

## **Promise of Leadership Dialogue**

### **Themes from Session Five of the Promise of Leadership**

Tables tried to identify areas of success in African peacekeeping efforts. Many identified South Africa's transition from apartheid as a particular achievement. The Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TRC) was another popular success story, as was the establishment of a free media in the country. Others thought Liberia and Rwanda also presented evolving examples of the attainment of peace.

The second question asked tables to explore their views of and hopes for Africa. Many felt that the concept of *ubuntu* needed to be reinvigorated. There was general agreement that we need citizens to participate in the countries' politics more, and a better respect for human life and the rule of law needs to be established.

Most tables felt that TRCs had major roles to play in Africa – by giving a voice to those who have been wronged, and encouraging the emergence of truth. Some tables felt that it was necessary to combine TRCs with some form of restoration, but all agreed that Africa has deep, historical issues that needed to be contextualised.

Education was almost universally acknowledged as a necessary element of lasting peace, as was the need for human dignity and broad-based economic empowerment. A number of tables felt that African peer review mechanisms needed to be encouraged throughout the continent. The distribution of land was also a major concern for many people.