Sierra Leone’s decade-long conflict finally ended in 2002 leaving behind a country in need of truth, reconciliation and justice. After 10 years of peacebuilding, the Sierra Leone Peace Museum will open in 2012 to make sure the conflict’s lessons are not forgotten.

The Exhibition
The Museum will narrate the history of the conflict, its causes and the peace process through an exhibition that displays original artefacts and interactive displays. Audiovisual displays, organised tours and special events will make sure this history is accessible and exciting for children, tourists and all visitors.

Reaching out beyond its four walls, the Museum will visit schools and communities around the country through a mobile exhibition. Further, the Museum may also link up with historically-significant sites around the country to preserve them and assist communities tell their part of the conflict’s story.

The Memorial
The Truth and Reconciliation Commission noted the importance of memorials as a form of symbolic reparation to the conflict’s victims. To fulfil this need, the Museum has launched a public competition for the design of a memorial that will serve to honour victim’s experiences.

The Archive
The Museum’s archive will be the best resource for research into the nation’s conflict. Students, academics, journalists and the public will have access to the public records of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, as well as many other records. Together these records contain the most detailed historical record of the conflict and provide original material for those studying transitional justice mechanisms.

Designing the Museum
The Peace Museum is being designed by a committee of stakeholders including the Government of Sierra Leone, the Human Rights Commission, the Monuments and Relics Commission, the National Museum, the National Archives, Advocacy Movement Network and the War Victims’ Association, among others.

Completing the Museum
The Museum will open toward the end of the 2012 on the site of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (one of the Museum’s partners). However, to become fully operational institution the Museum needs adequate resources. Although the Government intends to provide an annual subvention, additional funding from private sources will be essential so that the Museum can preach peace across the country.

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