



**Microcon Policy Conference:
How to improve the relevance of Conflict Research for Policy Making**

10 November 2011

University Foundation, Egmontstraat 11, Brussels, Room A

8:30 **Welcome** with coffee

9:00 **Opening** Remarks

Simona Ardovino/Angela Liberatore DG Research and Innovation

Philip Verwimp Chair of the morning session
Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management

09:30 **Key-note** Addresses

Patricia Justino Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies
Main Findings of Research on the Micro-level Dynamics of Violent Conflict

Michel Rentenaar Civil-Military Interface
Supreme Headquarters of Allied Forces in Europe, NATO
“What do NATO and other military policy makers need to know about the civilian environment that they operate in?”

10:45 **Coffee** break

11:00 Reactions to the key note addresses as well as new or additional points

Charles Goerens Member of the European Parliament and of its Commission on Development Cooperation
Ulrich Karock European Parliament, Policy Department External Policies
Catherine Wollard EPLO (European Peacebuilding Liason Office)
Wolfram Vetter EEAS, Conflict Prevention, Peace-building & Mediation

Debate with the audience

12:15-13:00 Lunch break

Eddy Boutmans Chair of the afternoon session former Belgian Secretary of State

13:00 Specific contributions realised during the MICROCON project:
"Cooperation and Migration"

Maarten Voors Development Economics Research Group, Wageningen University
"Does Conflict Affect Preferences?"

Roger Zetter Refugee Studies Center, Department of International Development, Oxford University
"Violent Conflict and Mobility: a micro-level analysis"

14:00 Specific contributions realised during the MICROCON project:
"Rebellion and Mortality"

Koen Vlassenroodt Conflict Research Group, Ghent University
"The Politics of Taxation in a post-conflict environment"

Debby Guha-Sapir, Centre for Research in the Epidemiology of Disasters
UC Louvain
"Is it important to measure Mortality during Conflict?"

15:00-15:15 Coffee break

15:15 Responses from policy makers:

Denisa-Elena Ionete	EC DG Development, Crisis Management and Fragility
Daniel Descoutres	ECHO
Eddy Boutmans	former Secretary of State for Development Cooperation in the Belgian Government and Board member of MICROCON (<i>confirmed</i>)

16:30-17:00 Conclusions:

Patricia Justino	MICROCON coordinator
Simona Ardovino/Angela Liberatore	DG Research and Innovation

