

Great Lakes Parliamentary Forum (AMANI Forum) issues communiqué endorsing RtoP

The Great AMANI Forum 2009 General Assembly Nairobi, Kenya 15 – 17 June 2009 “Int  
errogating the Lessons Learned from Internal Displacement in the Great Lakes Region: Are We  
Achieving Sustainable Peace?”

The

[AMANI Forum 2009](#)

, hosted by the Kenyan Chapter in Nairobi on 16-17 June 2009, focused on policy trends  
towards the resolution of internal displacement and their contribution towards sustainable peace  
in the Great Lakes region. For the first time, the AMANI Forum issued a

[communiqué](#)

at the end of the event endorsing RtoP, including that:

“2. States have a collective

**responsibility to protect**

people from gross human rights violations, and where a state is shown to have committed or  
acquiesced in the commission of human rights violations, the international community ought to  
intervene;”

“6. Parliamentarians have a vital role to play to understand and popularize the concept of

**Responsibility to Protect (R2P)**

and to hold governments accountable;”

The forum included a panel on the Responsibility to Protect, panelists included Dismas Nkunda,  
co-director International Refugees Rights Initiative (ICRtoP Steering Committee Member) and  
close colleague Yitiha Simbeye, legal expert at the Open University of Tanzania. The AMANI  
Forum represents an important opportunity to spread information on the norm with  
parliamentarians and push for its implementation at the national level.