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BICC and UNITAR sign Memorandum of Understanding – Cooperation includes peace, security and migration

On 8 April 2010 Peter J. Croll, Director BICC (Bonn International Center for Conversion) and Carlos Lopes, Executive Director, UNITAR (United Nations Institute for Training and Research) signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Bonn to extend their cooperation. Angelica Maria Kappel, Mayor of the UN city Bonn, participated in the ceremony.

“This agreement provides a framework within which BICC and UNITAR can develop and implement projects and activities and pursue other forms of cooperation,” Peter J. Croll, Director BICC, explains.

“Substantive areas in which collaboration may take place include peace, security and migration,” Carlos Lopes, Executive Director, UNITAR, underlines. Other areas may be identified by UNITAR and BICC and agreed upon by mutual consent.

Forms of cooperation may include, inter alia:

- the **design and development of training and capacity building**,
- the **conduct of research** on the application of high level instructional design techniques for the implementation of learning and training activities,
- the **establishment of partnerships** with academies, centers of excellence and training institutions in Africa, Asia and Latin America,
- the **exchange or sharing of knowledge resources** such as publications, books and training materials.

UNITAR was established in 1965 as an autonomous body within the United Nations with the mandate of enhancing the effectiveness of the work of the United Nations and its Member States in the fields of environment, governance, and peace and security, and further on with the aim of supporting the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

BICC was founded in 1994 with the support of the Land North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) as a non-profit limited liability company (GmbH), and is dedicated to promoting and facilitating peace and development offering consultancy, policy advice and training on the basis of applied research.

With the Memorandum of Understanding BICC and UNITAR intend to utilize and leverage their existing resources and facilities for mutual benefit and to develop such cooperation for the benefit of the Member States of the United Nations and other regional and sub-regional organizations.

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