Microcon Policy Conference:
How to improve the relevance of Conflict Research for Policy Making

10 November 2011
University Foundation, Egmontstraat 11, Brussels, Room A

8:30 Welcome with coffee

9:00 Opening Remarks

Simona Ardovino/Angela Liberatore  DG Research and Innovation
Philip Verwimp  Chair of the morning session
       Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management

09:30 Key-note Addresses

Patricia Justino  Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies
Main Findings of Research on the Micro-level Dynamics of Violent Conflict

Michel Rentenaar  Civil-Military Interface
       Supreme Headquarters of Allied Forces in Europe, NATO
“What do NATO and other military policy makers need to know about the civilian environment that they operate in?”

10:45 Coffee break
11:00 Reactions to the key note addresses as well as new or additional points

Charles Goerens  Member of the European Parliament and of its Commission on Development Cooperation
Ulrich Karock  European Parliament, Policy Department External Policies
Catherine Wollard  EPLO (European Peacebuilding Liaison Office)
Wolfram Vetter  EEAS, Conflict Prevention, Peace-building & Mediation

Debate with the audience

12:15-13:00 Lunch break

Eddy Boutmans  Chair of the afternoon session former Belgian Secretary of State

13:00 Specific contributions realised during the MICROCON project:
"Cooperation and Migration"

Maarten Voors  Development Economics Research Group, Wageningen University
"Does Conflict Affect Preferences?"

Roger Zetter  Refugee Studies Center, Department of International Development, Oxford University
"Violent Conflict and Mobility: a micro-level analysis"

14:00 Specific contributions realised during the MICROCON project:
"Rebellion and Mortality"

Koen Vlassenroodt  Conflict Research Group, Ghent University
"The Politics of Taxation in a post-conflict environment"

Debby Guha-Sapir, Centre for Research in the Epidemiology of Disasters
UC Louvain
"Is it important to measure Mortality during Conflict?"

15:00-15:15 Coffee break
15:15 Responses from policy makers:

Denisa-Elena Ionete  EC DG Development, Crisis Management and Fragility
Daniel Descoutres  ECHO
Eddy Boutmans  former Secretary of State for Development Cooperation in the Belgian Government and Board member of MICROCON (confirmed)

16:30-17:00 Conclusions:
Patricia Justino  MICROCON coordinator
Simona Ardovino/Angela Liberatore  DG Research and Innovation