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## **Finding Peace and Justice in Africa**

## February 17, 2007, 9a.m.-4:30p.m. The University of California Los Angeles (School of Public Policy, Rooms 2343 & 2355-Parking #3)

Co-hosted by: The Africa Diaspora Foundation, The UCLA Black Faculty and Staff Association and The International Criminal Court Alliance

Finding Peace and Justice in Africa is designed to inform and empower individuals to focus US foreign policy on the special needs of Africa, and to suggest methods to work with non-governmental actors to improve relations with and conditions in Africa. Our missions are both: 1) to influence long-term US foreign policy for bringing peace, justice and prosperity to the areas of Africa most affected by atrocity crimes and armed conflict; and 2) to create long-term grass roots partnerships and alliances to help Africa reach its potential regarding respect for life, human rights and the rule of law. Our hope is to maintain a dialogue about what can be done to improve conditions in Africa. This day long series of panels is designed to start a continuing series of programs on the West Coast of the US to promote our relationships with Africa and its peoples.

Presentations include panels on "Women's Rights in Africa", "How To Prevent Atrocity Crimes and the Onset of Armed Conflict Before They Occur", "How To Lessen the Impact of Armed Conflicts on Civilians" and "How To Heal Societies Following Atrocity Crimes or Armed Conflicts." Panelists will discuss issues related to the conflict in Darfur, treatment of refugees, and the treatment of women and children during and after armed conflicts.

Opening remarks will commence at 9:00 a.m. Sessions will commence at 9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m, continuing from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m, a lunch break, and resume from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. A group discussion will follow until 4:30 p.m. on how to pro-actively use the information learned on building our relationships with Africa and its people, s and to summarize lessons toward the goals of finding ways to influence U.S. foreign policy on Africa.

Please come and join a distinguished group of experts on issues concerning Africa on Saturday, February 17, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the UCLA School of Public Policy, to see how you can work to improve conditions and find peace in Africa. We hope to challenge each participant to find ways they can make a difference.

For more information, the conference schedule and how you can participate, please contact Sean Butler, co-chair of the International Criminal Court Alliance, at <u>tsbummer@msn.com</u>, or call 310.473.0777

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