

Strengthening Peacebuilding and Development Initiatives through Consensus Building

Tools for dialogue design and facilitation

Sharing toolboxes and lessons learned from a practitioner's perspective

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Objectives

2. Understand the promises, challenges, preconditions and pitfalls for consensus building efforts in developing contexts
3. Present and practice different conflict analysis and consensus building tools
4. Analyze the relation between international cooperation, conflict and consensus building

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Outcomes

During this training you will learn skills for managing conflict and building consensus. These skills will enhance your effectiveness in the development field and in peace building in the developing world. The facilitators will share with you their approaches and experiences.

The training will provide dynamic expert instruction and tools that are directly linked to practice and contemporary challenges of development and peace building in the developing world. Combining group discussions, case studies and simulations, this event will cover the following topics:

AGENDA	
Day 1 Morning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governance and the role of consensus building processes in developing contexts 2. Conflict and development. Tools for analyses <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conflict as an impediment to development b. Conflict as a result of development initiatives c. Conflict as a necessary element for development
Day 1 Afternoon Day 2 All day Day 3 Morning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Consensus building processes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assessment b. Roles c. Process design d. Insider partials-outsiders neutrals e. Convening f. Agenda setting g. Facilitating agreements
Day 3 Afternoon	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Specific issues related to consensus-building in developing contexts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Leadership and representation b. The role of elected officials c. Traditional forms of organization in developing contexts and their impacts on negotiation styles and consensus-building: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political parties • Local political leaders, Worker's organizations • Cooperatives • The role of the church • Youth movements d. Transparency and corruption e. Communication with the press

Participants: Professionals working in the areas of peacebuilding and development, humanitarian assistance and crisis response.

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Facilitators

➤ Pablo Lumerman

Since March 2008, he serves as the Director of Fundación Cambio Democrático (FCD) in Argentina. He has a degree in Political Sciences at Universidad de Buenos Aires and a Master degree in Local Development from the Universidad Nacional de San Martín and the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. He did the mediation studies program at the Graduate Department of the Universidad de Buenos Aires and developed his expertise working at FCD on land distribution, natural resources management and the impact of conflict on sustainable development. Pablo is a member of the network of deliberative democracy of the Kettering Foundation and teaches environmental public policy at the Universidad de Buenos Aires. He serves as a conflict mediator and facilitator, and has experience across several Latin American countries as a trainer in conflict-sensitive approaches to development and tools for building consensus. Pablo is a member of PDCI Board of Directors.

➤ Julian Portilla

Julian is the director of the Master of Science in Mediation and Applied Conflict Studies at the Woodbury Institute of Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont. Prior to his appointment at the College, he directed projects at the Centro de Colaboración Cívica (CCC) in Mexico and at the Fundación Cambio Democrático in Argentina before that. Both organizations work to build consensus among diverse stakeholders on various matters of policy: fisheries, climate change, security, transparency, etc. He is a member of the Conflict Transformation Collaborative as well as the UNDP Democratic Dialogue Regional Project Support Network. He is also a Field Researcher/Analyst for Conflict Research Consortium at the University of Colorado. Julian holds a Master of Science in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University's Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution. He holds a B.A. in French and Political Science from Vassar College.

Deadline for registration: 10 April 2009

Full fee (including materials): 450€
Early payment (before 10 March): 390€

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