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## Call for Papers and Posters

**Human Security Conference, 22 -23 May 2013, Accra, Ghana**

*—The Quest for Human Security: Knowledge and Experiences from Ghana and across the Globe—*

The four-year Human Security Programme (HSP), entitled “Enhancing Human Security through Developing Local Capacity for Holistic Community-Based Conflict Prevention in Northern Ghana”, has been jointly implemented by six UN agencies, namely UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, FAO, UNIDO and UNU-INRA in close collaboration with the Government of Ghana and other key stakeholders. The programme sought to empower local institutions, communities and individuals to manage and prevent conflict in Northern Ghana as a means to ensuring sustainable human security in the area. The programme supported the following interrelated five-prong interventions: 1) Local capacity development, 2) Conflict prevention mechanisms, 3) Income generation/ job creation, 4) Food, health and nutrition security, and 5) Mainstreaming and advocating the human security concept. The HSP has supported 19 communities in the four (4) programme areas, i.e., Bawku Municipality in the Upper East Region, Wa Municipality in the Upper West Region, Tamale Metropolis and Yendi Municipality in the Northern Region, with funding from the Government of Japan through the UN Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS).

The programme, which was launched in 2009, will be ending in May 2013 and will organize an international conference on 22-23 May 2013 — as part of activities marking the official closing of the programme and providing a platform for exchange of innovative ideas, and networking and forging collaboration among a wide range of stakeholders. This human security conference is calling for papers and posters from researchers, practitioners, policy makers or any other interested individuals to share knowledge in human security. This two-day conference is a momentous event focusing on evolving concept, approaches, and practices addressing the challenges associated with human security in Africa. It will feature programme stakeholders (including UN agencies, beneficiaries, local and national institutions), keynote speakers, researchers, practitioners and policy makers from across the continent and from other parts of the world.

### **Specific objectives of the conference:**

- To share the human security concept, approaches and practices applied in the HSP and progress/ changes made in programme areas with a wide range of stakeholders
- To facilitate mutual learning between HSP stakeholders (incl. UN agencies, beneficiaries, local and national institutions) and other non-programme stakeholders (incl. researchers, practitioners and policy makers)
- To disseminate key knowledge from the learning process

## Proposed Conference Themes

- 1. Human Security and Capacity Development:** *Capacity is considered critical for enhancing human security at the national and local levels. Human security hybrid to combine Protection (top-down approaches) and Empowerment (bottom-up approaches) is one of approaches to strengthening national and local mechanisms for promoting human security and ownership. Organizational capacity at both national level (incl. legislative capacity) and local level (incl. ability for local level organizations to advocate human security, to demand and promote protection) can also be further explored. How does capacity at national or local level affect human security? How can capacity be strengthened? How can national and local ownerships be forged?*
- 2. Poverty-Conflict Nexus:** *In general, conflicts tend to result in a substantial loss of human capital, property and development opportunities; such situations leave conflict sensitive areas out from a developing economy. It is also often reported that various poverty dimensions —such as high level of youth unemployment, long non-farming dry season during which farmers tend to be idle and unproductive, food insecurity and malnutrition, arms production as a lucrative venture, and income disparity— are closely linked with conflict. What kinds of linkages have been observed? Can poverty reduction lower risks of conflict and vice versa? How can both dimensions be put into practical programming?*
- 3. Human Security and Natural Resources Management:** *Human security and natural resources management is an emerging dimension which is critical to peace and development in Africa. Major examples include land tenure issues, access to productive land for agriculture, inequity in distribution of benefits from natural resources and management of natural resources. Knowledge and experiences in how to promote human security and natural resources management thus need to be shared and discussed. How can human security be enhanced without compromising the sustainability of natural resources?*
- 4. Human Security in Practice: Experiences and Lessons Learnt:** *There are various elements encompassed within the human security concept, e.g., freedom from fear (peace), freedom from want (development), life with dignity (human rights); prevention-oriented; context-specific; multi-sectoral; protection and empowerment framework. Various human security initiatives are increasingly implemented in various parts of Africa and other parts of the world; and such human security concept has been applied in one way or the other. What experiences have you had in human security initiatives? What lessons have you learnt? How can the human security concept better serve political, developmental and/or security agenda? The theme provides a platform for stakeholders in Africa or beyond to share practical experiences and lessons through human security projects as well as applied research.*

The conference is focused on Africa; however, contributions that address relevant human security experiences from other parts of the globe are welcome. In addition to formal papers, we are very interested to hear from policy and decision makers, donors, researchers, NGOs and community representatives who have knowledge and experiences for enhancing meaningful mutual learning.

Those who would like to make a presentation (oral or poster) are expected to submit relevant write-ups (abstract, full paper, PowerPoint presentation file and/or poster) depending on their preferred mode of presentation. There are three possible ways of presentation:

- 1) Oral presentation with full paper submission;
- 2) Oral presentation during the conference (but without full paper submission); or
- 3) Poster presentation.

The deadline for submitting abstracts (maximum of 300 words, for both oral and poster presentations) is **Friday, 5 April 2013**. Abstracts will be subjected to review by a Scientific Steering Committee. The submission deadline for each knowledge product can be found in the tables below and more detailed guidelines for each are available in the Appendixes.

