



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 (Assistant Managing Director) and/or
Elise Féron (INFOCON Research Director)
- 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: **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
- 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
- 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
want to work together? How can this cooperation be
strengthened? Are diaspora organizations the solution for
conflict prevention? And if so, why should development
organizations still focus on this subject?
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 **Networks and their Role in Poverty Reduction: Drivers for Transnational Economic Activities in Post–Conflict Countries**
Speaker: Ruerd Ruben, Radboud University Nijmegen, CIDIN
Discussant: Gentian Zyberi (t.b.c)
- 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
- 12.00–13.30: *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**
Stephan Kampelmann, Internationalist Foundation