

KOFI ANNAN INSTITUTE FOR CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

Special Events 2017

Armed Forces Day, Panel Discussion Contribution, City Hall, 7 February 2017: AFL Program

"The Armed Forces of Liberia: Supporting and Defending our Democratic Transition": Input by F. Gerdes

KAICT Speaker Event, 15 February 2017, UL Auditorium, Panel Discussion:

Industrial Gold Mining in Liberia – First Experiences with a New Industry

Panellists:

Hon. Conmany Wesseh, Senate Standing Committee on Concessions and Investment

Hon. Samuel J. Summerville, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy

Ms. Mae Azango, Journalist, New Narratives & Front Page Africa

Mr. Ali Kabah, Sustainable Development Institute (SDI) and Center for Policy Studies (CERPS)

Mr. Harold M. Aidoo, Institute for Research and Democratic Development

Moderator: Teteo Geebro, UNMIL Radio & New Narratives

International Day of Peace: School Student March for Peace and Education Event, **21 September 2017** Ganta City

In Cooperation with Partners from the Civil Peace Service Liberia

Joint KAICT-UNMIL Election Violence Prevention Workshops, with Civil Society and Community Leaders

11- 13 April, 2017: Monrovia; Corina Hotel: For capital city civil society

29-30 August 2017, Gbarnga, Bong County (For North and Central Liberian Civil Society and Community Leaders)

26-27 September 2017: Two-day Workshop in Zwedru, (for South-Eastern Liberian Civil Society and Community Leaders)

Bong and Gbarpolu Peace Conference: Kakata, Margibi County, September 14 – 15, 2017:

(Mediation meeting between county authorities on county borders), with Guidelines for the Mediation presented by Felix Gerdes

Security Sector Think Tank Dialogues

The SSR Think Tank aims to create spaces and opportunities for thinking and dialogue on security sector governance processes in the country. The *Think Tank* gathers key Liberian Security Sector stakeholders, including academic scholars, policy makers, security sector officers, civil society representatives, and local communities.

Tuesday 24 January 2017 at the Auditorium, Capitol Hill Campus, University of Liberia. The dialogue will be held under the theme 'Local Ownership of Security Sector Reform

Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 16h30-18h30 at the Auditorium, Capitol Hill Campus, University of Liberia, Monrovia. The dialogue on February 15 will be held under the theme 'The Customary and Informal Security Sector,

Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 16h30-18h30 at the Auditorium, Capitol Hill Campus, University of Liberia, Monrovia. The dialogue on May 17 will be held under the theme ‘Human Rights and Institutional Reform.’

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 16h30-18h30 at the Auditorium, Capitol Hill Campus, University of Liberia, Monrovia. The dialogue on June 14 will be held under the theme “Gender-responsive Security Sector Reform
April -August 2017: Advisory Committee Participation of KAICT for GIZ project on establishing Natural Resource Management Training Course (including participating in 100 hour pilot training July/August 2018

Public Infotainment and Discussion Events, 2017-2018

Date, Time & Location	Event	Featuring
16 January 2017	National Social Security and Welfare Corporation: The Duties, Responsibilities & Benefits of the NASSCORP’S Program	Georgina Williams, Isatu Ville Cheeks
24 January 2017	Söderström’s Research: Ex-combatants in Liberia’s Post-War elections	Gerdes
8 February 2018	Screening and Discussion: Andreas Wimmer: Waves of War: Nationalism, State Formation and Ethnic Exclusion	Gerdes
22 February	Discussion of Global Witness Report: Holding the Line	Gerdes
3 May 2017	In Memoriam Hans Rosling: Presentation Screening	Gerdes
Wednesday, May 10, 2017 5 pm – 7 pm Graduate School Building, Ground Floor Hall, Capitol Hill Campus	KAICT Wednesday Seminar Annual Governance Report: The Liberian Electoral Process The Governance Commission already now gives us insights into its most recent, not yet published report. The forthcoming report seeks to identify conditions assuring that all players in the 2017 elections agree to the rules of the process, and their role and responsibilities to the process. The Annual Governance Report also reviews Liberia’s electoral systems, analyzes data referencing Liberia’s elections including the Liberian Constitution and election laws, and recommendations made are based on information gathered, findings and interpretations of the Commission.	Governance Commission Delegation
Tuesday, May 16, 2017 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	EU Film Festival: Movie Screening and Discussion Songs of Redemption (2013) Directors: Amanda Sans and Miquel Galofre	Alberto Menghini Head of Cooperation

