



President's Distinguished Lecture



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Building Capacity for Peace in Africa

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Room B150

Although peace has proven elusive in Africa, the University for Peace (UPEACE) Africa programme, focuses on the necessity to stimulate and strengthen the capacity in Africa to teach, train and conduct research in areas of peace and conflict studies. The University for Peace was established in December 1980 by the United Nations General Assembly.

Dr. Butera will discuss how the UPEACE Africa program initiatives, some with the support of Canadian agencies, aim to build capacity in Africa for peace and conflict studies.

From 1995 to 2003, Dr. Butera was Vice-Rector at the National University of Rwanda responsible for rebuilding the university's teaching and research capacity following the 1994 genocide. He is currently the patron of Never Again Rwanda, a chapter of Never Again International, a collaborative international network which aims to promote a constructive exchange of ideas to prevent violent conflict and remedy its effects. He holds a PhD in Parasitology (University of Ghent, Belgium) and a Certificate in Human Rights (University of Pretoria, South Africa).

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