



Liliesleaf Declaration

*Johannesburg, South Africa
12th -13th September 2013*

We the participants of the AIMP Consultative Conference convened at Liliesleaf, Rivonia in Johannesburg, South Africa,

Recognising the need for the development and application of national and local capacities for mediation and the accompaniment of mediative processes, in the context of shifts in the dynamics of conflicts affecting the African continent,

Affirming the role played by the ACTION Support Centre as the current Secretariat of the AIMP,

Agreeing to work collectively in support of building and strengthening the AIMP initiative:

Hereby mandate the Secretariat of the AIMP, to develop a detailed action plan built around the following four pillars of action identified by the participants, and in line with the detailed input provided by the participants:

1. Community of Practice

- Knowledge and experience sharing
- Dissemination of case studies
- Online portal development
- Regular meetings of practicing mediators at regional and continental levels

2. Training and capacity building

- Organising training courses on insider mediation
- Development of training methodologies
- Training of upcoming insider mediators

3. Direct support to mediation processes

- Utilising members of the platform to provide timely support
- Sustaining a resource group of skilled mediators
- Analysing the context and conflict dynamics in support of these processes

4. Partnership building

- Complementary support to Track I mediative processes
- Building partnerships in support of national and local capacities for mediation and national peace architectures that are coherent, credible and complementary
- Working closely with UNDP, the African Union Commission, including the Panel of the Wise and the Regional Economic Communities in support of the African Peace and Security Architecture
- Networking, identifying complementarities with all key stakeholders

In undertaking these initiatives we will seek to build a culture of accountability through the production of regular reports that will be shared with relevant stakeholders including the African Union Commission and the African Regional Economic Communities.

In the selfless spirit embodied by Liliesleaf, former underground headquarters of the armed wing of a liberation movement, we commit ourselves to working in support of each other, and as a contribution to the collective efforts to transform the conflict systems on our continent.

Proposed by Hon. Justice James Ogoola, Seconded by Lona Lowilla, Adopted unanimously!

Dated and signed at Liliesleaf, Rivonia, South Africa, on this 13th day of September 2013

Hon. Justice James Ogoola

Madame Lona Lowilla

Richard Smith