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# Competing Solutions to Keeping Peace in Africa

Friday, 5 September 2014, 6:30–7:30 PM – reception & buffet after the event.  
United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo

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In recent years there has been a surge of interventions in Africa, including the deployment of new peace operations to resolve conflicts. Ending conflicts, however, has been complicated by increasingly divergent views among peacekeepers and peacemakers. At one level are differences and competition among some African Union member states, and between regional and sub-regional bodies. At another level are the contrasting perspectives of continental and multilateral actors, including the United Nations. Political divisions, complicated by bureaucratic disputes, capacity deficits and jurisdictional struggles have slowed progress in resolving crises.

Dr. Comfort Ero will join UNU Rector David M. Malone to discuss Africa's current geopolitical landscape and its implications for realizing and maintaining peace. The conversation will examine the complexity of Africa's peacekeeping actors and their actions, giving special attention to current crises in the Central African Republic and South Sudan. Acknowledging the need to move from competing efforts to robust peacekeeping partnerships, Dr. Ero and Rector Malone will explore how collaborative solutions can promote each peace actor's unique capabilities and ensure best practices of conflict prevention.

Please note that this event will be in English only; Japanese interpretation will not be provided. Advance registration (by 4 September) is required.

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