



Thursday, 26 January
Regards croisés: «Ethique personnelle et multilatéralisme au service des faiseurs de paix»

Carlos Lopes

Carlos Lopes, Bissau-Guinean national, served as Political Director in the office of UN Secretary-General. He is currently UN Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC). He has often played the role of a mediator, more specifically, in Zimbabwe, Nigeria, and Cameroon.

TUESDAY, 24 JANUARY

Diplomatie pyromane, Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah, former Special Representative of UN Secretary-General and President of the Center for Strategy and Security for the Sahel Sahara (Centre4s)

ONU: calmer le jeu tant qu'il est temps, Issa Diallo, former Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General and former UN Under-Secretary-General

Followed by an open discussion moderated by Angelique Mounier-Kuhn, Le Temps

WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY

Des orages qui annoncent le printemps africain, Mohamed Sahnoun, former Deputy Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), former UN Under-Secretary-General for Africa, and President of the Caux Forum for human security

Une sahélienne de l'ONU au cœur des bouleversements à l'est de l'Europe, Aminata Djermakoye, former Chief of Protocol at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, and Director of Administration at the UN Office in Geneva

Followed by an open discussion moderated by Anik Schuin, RTS

THURSDAY, 26 JANUARY

Regards croisés: «Ethique personnelle et multilatéralisme au service des faiseurs de paix» by **Carlos Lopes**, UN Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director of UNITAR and Director of the UN System Staff College (UNSSC), jointly with **Issa Diallo, Aminata Djermakoye, Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah et Mohamed Sahnoun**

Followed by an open discussion moderated by Michel Beuret, RTS

Scientific director: Jean-Pierre Gontard

Free entrance. The event will be held in French.

Each session will be followed by an open discussion with the public.

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Five African peacemakers share their stories



Burundi (02.12.2004). UN Photo/Martine Perret

Mali (09.02.2011). Photo: L'ESSOR, national daily newspaper



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Africa at the heart of global issues

The international community can no longer neglect the importance of Africa and its rising geopolitical weight. The reinforced global focus on Africa emerges as a result of the continent's history, its youthful population, its agricultural potential and natural resources that increasingly attract different governments, multinational companies, and transborder political movements. At the same time, the region suffers from significant tensions and violence that have led the United Nations to intervene, on many occasions, with a view to promoting conflict prevention and resolution.

In Focus: Five African peacemakers

Africa's transformation was often accompanied by spiraling violence prompting the international community's interventions. It's important, however, to shed light on the crucial - and often neglected - role that different personalities of African origin played and continue to play in the area of peacemaking. The University of Geneva, in cooperation with UNITAR, wishes to provide an ideal platform to five African peacemakers who have made a distinguished and courageous career at the highest level within the United Nations. As an institution dedicated to the promotion of academic research and dialogue, the University of Geneva plans therefore to launch conferences featuring the respective experiences of these five personalities who have closely worked not only with political leaders in conflict zones, but also with the Heads of State and Government of several African countries, and the decision makers of interstate organizations such as the African Union, the League of Arab States, the UN Economic Commission for Africa, etc. Taking place in Geneva, an international city and a host to numerous negotiations, these conferences will help to reveal the critical peacemaking and peacekeeping work carried out away from the international capitals. These five African peacemakers will for the first time discuss with the public their successes and failures, as well as share their visions of how their countries and their home continent as a whole might evolve in the coming decades.



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Tuesday, 24 January
Diplomatie pyromane

Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah

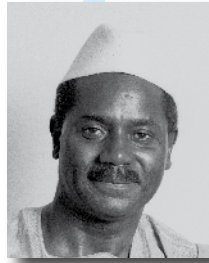
Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah, a Mauritanian diplomat, has more than once served as Special Representative of UN Secretary-General. Throughout his career, he has acted as a mediator in conflicts in the Horn of Africa, the Great Lakes region, more specifically in Burundi, and in Western Africa. He is currently the President of the Center for Strategy and Security for the Sahel Sahara (Centre4s).



Wednesday, 25 January
Des orages qui annoncent le printemps africain

Mohamed Sahnoun

Mohamed Sahnoun, an Algerian diplomat, has served as Deputy Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), and UN Under-Secretary-General for Africa. He was nominated Special Representative for the Horn of Africa, and the Great Lakes region, and was the architect of the mediation process in Sudan. He is currently the President of the Caux Forum for human security.



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ONU: calmer le jeu tant qu'il est temps

Issa Diallo

Former Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General and UN Under-Secretary-General Issa Diallo has participated, on many occasions, in the conflict resolution processes in the Sahara, the Horn of Africa, and Angola. As a result of his continuous active involvement, he has been designated National Mediator in his home country, Republic of Guinea.



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Wednesday, 25 January
Une sahélienne de l'Onu au cœur des bouleversements à l'est de l'Europe

Aminata Djermakoye

Aminata Djermakoye from Niger served as Chief of Protocol at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, and Director of Administration at the UN Office in Geneva. She has contributed to conflict resolution in Eastern Europe, namely in the Balkans and the Caucasus.

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