<p>University of Liberia Auditorium, Capitol Hill Campus</p>	<p>Documentary. Songs of Redemption is a feature length documentary about the rehabilitation of inmates through music in Kingston, Jamaica, Tower Street Adult Correctional Centre, known as the General Penitentiary or “GP.”</p>	<p>Section EU in Liberia</p> <p>In collaboration with EU Mission in Liberia</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 17, 2017 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm</p> <p>University of Liberia Auditorium, Capitol Hill Campus</p>	<p>4th Security Sector Think Tank Dialogue: Human Rights and Institutional Reform</p> <p>Presentations and plenary discussion with key actors of Liberia’s security sector.</p>	<p>Chair: Prof. T. Debey Sayndee</p> <p>External Experts</p> <p>In collaboration with UNMIL</p>

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<p>Thursday, May 18, 2017 4:30 – 6:00 PM</p> <p>University of Liberia Auditorium, Capitol Hill Campus</p>	<p>EU Film Festival: Movie Screening and Discussion The Land Beneath our Feet (2016) Directors: Gregg Mitman, Sarita Siegel</p> <p>Documentary. When lost footage from the 1920s depicting a corporate land grab in the early days of globalization arrives back in Liberia, it sparks inquiry into how Liberians lost sovereignty over the very land that sustains them. The Land Beneath Our Feet weaves together rare archival footage from a 1926 Harvard expedition to Liberia with the journey of a young Liberian man, uprooted by war, seeking to understand how the past has shaped land conflicts in his country today.</p>	<p>Gregg Mitman, Co-director</p> <p>Emmanuel Urey, Documentary Protagonist</p> <p>In collaboration with EU Mission in Liberia</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 24, 2017 8 am – 3:30 pm</p> <p>University of Liberia Auditorium, Capitol Hill Campus</p>	<p>Natural Resources Day Building Liberia Through Efficient Management of our Natural Resources</p> <p>A whole-day information and discussion event. Features key note speeches by distinguished personalities, a panel discussion, topical break-out sessions, an essay contest award, and a market place where organizations involved in the natural resource sector showcase their activities.</p>	<p>KAICT and external experts</p> <p>In collaboration with German Cooperation</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 31, 2017 5 pm – 7pm</p> <p>Graduate School Building, Ground Floor Hall, Capitol Hill Campus</p>	<p>KAICT Wednesday Seminar International Humanitarian and Human Rights Laws in Times of Conflict and Peace</p> <p>The lecture will introduce the theory and practice of international humanitarian and human rights laws, addressing the role of the security institutions on the protection of civilians in times of armed conflict and peace.</p>	<p>Mr. Anees Ahmed Chief of Legal Affairs UNMIL</p>

