



Julian Thomas Hottinger

Julian Thomas Hottinger is a Senior Mediator attached to the Human Security Division (HSD) of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA).

He graduated from the University of Lausanne, he obtained his PhD degree in Political Science and specialised as an International Conflict Mediator at the Canadian International Institute for Applied Negotiations (CIAN) in Ottawa, and at the Lester Pearson Peace Keeping Centre in Canada.

Julian Thomas Hottinger has worked as an expert and consultant on various projects covering conflicts in Afghanistan, Cambodia Colombia, Lebanon, Nicaragua, Northern Ireland, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Rwanda, Somalia, Syria, Sudan and Ukraine. In parallel, he has worked as a member of the International Standing Hostage Negotiation Team (ISHNT) and has collaborated in various activities within this area over the last eighteen years, mainly within the private sector.

From July 1998 until September 2000, he was the Vice-President of the Second Committee on "Democracy and Good Governance" within the Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreement for Burundi, directed by H. E. Julius Kampere Nyerere [until October 1999], and by H. E. Nelson Mandela [until September 2000].

From December 2000 until October 2002, Julian Thomas Hottinger directed a "Constitutional Think Tank Workshop for the Transitional National Government of the Republic of Somalia and the Federative Government of Puntland [North Eastern Somalia]". From October 2002 until April 2004, he was one of the Resource Persons for the 1st Committee on "The Federal Charter", within the Somali National Reconciliation Conference in Eldoret & Mbagathi, in Kenya. In January 2002, Julian Thomas Hottinger took part, as an expert, in the negotiating of "The Nuba Mountains Ceasefire Agreement", which was signed in Bürgenstock [Switzerland] by the Government of the Republic of Sudan and the SPLA [Nuba].

As from January 2003 until January 2005, he was a member of the "Resource Team" working on the Machakos Peace Protocol/Naivasha Peace Negotiations – known today as "The Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA)" - between the Government of Khartoum and the SPLM/A- in Sudan, for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development [IGAD] Secretariat. From January until July 2005, Julian Thomas Hottinger worked with the Gerakan Aceh Medeka [GAM], providing input to help prepare their positions on "self-government/self-governance" and other issues within the negotiations taking place with the Government of Indonesia, in Helsinki, under the Facilitator President Maarti Ahtisaari.

Up to mid-February 2006, he was attached to the African Union (AU) Facilitation Team in Abuja, working on “The Inter-Sudanese Negotiations on the Darfur”. From July 2006 until April 2008, he was one of the mediators within the Facilitation Team, in Juba [Southern Sudan], working on the negotiations between the Government of Uganda and the Lord’s Resistance Army [LRA].

Since January 2012, Julian Thomas Hottinger worked on various Somali issues, such as the drafting of the Somali Constitution, while helping with the implementation of the Sudanese North/South CPA and the preparation of the Referendum [January 2011] and post- referendum options between the North and South of Sudan.

During the latter months of 2012, he was also working on various pre-negotiation preparatory meetings in Indonesia and within the UN on Western Sahara.

Most of his work these last first few years of 2012/2016 has had to do with establishing processes and designing models for future negotiations, while helping parties prepare for future talks, mainly in Mali, Colombia, Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Between November and December 2013, Julian Thomas Hottinger worked on various issues linked to trying to establish Ceasefire in Syria within UN Office of JSR Lakhdar Brahimi. From February until July 2016, Julian Thomas Hottinger has been helping on the Cessation of Hostilities established in Syria at the end of February 2016, while continuing to work on ceasefire issues within the Office of the Special Envoy for Syria, Mr Staffan de Mistura.

Today, Julian Thomas Hottinger is mainly involved in advising various processes (Colombia, Mozambique and Myanmar) in the military/security area, some related to ceasefires others to do with DDR and SSR issues. He also contributes as one of the trainers in the United Nations Ceasefire Mediation Course (UNCMC) in Oslo and within the Peace Mediation Course (PMC) organized by the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in Switzerland.