MANAGING NATURAL RESOURCES

FOR POST-CONFLICT REINTEGRATION & RECOVERY

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Introduction:
Violent conflicts inevitably result in damage to the very same natural resources upon which post-conflict recovery depends, whether through direct damage to ecosystems and wildlife or through indirect destruction caused by coping strategies and survival mechanisms. At the same time, conflict weakens the institutions responsible for the management of these resources and diverts financial support from the mechanisms that may have been in place to manage a state’s natural resources.

The international community has only recently acknowledged the crucial role that natural resources play in post-conflict peacebuilding, reintegration and recovery. This evolution of thought advances the idea that post-conflict interventions must carefully consider linkage has been recognised in peacebuilding and reintegration policies, moving from this acknowledgement to practice is not instantaneous.

The Managing Natural Resources for Post-Conflict Reintegration & Recovery workshop represents a first step to bridge this gap. Bringing practitioners together to share their collective experiences and knowledge on the risks and opportunities presented by natural resources, the workshop endeavoured to improve the responsiveness of post-conflict interventions in a more conscious and deliberate manner.
Introduction: Background

To address the issue of natural resource management in post-conflict settings, the Inter-Agency Working Group on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (IAWG), the Center for Stabilization and Reconstruction Studies (CSRS), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) designed and hosted an interactive workshop on Managing Natural Resources for Post-Conflict Reintegration & Recovery. The workshop was held from 27 February – 2 March 2012, in Montreux, Switzerland, and joined post-conflict actors with varying expertise from the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR), recovery and natural resource management communities to consider and share experiences regarding ways in which natural resources can be used to support sustainable reintegration and recovery to ensure long-lasting peace and economic, social and environmentally sustainable development. Co-funded by UNEP, UNDP, IAWG, CSRS, the Government of Finland and the European Union, the workshop provided participants with policies, tools and good practices to integrate natural resource considerations into their post-conflict reintegration and recovery programming.

The workshop grew out of the UNDP-UNEP Joint Initiative on DDR and Natural Resources (UNDP-UNEP Joint Initiative), which seeks to understand the role of natural resources in DDR programmes and to illustrate how they can be utilised to promote more effective and sustainable reintegration. The UNDP-UNEP Joint Initiative is currently finalising a policy report entitled “Sustaining Peace and Security: The Role of Natural Resources in Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Programmes.” This policy report will serve as the basis for the development of the Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standards (IDDRS) module on DDR and Natural Resources. The workshop was also a direct spin-off from the UNEP policy reports “From conflict to peacebuilding: the role of natural resources and the environment” and “Greening the blue helmets: environment, natural resources and UN peacekeeping operations.”

Agriculture start over in Zubeir after mine-cleaning. (Mine Action by Jamal Penjweny, 2011 - Irrigation project in Zubeir.)

Introduction continued

UN-supported Reintegration Programmes within the DDR Context

As of the Third Report of the Secretary-General on DDR of 21 March 2011 (A/65/741), in 2010, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes were supporting reintegration programmes in 18 countries and territories: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Indonesia, Kosovo, Liberia, Nepal, Nigeria, Serbia, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Uganda. This list includes reintegration programmes supported by the International Organization for Migration. These reintegration programmes were providing assistance to an estimated 257,000 ex-combatants (of whom approximately 10 per cent were female), 9,000 women associated with armed forces and groups (WAAFG), as well as 11,393 children associated with armed forces and groups (8,624 male and 2,769 female). Over the five years from 2006 to 2010, the United Nations has completed reintegration programmes in four countries (Angola, Liberia, Niger and Timor-Leste), which have provided reintegration support to approximately 234,000 participants. During the same period, the United Nations began supporting new reintegration processes in nine countries and territories (Afghanistan, Chad, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Nepal, Nigeria, Somalia and Sri Lanka).
I feel that I have come away with much more information and practical knowledge that I can apply to our program in Burundi. In my opinion, the four learning objectives were met. I had a personal objective as well: develop networks in this new area, which I believe that I have also accomplished.”

Craig Castro, UNDP Burundi

**Introduction: Participants & Methodology**

The workshop was structured to maximise input from participants’ personal experiences and lessons learned using a combination of presentations, group activities and facilitated panel discussions. The workshop also aimed to strike a balance among presentation of key material, group work and networking time to allow participants to follow-up on topics of interest with each other as well as workshop organisers and facilitators on a one-on-one or group basis. A detailed agenda is included as Annex 1.

Thirty-eight participants chosen from over 360 applicants participated in the workshop. Participants hailed from over thirty different countries including Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, France, Germany, Ghana, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, South Sudan, Sudan, Switzerland, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States and Zambia. A list of participants is included as Annex 3.

