

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Foreign Affairs
in collaboration with King's College London's Conflict, Security
and Development Group and African Leadership Centre

invite you to a discussion on

Youth and Radicalisation



Monday 29 October 2012, 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Committee Room 1, Houses of Parliament

Speakers: Dr Funmi Olonisakin, Director KCL's Conflict, Security and
Development Group & African Leadership Centre;
and, Professor Medhane Tadesse, Africa Security Sector Network & Senior
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Civil war, low intensity conflict and intermittent street-level political violence in many developing states is increasingly characterised and driven by young people, which has drawn growing attention to the ticking time bomb of youth bulges in many societies, as the Arab Spring highlighted. The societal and policy problems that youth exclusion, vulnerability and unemployment are causing are major challenges for development and security across Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The discussion will focus on how up to now countries, societies and young people are coping, or not, with these challenges and what are the policy options available for local and international actors.

Alongside the growing awareness of young people's position in today's conflicts and political struggles there has been increasing notice given to the radicalisation of violence. With the recent protests in the Muslim world over depictions of the Prophet Muhammad and the ongoing fight against Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen and Mali the root causes of

radicalisation and how it may be spreading from one country to another are of paramount regional and global importance. The discussion will thus analyse the sources of this radicalisation, how it has manifested itself and changed over recent years, and how easily or not radical thought and weapons can spread.

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