. She has a Masters in Human Rights from the Central European University in Hungary and a Masters in Governance and Leadership from the Institute of Public Administration and Management (IPAM) in Sierra Leone. She also has a certificate from the Transcend Peace University on Peace based Leadership and Governance and from the Kofi Annan Peace Keeping

Centre on International Electoral Observation. She has served in various other capacities as facilitator, trainer and in national programs such as commissions of inquires. She has vast experience in governance, public policy, human rights, a civil society activist and a political governance analyst. She specifically has firsthand experience of transitional justice processes; especially truth commissions and reparation programs. She has also served as a national observer in Sierra Leonean elections since 2004. She also serves as a regular contributor to media discussions on governance issues.



ZACHARIA DIING AKOL was an IJR Fellow in 2009. He is a native of South Sudan and currently heads the department of training at the Sudd Institute, a Juba-based policy research non-profit organization. Diing has extensive experience in community outreach, government and organizational leadership. He is currently working on M.Res. /Ph.D. in political science at the London School of Economics and Political Science in the United Kingdom. Diing's research interests include the role of civil society organizations in peacebuilding, transitional justice, post-conflict governance,

traditional leadership and democratic governance, post-conflict reconstruction, faith and public policy, and the dynamics of civil war. Before co-founding the Sudd Institute Diing served as a consultant for the Government of South Sudan, evaluating parliamentary activities and government programs. He also served as a Project Luke fellow at the Overseas Ministries Studies Center in New Haven, Connecticut, USA. He has facilitated short courses on conflict resolution, peace building, leadership and administration in Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, Malakal and Renk, South Sudan and given public lectures on Sudan and South Sudan at numerous universities across the United States.

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