

The HD Charter - Mediation for peace

The mission of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) is to help prevent, mitigate and resolve armed conflict through mediation and dialogue. In seeking to fulfil that mission, HD's Board has determined that the organisation's representatives shall comply at all times with the following standards:

1. Perform the activities of the organisation in accordance with the principles of humanity, impartiality, and independence;
2. Engage only where HD can demonstrate added value to a process of preventing, mitigating or resolving violent conflict;
3. Support or engage in processes where all parties – including civil society and women – who could contribute to preventing, reducing and resolving violent conflict can be involved;
4. Maintain strict confidentiality in their engagements with conflict parties, when so requested;
5. Ensure that parties to a conflict are aware of obligations to punish the most serious international crimes, and provide access to international expertise, when needed, on issues pertaining to transitional justice;
6. Strive to work collaboratively with other relevant mediators and organisations to ensure that the comparative advantage of each actor is fully utilised in the service of peace-making;
7. Actively contribute to the professionalisation of the mediation field, including through the strengthening of mediators' networks and development of policy aimed at improving mediation practice;
8. Ensure that HD's activities adhere to the highest standards of integrity, financial accountability and professional conduct;
9. Accept only such financial assistance that can be reasonably expected to advance the organisation's core mission in accordance with the principles outlined in the present Charter;
10. Reserve the right to withdraw from any peace process or negotiation where HD judges the parties to be acting in bad faith or making demands fundamentally inconsistent with the spirit and terms of this Charter.