

Archive of the Brookings Project on Internal Displacement

The Bodleian Libraries Special Collections have recently acquired the unique archive of the Brookings Project on Internal Displacement. The Project was created in 1994 to promote a more effective national, regional and international response to the problem of internal displacement, and to support the work of the Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons in carrying out the responsibilities of his mandate.

It was originally established at the Brookings Institution by Francis Deng and Roberta Cohen. Deng was appointed Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons in 1992, when he was a Senior Fellow at Brookings. He established the Project with the support of Roberta Cohen, who became co-director with Deng.

The archive, primarily donated as paper files, documents the Project's work from the mid-1990s to the mid-2000s. The collection is of great importance to the field and will be particularly useful for researchers looking at the historical development of the normative framework on internal displacement, the way in which the issue emerged onto the international agenda, and how the mandate holder (Representative of the Secretary-General, Special Rapporteur) approached governments and engaged with UN operational agencies to respond to IDPs.

The archive consists of files containing the following information:

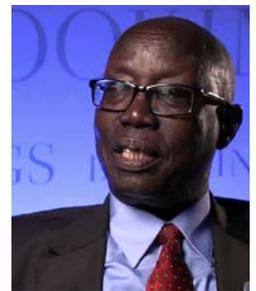
- RSG (Representative of the Secretary-General) Francis Deng and Walter Kaelin's Country Missions 1993–2007; involvement with other countries; and Guiding Principles – ECOSOC and Swiss process (available 1 January 2030)
- RSG Deng's 1992 appointment, history of mandate, development of IDP Project (co-directed by Deng and Roberta Cohen), RSG statements and involvement at UN human rights bodies, RSG articles and statements. RSG Kaelin's appointment, terms of mandate, statements and articles (incomplete)
- RSG Deng's relationships with UN offices and international organisations (available 1 January 2030)
- RSG/IDP Project and Regional Organisations (available 1 January 2020)

- Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement (GPs): history, texts, early articles, alternative standards proposed, national laws and policies by country based on GPs
- Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement: dissemination, usage, conferences
- IDP Project Publications (hard copies 1995–2007; and articles by Co-Director Roberta Cohen, plus articles and statements by Deputy Director Erin Mooney, David Fisher, Gimena Sanchez, Simon Bagshaw etc.)
- IDP Project: program reports, seminars and conferences, special country-focused activities, program on National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) in Asia with the Asia Pacific Forum of NHRIs and in Africa (available 1 January 2020)
- IDP Project collaborative programs with civil society in Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe (available 1 January 2020)
- IDP Project programs influencing policy: Relief to Development ('Brookings Process'), Durable solutions (when does displacement end?), non-state actors (including training seminars of NSAs)
- IDP Project programs: Natural Disasters 2004–5 (Tsunami, Hurricane Katrina); Development Induced Displacement (DID)

The archive will be housed at the Weston Library.



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