

Women, Conflict Management and Peace building in Africa

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Abstract

Africa nations over the years have been ravaged by conflict which has torn apart the social fabric and also weakened the solidarity and human characteristics of the Africa society. This has resulted in destabilization, displacement and infrastructural destruction which have gender-specific impact on the affected population. This is why accurate information on peace, conflict and gender issues is essential for well informed planning, policy making and action in order to build a culture of peace in Africa and the world at large. Women constitute majority of the world's refugees and internally displaced persons. Protecting the world from the destructive cost of war requires not only international communities, but women also, who must work together to prevent the start and spread of violent conflict.

This paper examines the root causes of conflict in Burundi at different levels, institutions and practices that propagates conflicts. The paper examines the progress made so far by women with the introduction of resolution 1325 by the United Nations Security Council. The paper identifies some needs of women that need to be met to engender post-conflict resolution and peace building in order to build a culture of peace in Africa.

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