

Abbreviated *curriculum vitae*:
Andries A. ODENDAAL

1. Education

Andries Odendaal's formal education is in the field of Theology and Religious Studies with BA and BTh degrees from the University of Stellenbosch (South Africa) and DTh from the University of the Free State.

2. Professional/Occupational Experience

- 2005 – Independent Conflict Transformation Specialist, Cape Town.
- 1994 – 2004 Senior Trainer and Programme Coordinator at the Centre for Conflict Resolution, University of Cape Town.
- 1993 – 1994 Regional Coordinator of the Western Cape Peace Committee, responsible for the Southern Cape and Karoo, George, South Africa.
- 1990 – 1992 Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Theology of the University of the North, based at the Qwa-Qwa campus, South Africa.
- 1980 – 1990 Lecturer and, since 1987, Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Theology at the Qwa-Qwa campus of the University of the North, South Africa.
- 1978 – 1980 Lecturer at the Zomba Theological College, Malawi.
- 1976 – 1977 Teacher at Robert Blake Secondary School, Kongwe, Malawi.

3. Research Grants

- 2009/10: Jennings Randolph Senior Fellow, United States Institute of Peace.
- 1990: Research Fellow at the Centre for Intergroup Studies, University of Cape Town.
- 1984: Grantee of the Christian Fellowship Trust's Exchange Programme. (The Christian Fellowship Trust was founded by the Abe Bailey Trust and administered by the Christian Institute).

4. Professional accreditation

- Serve on the Roster of the Mediation Support Unit of the United Nations.
- Member of the Expert Panel of the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, UNDP.
- Member of the Conflict Transformation Collaborative (an international network of mediators).

5. Key Experience

Local Peacebuilding

- Contracted by the Nepal Transition to Peace Initiative (NTTP) during 2006- 2007, in collaboration with the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction, to assist with the conceptualization and implementation of local peace committees.
- Worked with the Lesotho Network for Conflict Management (a network of Lesotho NGOs) during the period 1998 – 2002, on behalf of the Centre for Conflict Resolution, in a project to enhance conflict management capacity at district level. The project was funded by GTZ and collaborated closely with the Ministry of Local Government of Lesotho. It sought to address, *i.a.*, the tension between democratic and traditional local authorities and experimented with the establishment of a Local Peacebuilding Forum in the district of Mafeteng.
- Senior Researcher in a Centre for Conflict Resolution Project called *Project Saamspan* (1994-1998). It was an experimental project that had trained and supported three local peacebuilding teams in rural areas of South Africa over a three-year period. The project has drawn interest from several overseas researchers and observers and was described by Denis Dressel and Jochen Neumann in *The Long Road to Peace. Constructive Conflict Resolution in South Africa* (2001, Lit Verlag).
- Coordinator of the Western Cape Peace Committee (which was established in terms of the National Peace Accord), 1993-1994, with responsibility for the Southern Cape and Karoo region. Coordinated the establishment of 16 Local Peace Committees in the Southern Cape and Karoo regions of South Africa. Worked with these committees in mediating numerous conflicts at the level of local government; and in monitoring and defusing potentially violent events. The work of the Western Cape Peace Committee was described by Susan Collin Marks in a USIP publication *Watching the Wind* (2000).

Project Design and Assessment

Assisted with the conceptualization and design of a number of conflict transformation projects; as well as the review of projects. Significant partners were the UN system (in Malawi, Zimbabwe, FYR Macedonia, Guinea-Bissau); Danida (in Nepal and Uganda); GTZ (in Lesotho and with SADC) and AED (in Nepal).

Training and Education

- Extensive experience in offering training in conflict transformation and mediation skills. Offered courses to audiences across Africa, but also outside Africa. Participants

included government ministers, members of parliament, senior military and police officers, ambassadors, senior government officials, civil society representatives and 'grassroots' community members. These trainings took place under the auspices of UNDP, UNITAR, the Centre for Conflict Resolution and other INGOs/NGOs operating in the field. Particularly noteworthy were training workshops that have included representatives of protagonists and that have offered informal dialogue opportunities. Such workshops have taken place in South Africa, Lesotho, Zimbabwe and Swaziland.

- Participated in the development of a number of training modules and manuals, including a manual on Conflict Transformation Skills for UNDESA, a manual on the management of ethnic conflict, and the development of 3 course modules on 'conflict prevention, water diplomacy and river basin management for equity and sustainability' for WaterNet and IHE Delft in a UNESCO supported project.
- Offered various seminars to post-graduate students at the universities of Cape Town and Stellenbosch; and offered a course on 'The Theory and Practice of Conflict Resolution' to post-graduate students in the department of Political Studies at the University of Cape Town between 2006 – 2007.

5. Publications and writing

On Local Peacebuilding

2011. Structures for Building Peace at the Local Level. Washington DC, USIP (forthcoming).
2010. An Architecture for building peace at the local level. A comparative study of Local Peace Committees. A Discussion Paper. New York, UNDP.
1998. With Chris Spies. "Building community peace in South Africa", in Herr, R. and J. Zimmerman Herr (eds.). *Overcoming violence. Local and global strategies for peacemaking*. Lancaster, PA: Herald Press.
1996. With Chris Spies. "Local Peace Committees in the Rural Areas of the Western Cape. Their significance for South Africa's transition to democracy". *Track Two, Occasional Paper*, Sept., 1996.
1997. With Chris Spies. "'You have opened the wound, but not healed it...'. The Local Peace Committees of the Western Cape, South Africa." *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*, Vol. 3:2, pp. 261-273.

On Peacebuilding in General

2011. Primary drafter of the report: “The role of political dialogue in peacebuilding and statebuilding: an interpretation of experience”, submitted to the Working Group on Political Dialogue of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding; Freetown, May 2011.
2007. “The Political Management of Ethnic Diversity with Specific Reference to the South African Constitution of 1996”, in Grant, Cedric H. and R. Mark Kirton (eds). *Governance, Conflict Analysis and Conflict Resolution*. Kingston: Ian Randle. Pp. 295 – 301.
2002. With Dr Sam G. Amoo. The Political Management of Ethnic Conflict in Africa. A human needs-based approach. *Track Two Occasional Paper, 11(4)*.
1992. With Prof. HW van der Merwe. “From confrontation to mediation”, in Elise Boulding (ed.): *New Agendas for Peace Research*. Boulder, USA: Lynne Rienner.
- With Prof. HW van der Merwe. “Mediating for a post-apartheid South Africa”. *Peace Research. The Canadian Journal of Peace Studies* 24:1, Feb. 1992.
1991. With Prof. HW van der Merwe. “Constructive conflict intervention in South Africa: some lessons”. *Clinical Sociology Review*, Vol. 9.

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