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Dr. Benny Ben Otim served for many years in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uganda. He was involved in managing various conflicts in Uganda, especially in the Northern part of the country. He is now a retired former senior official of the United Nations where he worked for over 20 years. Benny has background training and experience in aviation, conflict resolution, diplomatic, and development of energy-related projects. He brings to the team a total of over 20-years hands on experience in diplomacy, international civil service, and at a personal level, farming, ranching, and business.

Benny combines a long administrative service with a strong subject-matter knowledge at the national and global levels. He has worked in diverse multi-cultural settings in Europe, South America, Asia, and Africa. In addition to his practical experiences in various conflicts, he has made consistent contribution to the theoretical and policy formulation, and training of field staffs working in conflict zones.

Benny has lectured and been a Visiting Scholar at a several universities such as Yale University in the US, York University in Canada, and Cambridge University in the UK. During his time of service with the UN, Benny was intimately involved in the formulation of UN responses to the conflict in the Former Yugoslavia, including on-ground negotiations of access to civilian populations in Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and Kosovo from 1992-2000.

Benny is based in Nairobi and speaks English, Swahili, Luganda, and Luo. He has working proficiency in Pokot, French, Arabic and Spanish.