

# Architecture of Peace: a two day conference

## *Theme:*

How do we materialize peace? How do politics and policy-making, finance and power, social structuring and empowerment need to balance with design processes? And how does this lead to a stable, safe, clean and inviting environment that facilitates peaceful interaction between groups of people?

## *Focus:*

The possible role of architecture in the second phase of reconstruction after conflict.

## *Participants:*

We intend to bring together the field of architecture and planning and that of development cooperation: the two main protagonists in rebuilding the post-conflict city. Other participants are from the fields of academics, politics and the military. The first day will include 50 invited guests and a public invitation to all interested for a series of lectures. On the second day, the invited guests will further explore the thematic issues in working groups.

## *Aim:*

To set a new agenda for action to restore the 'urban fabric' in post-conflict societies.

## **Programme**

### *Day one: State of the Art*

09.30-17.00 - the conference will start of by giving an overview of the main issues that form the practical and academic context of an architecture of peace. Six keynote speakers from different domains will give a lecture and present a case study.

Lectures by Prof Sultan Barakat (Post-war Reconstruction and Development, University of York, UK), Jeroen de Lange (Senior Economist, World Bank, Uganda), Jolyon Leslie (Aga Khan Trust for Culture, Afghanistan), Kai Vöckler (Archis Interventions, Berlin), Prof Cees Hamelink (International Communication, University of Amsterdam, NL), and Hilton Judin (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa).

### *Day two: Building the New Discourse*

10.00 to 17.00 - during most of the day, the participants will work in groups to construct the necessary ingredients for the new Architecture of Peace discourse. For each of the sessions three specific themes will be formulated ranging from more theoretical notions to practical perspectives. The workshop leaders will include the keynote speakers from day 1.

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