This diverse group included representatives from government, United Nations agencies, civil society organizations, private sector, academia and the armed forces. Participants brought forth a wide range of expertise, including in the areas of natural resources, DDR, recovery and peacebuilding.

This workshop report captures the overall outcomes of discussions and presentations along with specific examples from the participants’ country and programme experiences. The ultimate objective of this workshop report is to highlight the key issues, resource management and the role of natural resources into reintegration and recovery programmes.

**Workshop Learning Objectives**

At the end of the workshop, participants were expected to be able to:

- Analyze the relationships between natural resources and conflict and the role of natural resource management in contributing to reintegration, recovery, and peacebuilding in (post) conflict contexts;
- Apply a range of policy and programmatic approaches for promoting reintegration and recovery through natural resource management for DDR, community security and post-conflict employment programmes;
- Identify and develop innovative practices and tools based on lessons learned and good practices to integrate natural resources into reintegration and recovery programming;
- Evaluate the opportunities to more effectively address natural resources through integrated programmatic approaches and institutional mechanisms.
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“Confl ict over natural resources has become a prominent and recurring feature in modern conflicts.”

**Figure 1: UNEP framework for understanding natural resources and conflict linkages**

Drivers of conflict over natural resources

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Interact with other socio-economic, political, security tensions and stresses

- Weak Institutions and Governance
- Strong Conflict De-escalation and Resolution

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The Role of Natural Resources in Conflict continued

Statistically, over the last 60 years, at least 40% of internal conflicts have been linked to natural resources. Current thought and practice is evolving to recognize the significant role that natural resources play in conflict and peacebuilding. This is reflected in the facts that peace agreements are increasingly including provisions on natural resources and that policies now consider natural resource issues as integral to peacebuilding strategies and priorities which are indicated in Figure 2 below.

Figure 2: UNEP framework for understanding natural resources and peacebuilding linkages

Peacebuilding Priorities

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The UN increasingly recognizes the role of natural resources in DDR programmes as well. In his third report on DDR of 2011 (A/65/741), the United Nations Secretary-General recognized the emerging need for guidance on natural resources and DDR (Module 6.30) is being developed.

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Figure 3. UN Employment Policy

Peacebuilding Process

- Pre-Peace Accord Planning
- Peace Agreement
- Pre-Assessments Pilot Projects
- Peace Settings Security, Relief, Early Recovery Target Groups
- Negotiations
- Stabilization
- Early Peace Recovery
- Consolidation, Equity, Recovery, Quick Peace Dividends
- Inclusive Government
- Targeted Communities
- Peace Settings
- Reintegration
- Consolidation, Equity, Recovery, Quick Peace Dividends, Targeted Communities
- Sustainable Growth, Enabled Economic Environment, Social Justice
- Nation Wide
- Transition
- Sustainable Employment Creation and Decent Work
- Labor related mechanisms and institutions

The Policy Landscape: UN Integrated DDR Standards & UN Employment Policy

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Throughout the workshop, participants discussed ways to ensure appropriate inclusion of natural resources along these different tracks. Results of these discussions identified Track A short-term employment projects as opportunities to restore the natural resource base following conflict, while Track B approaches can focus on broader community-driven sustainable employment options, including jobs in natural resource management, green economy and related sectors. Track C focuses on needed policy development and regulatory frameworks to facilitate sustainable employment for the long-term. All tracks can also support economic recovery approaches, as detailed in Figure 4 below.

**The Policy Landscape continued**

**Figure 4: Examples of Tracks A, B, & C developed by the UNDP-UNEP Joint Initiative on Natural Resources and DDR.**

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| Track A: Short-term stabilization for income generation and emergency employment; QIPs | Emergency temporary jobs:  - Cash-for-work - Public employment services | • Clearing debris, removal of waste  
  • Rebuilding damaged infrastructure for agriculture (roads, irrigation, communications)  
  • Restoration of ecosystems, including reforestation, rehabilitation of wetlands and river banks |
| Targeted livelihoods and self-employment start-up grants | Replenishing nurseries, seeds, livestock for rural agriculture-based livelihoods  
  • Supporting small enterprises based in agriculture or harvesting of non-timber forest products  
  • Supporting small enterprises for recycling and recycled products |

Activities initiated in Track A will constitute the basis for the employment opportunities articulated in Track B. Provisioning of basic services in Track A will also underpin the local economic recovery programmes of Track B. Focus on infrastructure development in the following natural resource sectors will facilitate the physical capital needed for employment creation and broader economic recovery.

