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Keynotes June 19 – 20, 2015

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Morning Keynote - Friday, June 19, 2015 8:45 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Managing Armed Conflicts: Learning From Reality

In the 21st century humanity is communicating globally but institutionally divided. National institutions are facing global problems as genocide in Darfur, ISIS terrorism and transnational organized crime. An analysis of Joseph Kony's case will assist to learn about possibilities and limitations and an example of the challenges ahead. It is urgent to refine our methods to solve conflicts.

About the Speaker:

Luis Moreno Ocampo was the First Chief Prosecutor of the new and permanent International Criminal Court (ICC) from 2003-2012. During his term, the ICC was involved in 20 of the biggest conflicts of the 21st century, opened investigations in 7 different countries and prosecuted 30 leaders involved in atrocity crimes, including Joseph Kony, President Bashir for genocide in Darfur and Muammar Gaddafi for crimes against humanity committed in Libya. During the eighties he was leading one of the first transitional justice efforts in his native Argentina. He was Deputy Prosecutor in the trial against the "Military Junta", and the Prosecutor in military rebellion cases in 1988 and 1989. He was visiting Professor at Stanford (2002), Harvard University (2003), and "Distinguished visiting scholar" at NYU Law School (2013). Currently he is in private practice at New York's law firm "Getnick & Getnick" and "Senior fellow" at the Jackson Institute for global affairs at Yale University.

Afternoon Keynote - Friday, June 19, 2015 12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Circle Forward: Building a Restorative School Community

Building a restorative school community typically requires a deep shift in the culture of a school. This shift involves every human interaction in the school. Circle is a practice to help develop the habits which create the culture we want – a culture that values and respects every member and attends to the things that are not working in relationships. Regular and routine use of the circle practice is a key infrastructure of a healthy school community. Because schools are the one universal developmental institution outside the home, they are the one place where children are in regular ongoing relationship with adults. Circle support individual learning and growth, and at the same time they contribute to the development of a healthy positive school community for all.

About the Speaker:

Kay Pranis is an independent trainer and facilitator for peacemaking circles. From 1994 to 2003 she served the Minnesota Department of Corrections as the Restorative Justice Planner. Since 2003 she has provided training in the circle process to groups across the US and Canada and in Costa Rica and Brazil. Kay has been involved in the development of circle processes in criminal justice, schools, neighborhoods, families and the workplace. She is author of *The Little Book of Circle Processes: A New/Old Approach to Peacemaking* and a co-author of *Peacemaking Circles: From Crime to Community*, *Doing Democracy with Circles – Engaging the Community in Public Planning*, *Heart of Hope – A Guide for Using Circles to Develop Emotional Literacy, Promote Healing and Build Healthy Relationships* and most recently *Circle Forward: Building a Restorative School Community*.

Morning Keynote - Saturday, June 20, 2015 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

A Strategy for Changing America

About the Speaker:

Dr. Harold Saunders is the director of international affairs at the Kettering Foundation, where he has been instrumental in the US/Russian dialogue and the US/China dialogue. Saunders, who was US assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs between 1978 and 1981, is the architect of Sustained Dialogue, “a public peace process” designed to change relationships among those in deep-rooted human conflicts. As chairman and president of the International Institute for Sustained Dialogue (IISD), he conducted peace-making and peace-building dialogues during and following the civil war in Tajikistan, 1993–2007, as well as a three-year dialogue to improve relationships between the Muslim Arab heartland and the West. IISD is currently conducting a dialogue with participants from Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorno Karabakh, as well as a dialogue on national reconciliation with participants from across the political spectrum in Iraq. Saunders is the author of *A Public Peace Process: Sustained Dialogue to Transform Racial and Ethnic Conflicts* (St. Martin’s Press, 1999) and *Politics Is about Relationship: A Blueprint for the Citizens’ Century* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2005). Saunders received an AB from Princeton University and a PhD from Yale University.

Protecting and Promoting the Human Rights of Women

About the Speaker:

Ms. Elizabeth Abi-Mershed is the Assistant Executive Secretary for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) (Organization of American States – OAS) and coordinates the work of the Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Women. Previously she was a Principal Human Rights Specialist for the OAS. In relation to her work on gender issues, she has published "The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights: Prospects for the Inter-American Human Rights System to Protect and Promote the Human Rights of Women" in *Women and International Human Rights Law* (Transnational Publishers; Kelly Askin and Dorean Koenig eds. 2000). She received her Juris Doctor from the Washington College of Law, and holds a Masters in Law in International and Comparative Law from the Georgetown University Law Center.