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Inclusive Security Supports Women Negotiators in Uganda's Peace Process

Consultation with Ugandan women negotiators scheduled to be held in Nairobi

WASHINGTON, D.C. – [The Initiative for Inclusive Security](#) will conduct a four-day consultation for female participants in Uganda's peace negotiations in Nairobi, Kenya, beginning Sunday.

“Women have an incredible ability to enhance negotiations and peace agreements when they work together to bring issues they care about to the fore. It is inspiring that Ugandan women are seeking to increase their influence in pursuit of sustainable peace. We are honored to be able to help them,” said Carla Koppell, Inclusive Security director.

This is the first in a series of consultations Inclusive Security will conduct with women directly involved in the Ugandan peace talks, which are being held in Juba, Sudan. At least 10 women, including representatives of the Government of Uganda, the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), the mediators' team, and the official observer team, are scheduled to participate in this consultation, which will focus on coalition-building and honing effective negotiation skills.

In September 2007, Inclusive Security provided a similar training in Sudan, as part of a comprehensive effort to increase women's representation and effectiveness in the Darfur peace negotiations. While in Sudan, the Initiative met with a variety of stakeholders including female negotiators, members of parliament, and representatives of the international community who have sought guidance from the Initiative to help prepare women for peace talks.

The Juba peace talks, which began in July 2006, are currently in recess for local consultations. Parties have agreed to three of the five agenda items for the talks. The LRA rebellion in Uganda has lasted for more than 20 years.

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The Initiative for Inclusive Security, a program of Hunt Alternatives Fund, advocates for the full participation of all stakeholders, especially women, in peace processes. Creating sustainable peace is achieved best by a diverse, citizen-driven approach. Of the many sectors of society currently excluded from peace processes, none is larger—or more critical to success—than women. Since 1999, Inclusive Security has connected more than 500 women experts with over 5,000 policy shapers to collaborate on fresh, workable solutions to long-standing conflicts across the globe. For more information visit www.InclusiveSecurity.org.