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| Track B: Local Economic Recovery for Employment Opportunities and Reintegration | Capacity development:  - Basic service delivery  
  • Dispute resolution  
  • Business services | • Support for extension services, cooperative support mechanisms and business development services  
  • Development of Community Environmental Action Plans (CEAPs) to support locally-identified needs  
  • Support for technical assistance and training for CEAPs |
| Community-driven recovery programmes:  - Social and economic capital | Community infrastructure development (water, sanitation, irrigation, schools, health centers, markets); also transportation to link communities  
  • Ecosystem rehabilitation (to reduce risks of disaster – including effects of drought, floods and landslides) |
| Local economic recovery measures:  - Value-adding activities  
  - Financial development | Engagement of private sector in natural resource-based value chains and BioTrade  
  • Make available capital for agriculturalists  
  • Support extension services and technical assessments and assistance for processors of agricultural goods and forest resources |

Track B will focus on employment creation and income generation activities in line with Local Economic Recovery Guidelines. Building on the infrastructure investments made in Track A, Track B will emphasize employment and income generating opportunities related to natural resource management in services, SME’s, and value chains and will identify opportunities to revitalize and scale-up public and private sector activities necessary to ensure recovery and sustainable development.

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| Track C: Sustainable Employment Creation and Decent Work | Support for employment policies |  • Include environmental standards promoting job growth with the private sector and require EIAs for new projects  
  • Support development of good labor policies in extractive resource sectors to ensure that foreign firms source local labor and promote decent work  
  • Ensure that land and property rights are addressed and provide fair and just adjudication procedures  
  • Support rights of indigenous groups, ex-combatants, women and other vulnerable populations to be able to access employment and income generating opportunities in natural resource management sectors  
  • Promote the use of sustainable technologies through policy incentives and partnership development |
Approaches to Address Natural Resources in Post-Conflict Reintegration & Recovery

Referring to experience of UNEP in Sudan and South Sudan, workshop participants discussed the role natural resources in livelihoods and how natural resources can be used to support reintegration and peacebuilding activities during recovery. Applying a livelihoods approach to the context analysis of a post-conflict setting can help to identify areas of intervention to be addressed by the programme. Such interventions can include community and individual-level livelihoods support, as well as support for natural resource management by local and national government institutions.

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South Sudan: Reintegration, Livelihoods and Natural Resources

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) found that in South Sudan livelihoods are mainly based on renewable natural resources, such as fish or land, and may require minimal processing. Performing such an inventory of the natural resource base, including whether there is a cultural significance to a certain natural resource, contributes to the analysis of alternative, diversified livelihood opportunities, and will inform potential opportunities. This inventory can be created on its own, but can also be informed by the results of the application of the Assets and Liabilities portion of the livelihoods framework.

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Sudan: Partnering with the Private Sector

Within the framework of the DDR programme, UNDP recommended a reverse value-chain analysis in order to identify from where waste is coming and where there are opportunities to improve profit margins and the environment, and to potentially create jobs. In Sudan UNDP identified a problem of excessive PET bottles. Although the job-creation expectations were not fulfilled, by engaging the private enterprise that is the bottler of Coke products using a phased approach (asking for a reasonable initial commitment with the potential for growth), UNDP matched an environmental problem with a solution – addressing an excess of trash in communities without good waste management practices with a PET collection system. The benefit to the bottling company, as being responsible for a certain portion of the creation of that waste, was that with little input it could demonstrate that it is an industry leader with a clear social commitment.

\[\text{Feedback Factor Processes, Institutions} & \text{& Policies Strategies Goals and Outcomes}\]

\[\text{Assets / Liabilities Influence & Access} \]

\[1\text{ Lautze, Sue and Angela Raven-Roberts. 2006. Violence and complex humanitarian emergencies: implications for livelihoods models. Disasters 30 (1):63-87. This livelihoods framework was specifically adapted to be relevant to violent settings and recognizes that livelihood inputs may be either assets or life- and livelihood threatening liabilities. See Young, Helen; Osman, Abdal Monium; Abusin, Ahmed Malik; Asher, Michael and Egemi, Omer. “Livelihoods, Power, and Choice: The Vulnerability of the Northern Rizaygat, Darfur, Sudan." Tufts University. 2009, p. 11-22.}\]

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When engaging private industry, participants identified the importance of having a common goal. For example, in a reintegration program using BioTrade, all actors working within a value chain in a region/country collaborate towards a common goal: to create income-generating opportunities that are economically, socially and environmentally sustainable. By ensuring these equitable ends, private industry can market its sustainable production and consumption. When approaching the private sector, it is important to identify these win-win opportunities.

