

Democratisation Cluster

Civil Society *Espace d'Echange* Workshop held in Kinshasa, 2-4 March 2009

The Initiative for Peacebuilding and International Alert are supporting a three-day *Espace d'Echange* dialogue session from 2-4 March where members of Congolese civil society from different parts of the DRC will come together in Kinshasa to discuss key ideas around the decentralisation process.

Organised by the Congolese NGO SERACOB, the meeting will give participants the chance to exchange information, share lessons and conclusions from experiences in different provinces and develop advocacy messages for dissemination to relevant stakeholders. A short summary of the discussion will be posted on the IFP website after the meeting.

Agenda:

Monday, 2 March

9h30	Arrival of participants and invited guests
10h30	Opening Ceremony and presentation of participants Welcoming address by SERACOB Opening remarks by the Minister for Decentralisation and Land-use Planning
11h30	Presentation of the context and the 'state of the nation'
11h50	Presentation of the situation in South Kivu, Kasai Occidental and Kinshasa
14h00	Overview of sub-theme 1 "Decentralisation Financing from the DRC Government"
14h30	Group work
16h00	Plenary session
17h30	Closing

Tuesday, 3 March

8h15	Evaluation of the preceding day
8h30	Overview of sub-theme 2 “Decentralisation Financing from the International Community”
10h30	Group work
14h00	Overview of sub-theme 3 “Local Ownership of Decentralisation: What about Local Initiatives?”
15h50	Group work
18h00	Closing

Wednesday, 4 March

8h15	Evaluation of the preceding day
8h30	Plenary session: lessons learned and future actions
10h50	Group work
16h30	Evaluation of the seminar and synthesis of work
17h00	Closing ceremony -Presentation of synthesis of work -Remarks from participants -Remarks from organisers -Closing remarks from the Minister for Decentralisation and Land-use Planning