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We aim to contribute to increased stability and sustainable economic growth in these six countries that are or were in conflict because these are ultimately the best weapons against war.

# ‘CIVIC DRIVEN CHANGE IN FRAGILE STATES?’

**PROGRAMME DCR SYMPOSIUM  
NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015  
HUMANITY HOUSE, THE HAGUE**



**15:00 RECEPTION WITH COFFEE/TEA**

**15:30 PROGRAMME START**

- Video DCR results
- Opening word by Johan Mooij, Chair of the DCR Steering Committee
- Introduction theme & speakers by Evelijne Bruning
- Keynote speech **Seth Kaplan**
- Speech by **Kees Biekart**
- Introduction panelists
  - **To Tjoelker**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Civil Society Division
  - **Cora Jansen**, DCR Central Consortium Coordinator.
  - **Gerard Prinsen**, Lecturer at Massey and adviser to the DCR KN
  - **Godfrey Ayena**, DCR Country Coordinator Uganda
  - **Roelof van Laar**, Parliamentarian for the Social Democrats (PvdA)
- Panel discussion on statements brought in by the speakers

**16:50 BREAK**

- [out-]spoken column by Babah Tarawally
- Reaction Kaplan & Biekart on panel discussion
- Discussion speakers, panel and audience
- Conclusions drawn by Evelijne Bruning
- Word of Closing by Johan Mooij

**18.00 DRINKS**



**Seth D. Kaplan** is a Professorial Lecturer in the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University, Senior Adviser for the Institute for Integrated Transitions (IFIT), and consultant to organisations working on governance, state building, and poverty reduction. He is the author of two books on fragile states, *Fixing Fragile States: A New Paradigm for Development* and *Betrayed: Promoting Inclusive Development in Fragile States*, the lead author of the *Inclusive Transitions Framework* for fragile states, and runs the website <http://www.fragilestates.org/>. He lived in China for seven years and speaks Mandarin Chinese.



**Kees Biekart** is Associate Professor of Political Sociology at the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in The Hague, which is part of Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR). His research focuses on civil society and social movements, in particular in Latin America. He also works on participatory research methods and action research techniques. He is one of the founders of the Civic Innovation Research Initiative (CIRI), an interdisciplinary research programme at the ISS, which is partly a follow-up to the Civic Driven Change Think Tank which was set up together with Alan Fowler.



**To Tjoelker** is the head of the Civil Society Division at the ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Development. She has a long experience in international cooperation on governance, gender, rural development. She worked 10 years in Rwanda, and 17 years at embassy level, as gender and governance specialist and as head of development cooperation. She worked also at Policy level in the Netherlands and international OECD-DAC level.



**Gerard Prinsen** currently works as senior lecturer at Massey University and at Victoria University in New Zealand, concentrating on project management, aid policies, participatory research, and decentralised education and health services. Since 2011, he has also worked as an external adviser to the DCR Knowledge Network. Before taking up an academic career in New Zealand in 2003, he worked as manager, trainer or researcher for Dutch development agencies in several African countries, including an appointment as Dutch Honorary Consul in Mozambique.



**Roelof van Laar** is Member of Parliament for the Social Democrats (PvdA) since May 2013. Until September 2013 he replaced Lea Bouwmeester during her maternity leave. Previous Roelof was director of Stop Child Abuse and Council Member in the city of Leiden. In 2013 he was responsible for the public affairs of Fier Fryslân/Center for Child Trafficking and Human Trafficking. Roelof van Laar is spokesperson for development cooperation and Kingdom Relations.



**Godfrey Ayena** currently works as DCR country coordinator in Uganda. He holds an MBA with specialty in Project management from Sikkim Manipal University of India, a Bachelor's Degree in Adult and Community Education and a diploma in Business Education. Godfrey has 13 years of work experience in Community development specifically in the sector of Health, Education, livelihood and youth Empowerment.



**Cora Jansen** has been working in development cooperation since 2002 in management positions in the Netherlands as well in developing countries. She has more than 20 years of experience in the private and public sector in different positions, partly international. Since 2011 she is the general manager of DCR and she spent much time in the field with the DCR teams and partners in Burundi, DR Congo, Liberia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda for monitoring the progress, improving the quality and cooperation and advising on how to achieve the targets of the DCR programme.



**Babah Tarawally** fled from Sierra Leone and is currently active from the Netherlands for independent media in developing countries. He is a journalist and columnist and wrote among others the book 'The God with the Blue Eyes'. From 2011 to 2014 he was a columnist for OneWorld Magazine. Babah currently is ambassador for CARE Netherlands.