Putting projects and their goals into the context of the larger interventions planned in a post-conflict country may also inform priorities and opportunities for reintegration. Workshop participants discussed this using the case in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), where UN-Habitat’s programme addressed land tenure. Since the success of that programme created another need to address housing, workshop participants noted that a reintegration or recovery project could build on that and provide training opportunities for developing technical building skills, including construction, plumbing, and electricians; developing businesses which could provide building materials; developing local supplier capacity for building materials; and/or developing providers of alternative energy options which will be needed for the housing plan or programme.

Integrating Natural Resources into Reintegration & Recovery Programmes – Lessons Learned & Recommendations

The following topics were discussed throughout numerous facilitated sessions and group work during the workshop to achieve better understanding of how natural resources can be incorporated into programming.

Post-Conflict Analysis

Incorporating natural resources in conflict analysis requires a thorough understanding of the role that natural resources have played in the motivations or drivers leading up to the conflict, as well as ways in which they might have been used by armed forces and groups to support their activities. Furthermore, the role of natural resources in the conflict economy should be thoroughly analysed in order to inform the development of post-conflict employment and economic programming.

In terms of conflict actors and the relationship with the conflict economy, military-owned businesses (or “Milbus”) are often ignored actors in the post-conflict setting. Transparency International presented their experience as to how Milbus can play a major role in the handling of natural resources. Accordingly, programmes will benefit from an analysis of the role and impact of military and paramilitary organisations in relation to natural resources. This assessment should also include the role, if any, that private security is playing in the conflict.

Another important consideration for the context of post-conflict economies discussed in the workshop is that the informal economy often dominates the economy – especially in those countries that have been in conflict for long periods of time. A viable livelihoods analysis must take into account the informal sector.

In the DRC, UNEP identified healthy uses of the informal sector, such as water associations, that are community-owned and managed and that could be legitimized as part of a recovery programme. Unhealthy uses of the informal sector, such as artisanal mining with mercury, also exist and should be identified so that these sectors can be transformed and/or viable alternative livelihoods offered.

There is no internationally agreed upon definition of the informal economy. The ILO describes the informal sector as economic activities “that are not recognized and protected under the legal or regulatory frameworks... Informal workers exposed to a high degree of vulnerability and exploitation” (ILO Conference, 90th Session, 2002). Six criteria (1. Firm Size; 2. Registration; 3. Compliance with regulations; 4. Honest and transparent accounts; 5. Evidence of a fixed location; and 6. Access to bank credit) have also been applied to identify informal activities, although these criteria restrict the informal sector to non-agricultural sectors. (Benjamin and Mbaye; Kanbur, 2009).
Assessments

Engaging in comprehensive assessments prior to programme design is crucial to the development of reintegration and recovery programmes that are responsive to the risks and opportunities posed by natural resources. Workshop participants discussed these issues in depth in numerous different contexts. The types of assessments that are needed to inform programmes in order to ensure that natural resources are properly taken into account can be vast, though workshop participants believe that natural resources and sustainability issues could be integrated into existing assessments.

Key points to consider:

- Livelihoods assessments: to identify the key natural resources needed to support livelihoods and to identify areas where programmes interventions can provide the most impact. Such assessments must include the role of natural resources in social dynamics, including gender issues and access to natural resources and decision-making processes in natural resource management by women;
- Land tenure assessments: to ascertain whether there are potential conflicts over land and other natural resources in the area and to know whether there are sufficient land resources available to support the particular programme intervention;
- Employment skills assessments: In South Sudan the IOM found value in performing an assessment of available skill sets. This assessment can be referred to throughout the development of a programme ensuring a match between the reintegration options offered and the profile of the project participants. Such an assessment not only allows for a more effective tailoring of training programmes, but also can provide baseline information for any subsequent impact evaluation;
- Project feasibility study: A lesson learned from UNDP’s experience in Sudan is the importance of performing a feasibility study. According to UNDP, a feasibility study performed at the outset of programming, would have helped to minimize unrealistic expectations concerning job creation and the achievement of two results through one programme. Feasibility studies are important whenever programmes are working with market-based opportunities and the private sector;
- Environmental impact assessment: Ecological mistakes have been made in the past, such as providing cattle or livestock which are inappropriate for the area or beginning a massive tree planting campaign without an understanding of the availability of water to ensure the survival of the seedlings. To avoid future oversights, participants suggested that an environmental impact assessment (EIA) be required once a reintegration programme has been conceived.

