



## **Roundtable on Technology, Science and Peacebuilding**

### **Planning Workshop II**

**March 31, 2011**

**Keck Center of the National Academies**

#### **Agenda**

- 8:30 a.m.** Round the room self-introductions, and chair's overview of the workshop's purpose, goals, expected outputs
- 9:00 a.m.** **Electricity in Iraq:** Nature of the problem and a systems view of the solution space  
*USIP Iraq country expert and Peter Cherry*
- A present, real-world example that illustrates in brief the underlying premise of the workshop. Needs to dramatically highlight the seriousness of the issue and demonstrate the value of a systems thinking approach to conflict prevention.
- 9:15 a.m.** **Audience Reaction**
- 9:30 a.m.** **Working Group Sessions**
- Two sessions, each of which will consider a pair of "live" zones of conflict (pairings from these four: Sudan, Afghanistan, Haiti, Iraq)
- Begin with break-out chair providing brief overview of session purpose and structure and presentation of guiding questions, to be considered later.
- Working group composition:* 1-2 experts on the target zones of conflict, 1 discussion facilitator, 1 systems engineer, one rapporteur, and RT members/ reps. balanced divided equally among peacebuilders and engineering/science/health experts.
- Working Group Process:* (1.5 hours per case/country; 3 hours total) Short case overview by background paper/brief author with a very brief "system analysis" rejoinder with a visual or two (diagram/map); no more than 15 minutes presentation, allowing plenty of time for group to discuss/refine their understanding of the conflict, its fine structure, dynamics etc.; include input here from RT reps regarding their organizations perspectives, interests, engagement in the "live" case example.
- A set of guiding questions will be provided to help structure collective brain-storming of opportunities for harnessing engineering, science & technology to advance peacebuilding, and metrics of progress/success, keeping systems dimensions of the peacebuilding challenge in view throughout.
- Rapporteur will be prepared to provide a summary list of priority topics to the rest of workshop participants during lunch

**12:30 p.m. Working Lunch**

Rapporteurs from the working groups present and all participants participate in moderated discussion of ideas, insights, surprises, etc. from the a.m. session.

RT staff then provide a brief overview of the roundtable mechanism, outlining the options available for getting things done. This sets the stage for the plenary, which will be an effort to map priority issues identified in the break-outs to specific actions the roundtable might take over the coming 3 years.

**2:00 p.m. Plenary Discussion**

Candidate topics/issues for RT focus: Using the lessons from a.m. session as a lens, workshop participants will draw on the outputs from the live case scenarios worked in the morning and the longer inventory of ideas and priorities for action submitted in advance by RT members (the latter will be categorized/binned in advance by RT staff), to identify and rank order specific suggestions for RT action and mode of operation, i.e., elements of a draft work plan/strategy for the RT's first three years (role(s) of RT executive group, number & foci of RT working groups; foci for first 2-3 RT workshops, etc). Workshop participants would get questions and feedback along the way from the systems engineering facilitators.

Goal of this session is to end up with a prioritized list of candidate topics and a sense of the types of projects, modes of work that could form the basis of a draft strategic plan as well as help structure the agenda for the inaugural RT meeting; both of these documents (prepared subsequent to the workshop) will be iterated with roundtable members in advance of the May 17, 2011 roundtable meeting.

**4:00 p.m. Around the Table: Final Thoughts**  
*All participants*

**4:30 p.m. Adjourn**