

Building local capacities, institutions, policies and clear rules to manage natural resources in post-conflict societies is therefore a key part of peacebuilding.

This meeting of the WGLL will explore the following key questions:

- What environmental issues are important for peacebuilding?
- How do environmental factors contribute to conflict?
- What has been done in practice to integrate environmental concerns into peacebuilding?
Where are the major gaps?
- What role have land issues played in peacebuilding?
- How can the international community support governments in addressing the environment/conflict nexus?
- What role can the PBC play?

Format and Structure

The Working Group on Lessons Learned meeting will be held from 10am to 1pm on 8 May 2008 in the ECOSOC Chamber.

Chair

H.E. Ambassador Heraldo Muñoz, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations.

Panelists

Dr Richard Matthews, Associate Professor, University of Irvine, California, “Integrating the Environment into Peacebuilding: Rationale and Evidence”

Mr. David Jensen, Policy and Planning Coordinator, UNEP Post-Conflict and Disaster Management Branch, “UNEP’s Post-Conflict Interventions – a Comparative View”

Dr Clarissa Augustinus, Chief, Land, Tenure and Property Administration Section, Shelter Branch, Global Division, UN-HABITAT, “Land Issues and Peacebuilding”

Discussant

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A Chair’s summary report will be available for circulation after the meeting.