Participants noted that good natural resource management practices should be taken into account for every project. However, these do not always need to be a project objective. It is not always possible or desirable to ensure projects have reintegration or recovery objectives and natural resources management objectives at the same time. At the minimum, appropriate natural resource management practices need to be adopted in reintegration and recovery interventions.

Where possible, opportunities should be seized where they exist to overcome such blockages and achieve win-win outcomes for both the reintegration or recovery and the natural resources management communities.

Implementation

Participants realised through the workshop that they were already developing programmes and projects related to natural resources, but just not intentionally or with the added benefits that conscious acknowledgement bring.

Community-based programming:

The shift of focus from individual assistance to community-based support in DDR over the past years brings opportunities and requirements to better integrate natural resource management in programmes. Community-based reintegration, or reintegration programmes that have a balance between ex-combatants, displaced persons and refugees on the one hand and families and communities of return on the other require holistic interventions that are inevitably linked to access and use of natural resources. For example, access to land was identified as an issue that may create or impede reintegration and the wider stability of a community. As UN-Habitat explained, once there is access to land and the security of tenure, rebuilding can begin, as access to land provides “authority, legitimacy and sense of belonging to a moral community.”

Government engagement and capacity:

Engagement of government as a partner and leader of the programme is critical to its success and sustainability. In most natural resource sectors, reliance on government’s actions is critical, such as in contract transparency in mining. Government engagement is also an important exit strategy, making exit more achievable if the ownership of and commitment to programmes and projects are already established.

The success of a programme and certainly the sustainability of reintegration and/or employment creation may rise or fall on whether there is a good, functioning governance structure, at local, regional and national levels. In South Sudan, IOM noted that low capacities of government and local organisations must be factored into programming and can only be addressed with longer-term governance support mechanisms, often beyond the scope of reintegration and recovery programmes.

“Entrepreneurs need investment and a trusted partner, not charity.”

– Yago, Roveda, White, 2007

Policy first or action first?

One of the rich debates during the workshop was the dilemma of policy first or action first. In the end, it was agreed that a balance must be reached. In the experience of the DRC, action had to come first as there was not enough time to start from the top down, and land issues feed naturally into this bottom up approach. This led to the policy being developed from the action, however this must be the intent from the outset in order to be successful and engage the appropriate actors. As in the experience of UNDP in Burundi, action needs to be taken vis-à-vis getting people to work (Track A stabilizing income and emergency employment). However, at the same time as action is being taken, a holistic policy needs to be developed with the input of government, civil society and private sector. The Sudan and Liberia experiences both supported the need to address at the same time the employment creation aspects as well as the institutional/governance framework to ensure an enabling environment to support the employment that is being created.
Large Presence of International Aid Workers:
Complicating the on-the-ground situation and the impact of programmes is the large presence of international aid workers which creates artificial, temporary demand and puts additional pressure on the natural resources of an area. The impact of this presence may not be immediately noticed. In Sudan, for example, mango groves which provide long-term livelihoods for local populations were destroyed to make kilns for the short-term livelihood of brick making in order to respond to the increased housing needs of international aid workers. This is considered a mal-adaptation of livelihoods.

However, this presence may also offer opportunities. In South Sudan, for example, the influx of international aid workers and the consequent need for informal taxi drivers, prompted IOM to include driver training as a livelihoods option – an option which was not previously on offer and will leave the reintegration participants with a transferrable skill.

Engaging local actors:
The engagement of all actors from civil society to private sector to government is a time-consuming but critical process for the success and sustainability of a programme. UN-Habitat in DRC incorporated such a process that included a monthly meeting of all the key actors to discuss locally how to harmonize the methodologies to solve disputes. In addition UN-Habitat included three land and natural resource coordination mechanisms with multi-sector representation. The work from these meetings not only informed project implementation, but then seamlessly fed into the development of land policies and the sustainability of the programme.

Not only does such engagement make a programme stronger and more sustainable, but it provides a cadre of project advocates within the different structures. This is important because use of natural resources and livelihoods can be politically charged issues, and keeping people involved and informed can avoid the escalation due to misinformation or guesswork. International Alert UK advises dialogue around the table between “the holy triangle", or civil society, government and private sector. However, in order for the holy triangle to work, it is critical to ensure that civil society be representative of the relevant community interests. Such work is akin to organizational change, which takes time and therefore should be afforded a realistic timeframe.

Funding:
The limitation of available funding brings the heavy hand of realism to the perfect project concept. But funding limitations may also force project managers to look at cost effective measures, innovations and partnering. For example, in DRC rebuilding the registration system to address land issues would have been too costly and taken too much time, which forced UN-Habitat to innovate and develop a more responsive, bottom-up project.

