EVENT INVITATION

Book presentation: Confronting Land and Property Problems for Peace – Challenges and Solutions

Wednesday, September 17, 2014, 3:30pm
*Followed by a cocktail reception*
IOM 1st Floor Conference Room - 1752 N St NW, Washington, D.C. 20036

Almost invariably, when there is conflict, there are also land and property issues. Either they are part of the cause of conflict, or they are caused by, and sometimes sustain the conflict. Moreover, disputes over land and property are also frequently the main driver of violence and forced displacement at the community-level. The fact that access to land and property is also directly related to the conflict-affected populations’ ability to engage in livelihood activities underscores the necessity to address land and property issues as part of peacebuilding efforts.

With the book Confronting Land and Property Problems for Peace, the Japanese International Cooperation Agency Research Institute (JICA-RI) aims to contribute to the international policy discussion on how to best engage on land and property issues in peacebuilding contexts. The editor and the author of the book, Mr. Shinichi Takeuchi and Ms. Mari Katayanagi, will present the main findings of the research, focusing in particular on its policy implications.

Land and conflict experts from USAID; the International Organization for Migration and the World Bank will discuss those findings, drawing on their diverse geographical experience in conflict and post-conflict settings.

Their comments will be followed by a public discussion and a cocktail reception.

Welcome
Luca Dall’Oglio, Chief of Mission, IOM Washington

Presentation
Mari Katayanagi, Associate Professor
Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation Hiroshima University
Shinichi Takeuchi, Director of the African Studies Group,
Institute of Developing Economies - Japan External Trade Organization

Discussion
Timothy Fella, Land Tenure and Conflict Advisor, USAID
Deborah Isser, Senior Counsel, Program Manager, Justice for the Poor, the World Bank Group
Peter Van der Auweraert, Head of the Land, Property and Reparations Division, IOM Geneva

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