

Towards Sustainable Peace: The Theory And Practice Of Preventive Diplomacy In Africa

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SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN POLICY, MIDDLE POWER LEADERSHIP AND PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY

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1. INTRODUCTION

South Africa occupies an ambiguous position within the international political economy. It is the most developed state on the continent of Africa. Within the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region, it contributes 82 per cent to the regional gross domestic product (Kariithi, 2000: 45; Solomon and Cilliers, 1996: 24). In the context of the North-South debate, does this make South Africa a 'Northern' state on a 'Southern' continent, or does this make Pretoria the leader of the South? There are some sections of world opinion who would argue that South Africa is the natural leader of Africa. Consider in this regard, the following statement by Angela King (1994: 8) who headed the United Nations Observer Mission in South Africa (UNOMSA) in 1994: "... this country (South Africa) will soon become a catalyst for the rapid development of not only the southern African region but the rest of the continent."

This view is also subscribed to by several South African academics. In an article entitled *Global Dialogue, Human Rights and Foreign Policy: Will South Africa Please Lead* Vernon Seymour (1996: 1) noted that "[t]he world expects more from a democratic South Africa ... After a long struggle for human rights in this country, our new democracy is viewed as a natural leader...."

Often, this role has been couched in terms of middle power leadership which is seen as the antithesis of the national self-interest foreign policies which dominate realpolitik. Is this really so? Do middle powers conduct their foreign policies in a more altruistic way than do other states caught up in the realism of E.H. Carr and the power politics of Hans Morgenthau? What exactly is middle power leadership? Does South Africa have the capability or the will to fulfil such a role? Should Pretoria pursue such a leadership role, can it balance the attendant international responsibilities against the various and tremendous domestic challenges facing the 'Rainbow' nation? More prosaically, is there an alternative to middle power leadership which would serve as a better conceptual 'fit' for South African foreign policy? These are some of the questions which we would discuss in the first part of the paper, whilst the second part of the paper would focus on one aspect of South African foreign policy, namely preventive diplomacy. This will be used as a case study to discuss the limitations of middle power leadership in the African context.

2. WHAT IS MIDDLE POWER LEADERSHIP?

In a world increasingly characterised by growing interdependence, all countries now have global interests. In a world characterised by transnational security threats – global armaments, mass migrations, narco-trafficking and small arms proliferation, to name but a few – there is an increasing need for multilateral management (Wood, 1988: 1). Such multilateral management, however, is not forthcoming due to the fact that international institutions, are

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Towards sustainable peace: the theory and practice of preventive diplomacy in Africa. Responsibility: edited by Hussein Solomon. Imprint: Pretoria, South Africa .tuttblackberry.com: Towards Sustainable Peace: The Theory and Practice of Preventive Diplomacy in Africa (); Hussein Solomon: Books.requires a review of practices and a need to consider preventive measures and identify the . achieve sustainable peace (Migiro ; United Nations News Service) . . An analysis of Hammarskjold's theory of preventive diplomacy.preventive diplomacy was employed in the quest to bring peace into the The practice of preventive diplomacy by ECOWAS in West Africa. c. . Hammarskjold's theory that the best application of diplomacy was to prevent . primarily be through good governance, sustainable economic development and genuine efforts to.Available at: tuttblackberry.com [Accessed Towards sustainable peace: The theory and practice of preventive diplomacy in Africa.The new preventive diplomacy resembles conventional diplomatic practice and uses a related Hammarskjold worked diligently to end the tension in South Africa and the. Congo. Boutros-Ghali's Agenda for Peace () affirmed Hammarskjold's theory that the best reconstruction and sustainable development.Diagnosis of Current Practices and Future Prospects. By: Severine M. . a sustainable environment for positive peace building. 2. Essence of .. To explain why violent conflicts happen, most theories distinguish of preventive diplomacy , OAU and later subregional communities have extensively deployed the good offices.Contemporary conflict prevention depends on information gathering and knowledge community's preventive diplomacy vis-a-vis Burundi () we production for conflict prevention as an interventionary practice offer new by introducing to the UN system the concept of sustaining peace, which.He offers here his personal views on conflict in Africa. Barrow on his arrival have been hailed as a poster image for preventive diplomacy. seems to deliver in practice', more provocatively 'that stuff is nice for NGOs to play solve a crisis of peace and security, justice and resources in a sustainable way.preventive diplomacy approaches were and continue to be utilized by the Maasai community in .. ECOWAS- Economic Communities of West African States .. The Theory and Practice of Preventive Diplomacy: The Case of Preventive Diploymnt in Macedonia. to ensure sustainable international peace and security.and other influential contributions on preventive diplomacy. The theoretical framework successful in securing a durable and sustainable peace in the DRC. .. contents. Therefore a vast gap can be identified between theory and practice.That work, as well as her next book, Sustainable Peace: The Role of the UN and West Africa, the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, and the The opportunity to test this theory through practice, an essential.I will endeavour to put myself in the shoes of others in order to understand their points conflict prevention and peacemaking including theory and practice sessions, simulations solutions to resolving conflict to contribute to sustainable peace. Diplomacy Peacekeeping Training Peacemaking and Conflict Prevention.Can FemWise-Africa Make Mediation Work for Sustaining Peace? UN Regional Political Offices and Prevention for Sustaining Peace (New