Funding limitations should not sacrifice project quality. Participants noted that agricultural employment projects must follow through several cycles of harvest; in the face of funding limitations it is therefore preferable to scale-down in order to have a sustainable and successful project. Similarly, BioTrade projects require 3-5 years to create a sustainable industry. UNCTAD recognises and plans for this reality, while instituting a policy to never provide 100% financing, asking their partners to contribute resources to demonstrate commitment to and ownership of the project.

Partnering:
Including partners in the programme who have experience, local knowledge, links to the community, and/or sectoral expertise, allows resources to be leveraged and contributes to the overall sustainability of the programme. In BioTrade, partnering is found to be an essential component of any given intervention. UNCTAD, as a practice, engages partners with the specific expertise in the commodity and/or geographical location at the different stages of the value chain.

Integrating Natural Resources:
For purposes of reintegration, it is important to recognise and understand the specific needs of female ex-combatants, women associated with armed forces and groups, and female dependents and the respective roles that they played in the conflict. In Burundi UNDP, through a social-economic profiling exercise, identified within the gender analysis that widow-headed households were an especially vulnerable population, including in gaining access to natural resources. Participants also recognized that a much better understanding of linkages between reintegration, natural resources and gender is needed.
Monitoring & Evaluation:
Participants agreed that monitoring and evaluation should be performed consistently and the results should be fed back into project design during implementation and as new projects are designed. In South Sudan, there is currently a Phase 2 reintegration process. UNDP brought in an external reviewer regarding Phase 1 which has in fact informed Phase 2. To the knowledge of the participants this is the only completed external review of a DDR programme. Participants also noted that it is not standard practice of the United Nations to systematically conduct impact evaluations once programmes are completed. This practice could help better understand levels of sustainability achieved, including from a natural resource management standpoint.

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In Aceh Selatan nutmeg forms part of the biologically diverse forest gardens that have been tended by communities for generations. Today, nine of the sixteen sub-districts in the area grow nutmeg, producing several products made from the nutmeg fruit and seed including sugared candies and syrup, spice and essential oil. Each of these products forms part of the overall value chain and is important to the economic livelihood of specific groups in the communities. By supporting multiple aspects of the value chain through a holistic approach, the UN partnership with the local government hopes to target marginalized groups, including women, and to provide much-needed resources and technical assistance to strengthen the overall value chain through improved processing practices, quality standards and linkages to national and international markets.

“In [The workshop] showed me how the international communities are well-engaged, well-organized in helping to create and develop universally accepted policies that will help promote and foster peace, prosperity through the re-development process with the use of natural resources and its local resources to all post conflict or war-torn countries. I am so excited to share the training that I received with the U.S. Air Force in particular in providing the necessary skills, knowledge, training, experience, and understanding in order to accomplish any mission that may arise; current world wide conflicts, situations, and or any global outreach that maybe required.”

- Major Marissa Marquez, United States Air Force

In 2010, UNDP Burundi developed the 3x6 approach an innovative methodology to develop reintegration and recovery programmes. UNDP Burundi has had great success with this approach and it is now being looked at as a best practice. By using community-based reintegration combined with a natural resource-based methodology, UNDP Burundi was able to develop this holistic approach. The key to the 3x6 approach, shown below, is its use of a simple and multi-disciplinary manner to address the complex reality.
Conclusion & Next Steps

As states emerge from armed conflict, natural resources present significant risks and important opportunities. When managed transparently, a country’s natural resource base has the potential to provide communities with economic and social benefits, green jobs and sustainable livelihoods.

The sustainability of reintegration and recovery interventions is largely dependent on adequately integrating good natural resource practices into programming. This requires well-developed policy guidance, appropriate tools, adequate levels of human and financial capacity as well as in country pilot initiatives to test programme interventions.

1. Policy guidance: Workshop participants acknowledged the importance of having clear and unambiguous policy guidance on integrating natural resources management in DDR and recovery. They also had the opportunity to review the draft IDDRS module on natural resources and DDR and make strategic and technical recommendations on how to strengthen the document. This consultative approach has helped ensure the policy guidance is adequate for country level application and should continue to be used as a policy basis for further development and improvement through the Inter-Agency Working Group on DDR.

2. Practical tools: Translating policy on reintegration, recovery and natural resources into practice is facilitated when quality practical tools are available to practitioners. Workshop participants noted that such tools are useful and necessary to successfully integrate natural resource issues into post-conflict reintegration and recovery programmes. These could form part of larger assessment tools in the form of how-to-guides, assessment forms and checklists. Such tools should only be developed through collaborative work that brings together both reintegration and recovery and natural resources practitioners and that provides opportunities to test and refine the tools as needed and as noted in point 4 below.

