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**Editors' Introduction**

Since its creation in 1999, the Center for Conflict Management (CCM) has been giving priority to academic and policy debate on peace and conflict issues in the region. It is against this background that we are presenting herewith the first issue of CCM's **Journal of African Conflicts and Peace Studies (JACAPS)**.

This new Journal comes as a successor to the former "CCM Cahiers". JACAPS is a bi-annual peer-reviewed Journal that publishes research papers on conflicts and peace related matters within the African continent. The first issue of JACAPS deals with **Peace and Conflict Trends in Africa** with emphasis to **the Great Lakes Region**. This issue discusses conflict and peace dynamics in DRC, Sudanese western Province of Darfur and Burundi as well as the recent expulsions of Rwandese from Tanzania.

It is a good occasion to inform our readers that the Journal of African Conflicts and Peace Studies focus on genocide studies, peace, governance, democracy initiatives as well as national and regional development efforts in Africa. Therefore, the Journal welcomes articles from academicians, policy makers and other persons who would be interested in sharing their knowledge and experience in the above fields.

We thank you in advance for your commitment to the development of this new Journal. Our thanks also go particularly to the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA-SAREC) for the support to this publication.

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