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<p>Wednesday, June 7, 2017</p> <p>GD Building</p> <p>Ground Floor Hall</p> <p>5 pm -7 pm</p>	<p>Wednesday Seminar An Overview of The Liberia Freedom of Information Act (2010)</p> <p>Liberia is the first West African Country to have enacted a comprehensive Freedom of Information law. Freedom of Information (FOI) is a fundamental human right for all persons. The establishment of an Independent Information Commission (IIC) in Liberia is an attempt to ensure that this fundamental right is enforced and adhered to by the government. The presentation will explain the FOI Act, the work of the IIC and how difficulties in getting information from government institutions can be addressed.</p>	<p>Cllr. Marc B.-W. Freeman, Commissioner, Independent Information Commission</p>
<p>Wednesday, June 14, 2017</p> <p>UL Auditorium</p> <p>4:30pm-6:30 pm</p>	<p>Security Sector Think Tank Dialogue: Gender-responsive Security Sector Reform</p> <p>The SSR Think Tank, a joint undertaking by KAICT and UNMIL, aims to create spaces and opportunities for thinking and dialogue on security sector governance processes in the country. The Think Tank gathers key Liberian Security Sector stakeholders, including academic scholars, policy makers, security sector officers, civil society representatives, and local communities. This June Dialogue focuses on how to systematically integrate protection of women’s human rights into SSR and strengthen the position of women in security sector institutions.</p>	<p>Security Sector Experts</p>
<p>Wednesday, June 21, 2017</p> <p>GD Building</p> <p>Ground Floor Hall</p> <p>5 pm -7 pm</p>	<p>Wednesday Seminar Book Launch: Perry, John & Sayndee, T. Debey (Dec. 2016): Social Mobilization and the Ebola Virus Disease in Liberia. Falls Village: Hamilton Books</p> <p>The book presented by Prof. Sayndee offers a summary of the background and the evolution of the EVD crisis. In contrast to many other publications, it focuses on how ordinary Liberians improved their understanding of the hitherto unknown disease and argues that effective community responses were the key to defeating the epidemic. It further discusses the lessons learned, the effect of the disease on children, and the way forward for the international health care system to prepare itself better for possible future epidemics of the same scale and gravity.</p>	<p>Prof. T. Debey Sayndee, Director KAICT</p>

<p>Thursday, June 22 to Friday, June 23, 2017 UL Auditorium</p>	<p>Security Sector Reform International Conference</p> <p>The conference, a joint undertaking by KAICT and UNMIL, 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.</p>	
<p>Wednesday, June 28, 2017 GD Building Ground Floor Hall 5 pm -7 pm</p>	<p>Wednesday Seminar Health Policy – Policy for Health?</p> <p>Today, we observe an emerging renaissance of health policies, a <i>conditio sine qua non</i> for our future on this planet.</p> <p>The presentation starts with an analysis of the global key problems and continues with the conceptualization of public health versus individual health. Subsequently the first main section deals with organizational structures of the public health sector followed by a discussion of common goals. The third main section deals with the example of the European Union health policies and its essential principle of subsidiarity. Finally, the global situation with regard to population health will be reviewed referring to the Monterrey consensus of 2002. In conclusion, the drivers of the renaissance of public health policies and the elements of their modernization will be summarized.</p>	<p>Prof. Dr. med. Ulrich Laaser, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Bielefeld</p> <p>Ulrich Laaser is a doctor of internal and social medicine. He currently supports Liberia’s Ministry of Health.</p>

Date		TOPIC	Presenters	DATE
5 July 2017	F Gerdes	Global Witness Report: The Deceivers: Sable Mining and Wologizi	Felix Gerdes, KAICT	5 July 2017
12 July 2017	Dr. Anthony Hena	Hon. Dorbor Jallah: The PPCC: Framework, Challenges and Prospects	Hon. James Dorbor Jallah Executive Director, Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC)	12 July 2017
19 July 2017:	Dr. Anthony Hena	“Arms into Art -On the role of arts in strengthening a culture of peace”	Manfred Zbrzezny, Liberia-based Artist	19 July 2017:
Oct. 25 2017	Dr. Felix Gerdes	FREAKONOMICS: Levitt’s Controversial Approach to Development	Felix Gerdes, KAICT	Oct. 25 2017
1 Nov. 2017		Issues in Human Rights and transitional Justice	Prof. Ahmed Sirleaf, KAICT	Nov. 1