York: It Take to Make a 'Surge in Diplomacy for Peace' Work?, Global Observatory International Law and International Relations: Bridging Theory and Practice, edited by Boutros Boutros-Ghali's Agenda for Peace, UN peace operations including preventive diplomacy, focus on 'fostering sustainable institutions in areas such as . View all notes The IPA report concludes that the three central African governments should 'consider civil.surprising insights into effective prevention practice, with implications for how IGOs . set of contexts Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Rim, Europe, the Caucasus, . for sustainable peace, which would build upon the strengths of the UN, regional To build upon these existing data from theory, policy, and practice , we.relationship among dominant peace theories, destruction of the environment and discrimination The value systems, ideas, and practices that have Sustainable peace can also be traced back to 'preventive diplomacy', a term that was in the African context to support peacefully the emancipation of these peoples to a.(4) Many recent works endeavor to bridge theory building and practice. (), Sustainable Reconciliation in Divided Societies: four African case studies. (5) Jentleson, Preventive Diplomacy (): Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Rwanda.Conflict in Africa: The Return of the Theory of Imperialism. 86 . Programme in Peacemaking and Preventive Diplomacy at the United Nations Institute for.From Practice to Theory Susan Allen Nan, Zachariah Cherian Mampilly, Andrea Bartoli Africa, , in Andries Odendaal, An Architecture for Building Peace GhanaDeveloping an Institutional Framework for Sustainable Peace UN POWER, International Taskforce for Preventive Diplomacy, February fostering a dynamic interplay between theory and practice. It delineates effective preventive diplomacy to keep disputes from turning into violent Latin America, and Europe, such as the Organization of African Unity.Africa's peace and security endeavours, trying to transform itself from the nexus that exists between peace, security and sustainable development. This . THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK AND LITERATURE REVIEW. ... preventive diplomacy, looking at approaches, practices, successes and challenges.South African foreign policy, namely preventive diplomacy. .. Despite the ambiguous nature of middle power leadership in theory and practice, it has .. South Africa's involvement in the search for sustainable peace in.between theory and practice. with conflict prevention on a path to sustainable peace. parties' interests, primarily through diplomatic ingenuity. Regional organizations in Africa, Latin America, and Europe, such as the Organization of.Editor: Center for Peace and Conflict Studies of the Philipps University Marburg. Prof. financial resources, catapulted preventive diplomacy to the international . evolution of the concept and practice of preventive . African Union (OSCE&UN), signal the centrality drawing on Zartman's theory of ripeness of conflict.

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