



Diaspora Organizations and Science. Two Worlds, One Mission: A Dialogue on Migration and Conflict

(preliminary program)

The International Civil Society Forum on Conflicts (INFOCON) is a European Commission funded research project, aiming to offer a better understanding of how Civil Society Organizations representing Transnational Communities can help in preventing and resolving conflicts. The two-day conference will bring together the INFOCON researchers, policy experts and representatives of the Civil Society.

The conference will be held on the 22nd and 23rd of April, 2010
in Nijmegen, the Netherlands.

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Day 1 (22 April 2010)

09.30–10.00: **Welcome**

Stephan Kampelmann and/or Elise Féron

10.00–11.00: **Keynote speech**

Peter Hansen (Danish Institute for International Studies)

Expertise: Transnational migration and development, return and repatriation, and the involvement of diaspora groups in post-conflict development processes in the Horn of Africa.

11.00–12.30: **Drivers for Transnational Economic Activities in Post-conflict Countries**

Speaker: Rued Ruben, Radboud University, CIDIN

Discussant: Gentian Zyberi, CRAN

12.30–14.00: **Lunch**

14.00–15.30: **Transnational Communities and Conflict Policies**

Speaker: Hugh Miall, Kent University, CARC

Discussant: Jochen Hippler, Universität Duisburg–Essen (t.b.c.)

15.30–17.00: **“Without romance no future?”**

A debate on the integration of diaspora organizations in the development sector.

Do diaspora organizations and development organizations actually *want* to work together? And if so, how can this cooperation be strengthened? What is the surplus value of diaspora organizations compared to development organizations? Do development organizations feel threatened by diaspora organizations? What about migrants' knowledge about their home countries?

Participants will be directors from several migrants' and development organizations from the Netherlands.

17.00–... Drinks

Day 2 (23 April 2010)

09.30–11.00: **Transnational Communities in their host societies:
Political Mobilization and Conflict Resolution**

Speaker: Nathalie Perrin, Université de Liège, CEDEM

Discussant: Marusca Perazzi, Minority Rights Group International

11.00–12.30: **Conflict resolution workshop on Kosovo**

This workshop builds on a previous dialogue experience moderated by Prof. Hugh Miall in Lille in May 2009.

Participants will be a panel experts from Kosovo, Serbia and from communities living in the Netherlands.

12.30-13.30: Lunch

13.30–15.30: **The challenges faced by diaspora communities and
how can they be addressed**

Roundtable on the INFOCON Handbook with the participation of INFOCON partners and invited civil society organizations.

15.30–17.30: *Internal meeting of the INFOCON partners*

Responsible: Stephan Kampelmann, Internationalist Foundation