8 Nov. 2017		Strategies in preventing election violence	Dr. Anthony Hena, KAICT	Nov.8
15 Nov. 2018	Dr. Anthony Hena	Peaceful and successful negotiation: guideline and strategies	Dr. Anthony Hena, KAICT	Nov. 15
Nov. 22		ROAD SAFETY	In Cooperation with European Union and German Cooperation	Nov. 22
Dec. 6	KAITSU student Union	Inauguration	KAICT	Dec. 6
Jan. 10 2018	Ricarda Rösch:	Talking Human Rights in Liberia	KAICT	Jan. 10 2018
Jan 17.	Franklin Siakor	Evolution of Multi party democracy in Liberia	KAICT	Jan 17.
Jan 24.	Prosper Addo	The role of the African Union in the 2017 democratic elections	KAICT	Jan 24.
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June 6		Book Launch: Understanding West Africa's Ebola Epidemic: Towards a Political Economy, Zed Books, London. Edited by Ibrahim Abdullah & Ismail Rashid Input Presentations and Panel Discussion	Presenters: Ibrahim Abdullah & Ismail Rashid (eds.). Discussants: Prof. T. Debey Sayndee	June 6

			(KAICT), Hon. Norris Tweah (Deputy Minister of Information during EVD crisis), Mr. Stephen B. Kennedy, M.D. Principal Investigator PREVAIL	
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July 4	Dr. Felix Gerdes	(Movie)	KAICT	July 4
July 11	Eddie Mulbah	Peacebuilding and Reconciliation in Liberia	PBO	July 11
July 18	Eddie Mulbah	Peacebuilding and Reconciliation in Liberia PART 2	PBO	July 18
Aug 1	Jerry Boweh	Culture and cultural activities to bridge long divisive gaps. A case study of Liberia		Aug 1
Aug 8	Cerue Kona Garlo	Women and the Right of Access to Information in Liberia	Carter Center	Aug 8
Aug 15	Prof. T. Debey Sayndee	Kofi Annan Institute in Retrospect	KAICT	Aug 15

Aug 22	Prof. T. Debey Sayndee	Liberia's Exchange Rate Crisis: Background and Policy Options"	Panel Discussion Min Tarpeh, Prof Wallace, Prof Farhat, Gerdes	Aug 22
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Special Debates, Workshops, Events 2018

Discussion Input Given on Armed Forces Day Symposium and Panel Debate, 5 February 2018, Monrovia City Hall, Liberia Safeguarding the Military's Integrity During Democratic Transitions to Promote Peace and Stability in Liberia

Best and Worst Practices in (Re-)Integrating the Displaced: Lessons from Liberia: Joint Workshop of Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC) & Kofi Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation (KAICT) University of Liberia, Capitol Hill Campus, GD Building, Ground Floor Hall, Thursday, 19 April 2018 With Government, Civil Society, International Community,

International Conference on SSR to take place on 21-22 Feb 2018 at the Auditorium, Capitol Hill Campus, University of Liberia, Monrovia. The Security Sector Reform Think Tank of the Kofi Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation of the University of Liberia;

2-day Land Grabbing Training 14-15 February 2018, CAFOD in collaboration with Kofi Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation (KAICT), Monrovia, GD Building, UL: Promote understanding and Civic Competence on land grabbing (LG) issues. **Participants:** The target participants will include: representatives of Civil Society organisations whom are already working on land rights, academic scholars, diplomatic missions, religious leaders, and National Commission for Justice, Peace (NCJPC) and Caritas.

12th Street Community Workshop: Effective Community Organization and Leadership, 12 May 2018

Capacity Building Workshop Organized by the Kofi Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation (KAICT) in Collaboration with the 12 Street Community Leadership

Academic Didactic and Teaching Methodology: Workshop for KAICT faculty and part-time instructors; 17-18 May 2018, GD Building, University of Liberia, Held on 17/18 May, 2018

KAICT Natural Resource Day, 20 June 2018, Gbarnga: County Perspectives on Natural Resource Management

12th Street Community Workshop: Capacity Building, 24 August 2018

Capacity Building Workshop Organized by Students of Kofi Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation (KAICT) in Collaboration with the 12 Street Community Leadership, 24 August 2017