3. Capacity development: Learning events such as this workshop should be held on a periodic basis to bring together reintegration, recovery and natural resource practitioners so as to enhance common knowledge, skills and behaviours which will enable collaborative work. These events can: i) sensitize practitioners to natural resource and peacebuilding issues throughout the entire programme lifecycle; ii) address sector-specific issues; iii) target different user groups such as governments, civil society, the private sector and donors. An important outcome of such events is to enable learning from previous experiences and to share good practices between and among countries.

4. Country pilots: Approaches to integrating natural resources in reintegration and recovery programmes should be piloted at the country level on a more systematic basis to identify what works, what does not work, how to make it work and how to replicate it in other countries and contexts. These comparative analyses and documentation of lessons learned and good practices are fundamental prior to scaling up approaches to larger reintegration programmes. Workshops and practitioner meetings are important venues to jointly review and share such information, as well as to identify common needs in terms of capacity and programme support.

5. Research: Further research needs to be performed, including the collecting of case studies, on the long-term sustainability of reintegration and recovery programmes dependant on natural resources. Key issues such as what are the core natural resource challenges should be identified and then incorporated into practice.

6. Community of Practice: A community of practice should be established to support, encourage and continue the work in the area of reintegration and recovery and natural resources. All workshop participants recognised the benefits of bringing two separate communities together to establish common language amongst practitioners and share common experiences; such knowledge can be retained and enhanced through a community of practice.

Lessons Learned on Natural Resources and Peacebuilding

To collect lessons learned on natural resources and peacebuilding, a global research partnership was established by UNEP, the Environmental Law Institute and the Universities of McGill and Tokyo. The programme has collected over 150 case studies from 60 conflict-affected countries and territories, written by more than 225 scholars, practitioners, and decision makers. The case studies will be published in seven books. All of the case studies will be made freely available on line at www.environmentalpeacebuilding.org:

- High-Value Natural Resources and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding. Edited by Päivi Lujala and Siri Asr Rustad (Earthscan, 2011)
- Land and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding. Edited by Jon Unruh and Rhodri Williams (Earthscan, 2012)
- Water and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding. Edited by Jessica Troell, Mikiyasu Nakayama, and Erika Weinthal (Earthscan, 2012)
- Livelihoods and Natural Resources in Post-Conflict Peacebuilding. Edited by Helen Young and Lisa Goldman (Earthscan, 2012)
- Assessing and Restoring Natural Resources in Post-Conflict Peacebuilding. Edited by David Jensen and Steve Lonergan (Earthscan, 2012)
- Governance, Natural Resources, and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding. Edited by Carl Bruch, Carroll Muffett, and Sandy Nichols (Earthscan, 2012)
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Annex 2: Facilitator Biographies

Natalie Barefoot, Programme Officer
United Nations Environment Programme

Natalie Barefoot is a Programme Officer with the United Nations Environment Programme’s Post Conflict and Disaster Management Branch based in Geneva, Switzerland. Ms. Barefoot handles general legal and environmental law issues on behalf of the branch and manages several projects, including a project in Côte d’Ivoire which addresses hazardous waste management issues and a project addressing the integration of environment into humanitarian action. Prior to joining UNEP, Ms. Barefoot was an Associate with Hogan Lovells LLP, focusing her law practice on environmental litigation in U.S. state, federal and appellate courts and litigating, among other issues, intra-state water rights involving various environmental, federal and state laws. In addition, Ms. Barefoot spent four years based in Harare, Zimbabwe implementing USAID-funded democracy and governance projects through her work with Pact, Inc., an international NGO.

Glaucia Boyer, Conflict Partnerships Specialist
United Nations Development Programme

Glaucia Boyer works as a Conflict Partnerships Specialist at the United Nations Development Programme/Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (UNDP/BCPR) in Geneva, Switzerland and co-leads the UNDP-UNEP Joint Initiative. In this position she 1) formulates policy and tools in the areas of employment creation, income generation and reintegration in partnership with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and other UN agencies; 2) develops inter-agency partnerships in the field of DDR with focus on capacity development, natural resource management and reintegration; and 3) acts as the UNDP focal point for the Transition Solutions Initiative (TSI) with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Glaucia has worked with the UN since 1994 in different agencies (OCHA, DPKO, ILO, UNDP and UNU) and has supported DDR programmes in different countries (Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Sri Lanka and Sudan). She has a Law Degree from the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and a PhD from The Graduate Institute of International Studies, in Geneva, Switzerland. She is married and has two children.

