



SECURITY SECTOR REFORM

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GRADUATE PROGRAM IN PEACE, DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY STUDIES

9 May 2017

Subject: Invitation for Security Sector Reform (SSR) Conference

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Security Sector Reform Think Tank of the Kofi Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation of the University of Liberia is pleased to invite your institution to **SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES** at the International SSR Conference to take place on **15-16 June 2017 at the Auditorium, Capitol Hill Campus, University of Liberia, Monrovia.**

This conference is being organized by the University of Liberia with the support of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) with the objective to create a knowledge-sharing forum for security sector actors across the global south and north to discuss challenges, opportunities, alternatives and best practices in the field of SSR.

The conference aims to democratize the production of knowledge encouraging all national and international security sector practitioners, including officers, policy-makers, traditional leaders, communities and scholars to write about their individual and institutions experiences on national ownership, policy and strategy-making processes, international law, democratic governance, institutional reform, criminal justice, and customary/informal institutions, gender, human security, and human rights.

CATEGORIES OF PARTICIPATION

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 31 MAY 2017

Interested individuals are encouraged to contribute on subjects that they have direct knowledge or professional experiences or research in the following categories:

SENIOR PRESENTERS: Presentation of papers by professionals and graduate students

Submit by 31 May a brief abstract on your research with bibliographical references (150 words) with your registration form to ssr.thinktank.liberia@gmail.com. A complete article of 10-20 pages (8-10,000 words) will be requested on 5 June. You will be expected to present your paper at the group discussions during the Conference.

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PARTICIPANTS: Registration for the lectures is open to all interested participants

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In order to capture the views, knowledges and experiences from your institution, we would highly appreciate it if you could respectfully nominate no less than three persons to draft papers and represent your organization at each of the sessions of the conference. Attached you can find the registration form. More forms can be requested at ssr.thinktank.liberia@gmail.com or at the Kofi Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation (Opening hours: 9h-17h, Cell#: 0777-047-800/0886-729-211/0886-513-677)

The best papers/poster presented will be selected to form part of a book on SSR in Liberia to be developed by the University of Liberia with UNMIL support. The registration for the **conference is free of charge** and the accredited participants will receive a **certificate of participation**.

We would like to emphasize that the participation of your institution's representatives in the conference is critical for the building and sharing of local knowledge in the field of peace and security in Liberia and beyond.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Sincerely,

T. Debey Sayndee
Director

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