

Aeolus Kenya Announces Sponsorship of “Stabilisation through Conservation” Conference at the Royal United Services Institute

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The one day conference and evening reception will examine a new approach to stabilising fragile societies through the medium of wildlife conservation in London 1 December 2014

Aeolus Kenya Limited (AKL) is sponsoring “Stabilisation through Conservation: Introducing a Grounded Alternative for Real World Problems” (StabilCon), a conference co-organized by Exeter University’s Strategy & Security Institute and being hosted by the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) in London on 1 December 2014. StabilCon offers an alternative to the more interventionist approaches of current stabilisation and counter-insurgency policy, while presenting a way in which to aid in the conservation of our most threatened species.

An afternoon roundtable workshop will bring together more than 40 academics, NGO practitioners and government officials with extensive experience in the fields of stabilisation and conservation. Three sessions will focus on discussing and developing StabilCon's approach of using wildlife conservation as a medium of engaging with, developing and supporting fragile civil societies in troubled areas. The evening reception will present the day's results to an audience of 200 stakeholders, paving the way forward for continued academic exploration and policy implementation.

“We're delighted to be sponsoring this event”, said AKL's CEO Richard Herbert. “As a Kenyan energy and infrastructure developer with a passion for the country and its irreplaceable natural heritage, we understand firsthand the need for fresh thinking. The implementation of StabilCon in Kenya's Tsavo Trust, under the direction of Ian Saunders, is a model that we want to help roll out throughout Kenya and the region as an indispensable adjunct to the projects we are developing. Security, conservation, and a social license to invest are often overlooked but critical to the success of projects that not only deliver economic growth, but equally value human development and environmental protection. Events like this one – bringing together government, NGO's, the academy, and the private sector – will serve as a springboard for our joint commitment to grow, secure and conserve the Continent we so dearly love.”

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About the Royal United Services Institute

Founded in 1831 by the Duke of Wellington, RUSI is a forward-thinking independent UK think tank engaged in cutting-edge defence and security research.