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# Armed Conflicts in Africa: Their Impacts on the Quality of Life, Human Health and Biological Diversity

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Armed conflicts induce colossal damage. By reducing drastically the quality of life as well as human health and biological diversity, they disturb the basis for development of countries and threaten the survival of their populations.

For the international community, the prevention of armed conflicts and their impacts remains a complete challenge. Held in the difficult African context characterized by extreme poverty, weak governance and the multiplication of armed conflicts, the organizers of the seminar of Kinshasa 2008 "Armed Conflicts in Africa: Their Impacts on the Quality of Life, Human Health and Biological Diversity" wish to nourish a real reflection around these crucial issues, which threaten the sustainable development of African countries.

## OBJECTIVE

The seminar's objective is to mobilize and sensitize countries and international organizations on the importance of the preservation of the quality of life, human health and biological diversity in Africa, in peace, conflict and post-conflict periods.

The objective will be attained by presenting tools and methods for impact assessment of armed conflicts in Africa and by formulating concrete and useful recommendations that will help stakeholders to manage crisis and to integrate environmental degradation into their strategies.

## THEMES

Environmental consequences of armed conflicts are felt at the local, regional and global levels. They persist through time, long after the end of the hostilities. Yet, they are inadequately approached and poorly evaluated, even underestimated. This is why Kinshasa seminar 2008 will focus on the impacts of armed conflicts in Africa on the quality of life, human health and biological diversity.

This main theme branches into four (4) areas:

- ◆ Tools and methods for impact assessment of armed conflicts as a way to address alternatives and mitigation measures;
- ◆ Assessment of human and health impacts in armed conflict periods: towards which approach for the restoration of environmental governance?
- ◆ Biological diversity conservation and restoration in the development procedures of conflict and reconstruction;
- ◆ Tools and methods of assessment and analysis of the impacts of armed conflicts on the quality of life.

## SUBMISSION OF COMMUNICATION AND INSCRIPTION

Summaries of communications relevant to the seminar's theme are to be addressed exclusively in electronic versions (Word or RTF format, Arial 12). They must include a title, the authors, the institution to which the authors are related and key words. Summaries must be no more than 350 words. The submission deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup> 2008.

The seminar will be held at Nganda de Kintambo Center, Kinshasa. Fees include documentation, participation to the seminar, coffee breaks and lunches:

Inscriptions prior to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2008: 200\$ USD

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