Grasieh Coolidge, Program Coordinator & Facilitator
Center for Stabilization and Reconstruction Studies

Grasieh Coolidge recently joined the Center for Stabilization and Reconstruction Studies (CSRS) as Program Coordinator and co-leads the Joint Initiative on Linking Reintegration and Natural Resource Management with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). She previously served as an international security analyst for the US Government at Los Alamos National Lab. She also served a research consultant for the Center of Nonproliferation Studies in Monterey, CA. Her research projects have directly supported nuclear export practices managed by the US Department of Defense, State and Energy. After finishing her graduate studies, she moved to Europe where she continued foreign language studies in French and Italian. Additionally, she took part in the ‘Semester At Sea’ journey where she worked and studied onboard of the SS Universe Explore throughout Asia, Eastern Europe and Northern Africa. All throughout her travels she wrote and published numerous pieces on preventive diplomacy and conflict resolution. In addition to her graduate work, Ms. Coolidge has extensive experience in project management, strategic planning and program evaluation. She holds a Master Degree in International Policy Studies and BA in Economics and International Relations. Her languages are Spanish, Italian and English.

David Jensen, Head of Programme, Environmental Cooperation for Peacebuilding
United Nations Environment Programme

David Jensen heads the Environmental Cooperation for Peacebuilding Programme of the UN Environment Programme. Since 2000, he has worked on 15 post-conflict operations assessing post-conflict environmental damage and natural resource degradation together with their implications for human health, livelihoods, and security. His portfolio of work now focuses on how natural resources contribute to conflict, and how they can be managed in ways that create jobs, sustain livelihoods, and contribute to economic recovery and peacebuilding, without creating new grievances or significant environmental degradation. In addition to fieldwork, he also focuses on integrating natural resource risks and opportunities across UN policies on conflict prevention, mediation, peacekeeping and peacbuilding. He is the co-editor of a new book Assessing and Restoring Natural Resources in Post-Conflict Peacebuilding and the managing co-editor of a UNEP policy series on environment, conflict and peacbuilding. He holds a bachelor's degree in geography from the University of Victoria and a master's degree in biology from the University of Oxford.

Leontine Specker, Livelihoods and Environmental Specialist
United Nations Development Programme

Ms. Specker is currently working for the Livelihoods and Economic Recovery Team in the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR) in UNDP NV, as a Livelihoods and Environmental Specialist. Before that, she worked for the DDR Unit of UNDP BCPR in NY (focusing on country office support and gender) and for the Conflict Research Unit of the Clingendael Institute, the Netherlands Institute for International Relations as a research fellow on socio-economic recovery and reintegration issues in post conflict and crisis contexts. The research was primarily tailor made and policy-oriented research for the Peacebuilding and Stabilization Unit of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Cornelis Steenken, Coordinator
UN Inter-Agency Working Group on DDR

Kees Steenken is the Coordinator of the United Nations Inter-Agency Working Group on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration. A former Canadian naval officer he started with DDR in El Salvador 1991. He co-created the Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration training courses at the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre (PPC) which have been taught in many different versions ranging from short half day seminars to full two week courses in English, Spanish and French in Europe, Africa, South and Central America. As the Director of DDR Programmes at the PPC, he continued the development of the DDR Course and is the co-author of the DDR Handbook: A Field and Classroom Guide. He has conducted numerous field and document studies into DDR Operations across the world and incorporated the updated information into the DDR Training. As the Coordinator of the 22 member, UN IAWG on DDR he helps maintain the Integrated DDR Standards and develop UN policy on DDR while keeping an active interest in DDR Training and facilitation.

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UNDP-UNECR Joint Initiative on DDR and Natural Resources

Adrienne has served as the substantive expert for the design of the workshop on “Managing Natural Resources for Post-conflict Reintegration and Recovery”. She has a background in environmental science and policy with a focus on the role of natural resources in conflict, peacebuilding and sustainable development. Since 2009, she has worked in Geneva with UNDP and the UNCTAD BioTrade Initiative on integrating natural resources and BioTrade into DDR, reintegration and livelihoods programmes. Prior to that, she has worked with Environmental Defense, the National Marine Protected Areas Center and Global Majority in the US, as well as with the Yachana Foundation’s ecotourism and community development project in Ecuador. She is originally from the US and holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies from the University of North Carolina at Asheve and a Master’s in Arts in International Environmental Policy from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. She speaks French and Spanish in addition to her native English.

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Annex 3: Participant List
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