✳ **Paper/ Oral Presentation**

	Deadline/ Due Date	Form of submission	Guidelines
Submission of <b>Abstract</b>	Friday, 5 April 2013	Electronic file via email	<b>Abstract Format</b>
Submission of <b>Full paper</b>	Wednesday, 15 May 2013 (One week before the conference)	Electronic file via email	<b>Appendix 1</b>
Submission of <b>PowerPoint Presentation</b>	Wednesday, 15 May 2013 (One week before the conference)	Electronic file via email	<b>Appendix 2</b>

✳ **Poster Presentation**

	Deadline/ Due Date	Form of submission	Guidelines #
Submission of <b>Abstract of Poster</b>	Friday, 5 April 2013	Electronic file via email	<b>Abstract Format</b>
Submission of <b>Poster</b>	Bring in a hard copy of poster in either ways (See below) ✧	Hard copy of poster	<b>Appendix 3</b>

✧ *To the conference secretariat (UNU-INRA, Legon-Accra) between 8:00am and 5:00pm on 20-21 May 2013 for setting up poster boards prior to the conference; or*

✧ *To the conference venue by 8:00am on 22 May 2013 (Day 1 of the conference)*

✳ Some important information concerning logistics (including costs of participation) can be found in '**Basic Logistical Information**' file.

You can find an **abstract submission format** on the UNU-INRA website at [www.inra.unu.edu](http://www.inra.unu.edu)

Authors are advised to strictly adhere to the formatting guidelines attached when writing full papers. Please e-mail abstracts and/or questions to:

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## Appendix 1: Full paper guidelines

Item	Description
<b>Title</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Titles do not exceed two lines in print.</li> </ul>
<b>Author's Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Author name(s)</li> <li>• Current designation and Organization each of the authors is working with</li> <li>• Email address and phone numbers (especially that of the submitting author)</li> </ul>
<b>Paper size and margins</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A4 size and 1 inch margin (i.e., 25.4 mm margin) on all sides.</li> </ul>
<b>Text</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The entire paper should have a maximum of 20 pages. (A recommended maximum number of words is 10,000 words excluding tables, figures and list of references.)</li> <li>• Font size 12 points and Times New Roman and double spacing.</li> <li>• Only two levels of numbered subheadings are accepted. Below are examples:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>1.1.</li> <li>1.1.1.</li> <li>1.1.2.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Tables and figures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tables</b> should each be presented on a separate page, portrait or landscape orientation (depending size). Tables must have a one-line caption above the table (Font size 11 points, New Times Romans and bold).</li> <li>• <b>Figures</b> shall include pictures, schemes and graphs. They should be left aligned. Figures must have a one-line caption above the table (font 11, new times romans and bold).</li> </ul>
<b>Referencing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referencing should follow the author-date (Harvard) reference system. All literature cited in the text must be listed as part of your reference list. Reference must be in alphabetical order and not numbered. Below are some examples.</li> </ul> <p><b>Book/ Paper (Single Author):</b>  <i>Annan, K. 2004. A More Secure World: Our Shared Responsibility, Report of the Secretary-General's High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change. United Nations: New York.</i></p> <p><b>Book/ Paper (More than 2 Authors):</b>  <i>Ogata, S. &amp; Sen, A. 2001. Human Security Now: Commission on Human Security. United Nations: New York.</i></p> <p><b>Journal Article:</b>  <i>Gaspar, D. 2005, 'Securing Humanity – Situating “Human Security” as Concept and Discourse', Journal of Human Development, vol.6, no.2, pp. 221-245.</i></p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those who wish to submit a full paper to be considered for inclusion in an edited book and whose abstract is accepted by the Scientific Steering Committee should submit a full paper to the conference secretariat by <b>15 May 2013</b> (one week before the conference).</li> </ul>

## Appendix 2: Guidelines for PowerPoint presentation during the conference

Item	Description
<b>Time allocation and number of slides</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A general guideline is to plan for 1-2 minutes per slide. The 15 minute slot allows 7 – 15 slides.</li> </ul>
<b>Title slide</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title of your presentation as given on the abstract</li> <li>• Conference theme and year</li> <li>• Your name and affiliation as well as those of co-authors</li> </ul>
<b>Format</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The font size (for title, sub-headings, body text) should be big and readable enough for audience even from far distance (The conference room is large.)</li> <li>• For clarity, ensure a high contrast between the text and the background.</li> <li>• As much as possible, use Images or graphics to complement the information being conveyed.</li> <li>• Keep figures, tables, and other graphics simple. Symbols, letters, and numbers on figures and tables should be legible.</li> </ul>
<b>Equipment available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LCD projector</li> <li>• Laptop</li> <li>• Laser pointer</li> </ul> <p>✧ <i>Any additional need should be provided by presenter</i></p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presenters should send their PowerPoint presentation file to the conference secretariat by <b>15 May 2013 (one week before the conference)</b>.</li> </ul>

### Appendix 3: Guidelines for Posters

Item	Description
<b>Ideal poster</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide an overview of your submitted abstract</li><li>• Attract attention</li><li>• Initiate discussion and questions</li></ul>
<b>Dimension</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 84 cm (width) *118 cm (Height) and 2 cm margin</li></ul>
<b>Title</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Poster title in large bolded fonts and positioned at the top and centered</li><li>• Author name(s) and affiliation(s) are put below the title</li></ul>
<b>Content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summarise your research under the following headings: background, objective, methods, results and conclusion.</li><li>• Ensure all diagrams, graphs, figures and tables are neat and legible even at 2m away and well captioned</li><li>• Use shapes and background colours to group related ideas. Avoid cluttering of the poster with too much text.</li></ul>
<b>Deadline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Poster presenters can submit their finalized poster to either:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✧ <i>The conference secretariat (UNU-INRA, Legon-Accra) between 8:00am and 5:00pm on 20-21 May 2013 for setting up poster boards prior to the conference; or</i></li><li>✧ <i>The conference venue by 8:00am on 22 May 2013 (Day 1 of the conference)</i></li></ul></li></ul>