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Centre for  
Humanitarian  
Dialogue

Mediation for peace  
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الوساطة من أجل السلام  
为和平而调解  
Mediación para la paz  
Посредничество во имя мира

## The Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) works to prevent and resolve armed conflict through mediation and discreet diplomacy

Impartial and independent, HD has been achieving peace since 1999 by finding common ground for agreement beyond the limits of traditional diplomacy and national interests.

With projects in Africa, the Middle East, Eurasia, Asia and Latin America, HD is active in most of the world's violent conflicts.

Using networks built over many years, HD engages creatively with political actors, armed groups and other influential parties at international, interstate and local levels.

Integrated into our approach, we support women, youth and civil society groups to play active roles in peace processes.

As a peacemaker and as a mediation partner to others, HD focuses on innovation, operations, results and rigorous evaluation. Our activities include:

- Making contact with conflict actors that others cannot reach
- Building trust and dialogue between conflict parties
- Brokering negotiations, ceasefires and peace accords
- Supporting humanitarian aid and healthcare in high-risk areas
- Strengthening peacemaking efforts by sharing knowledge

An international body with headquarters in Switzerland, HD is a non-profit organisation funded by donors and supervised by an independent board.

### — 1999 to 2003

Mediating successfully in the Aceh conflict in Indonesia, HD confirms the need for discreet, impartial peacemaking by independent actors

### — 2003 to 2010

HD evolves from a founder-led organisation to a robust institution, enlarging our scope, expertise and funding

### — 2011 to 2022

HD invests in regional hubs, expands partnerships, develops conflict prevention tools and sets up strategic multi-year funding

### — 2023 onwards

HD strengthens core mediation work and intensifies innovation in the digital, environmental, inclusion and humanitarian factors of conflict



# HD Highlights

The map illustrates just some of our work in more than 80% of conflicts around the world.

## 1 COLOMBIA

HD is working to strengthen the benefits of peace accords signed in 2016, including support for the Manigua de Paz (Jungle of Peace) sustainable bean-to-bar chocolate business run by former FARC guerrillas in the Meta and Tumaco areas.



## 2 NIGERIA

Building on major community accords in 2015 and 2016, HD is addressing conflicts in the Middle Belt of Africa's largest and most populous economy. HD's recent results include a landmark social media peace accord between communities in conflict and a peace agreement based on sharing natural resources.

## 3 SAHEL

In a region of widespread instability, HD supports a network of more than 2,000 agro-pastoral mediators in Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso, Mauritania and Chad who resolve hundreds of conflicts over the sharing of natural resources every year. HD also mediates many local agreements to reduce the impact of conflict on communities and foster reconciliation.

## 4 SENEGAL

Since 2014, HD has managed negotiations between Senegal's government and the various factions of the Mouvement des Forces Démocratiques de Casamance to end Africa's longest insurgency. After five years of discreet shuttling between the parties, HD facilitated a series of direct talks resulting in the laying down of arms by a first faction of the MFDC in May 2023.



## 5 LIBYA

In one of the world's most complex conflicts, HD brokered dialogue among all Libyan national and local stakeholders in 2020. This led to a ceasefire and UN-brokered political deal with a new interim government, roadmap for elections and sizeable women's representation in the future cabinet.

## 6 TUNISIA

HD facilitated the Charter of Honour for Elections, an agreement among all major Tunisian political parties that allowed the 2014 vote to proceed peacefully.



## 7 SPAIN

For 15 years, HD discreetly and steadily helped to resolve decades of violence in Spain, starting with confidential support for talks and ending with the Basque armed group ETA disbanding. ETA's final declaration was made public in a ceremony at HD headquarters on 3 May 2018.

## 8 UKRAINE

Active in Ukraine since 2014, HD repositioned quickly after the Russian invasion to help set up civilian corridors and discreet communication channels. HD played a key role in supporting the UN-led Black Sea Grain Initiative with Russia, Ukraine and Türkiye that reopened vital food shipments to millions of people.



## 9 SOUTH CHINA SEA

In a region of tense geopolitics and territorial disputes, HD works to reduce the risks of violent escalation. HD has mediated a code of conduct for naval vessels and another on marine protection and fish stocks, resulting in operational principles to prevent incidents at sea between China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines.



## 10 PHILIPPINES

Since 2004, HD's help to end conflict in the southern Philippines includes support for successful peace talks in 2014 and the law setting up the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. HD also supports community dialogue, livelihood projects for women and training of mediators.





## Building peace

HD builds and values strong partnerships across the global mediation, diplomacy, development and humanitarian communities.

To improve prospects for peace, HD has co-hosted The Oslo Forum with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2003.

The discreet, informal retreats bring together mediation experts, government officials and conflict actors to share knowledge, work on new approaches and advance negotiations.

In February 2023, The Oslo Forum held its first retreat in Latin America and the Caribbean with delegates from 25 countries gathering in Mexico to support and advance peace initiatives in the region.

HD was deeply honoured to receive the Carnegie Wateler Peace Prize in 2022 for our record of conflict mediation and contributions to peace.

“*In each case, and many more, the Centre has for more than 20 years operated behind the scenes – patiently, creatively, discreetly – to bring about results that simply could not have been produced by traditional diplomacy*

Dr. Elisabeth Wesseling-Van Gent  
Chair of the Carnegie Wateler Peace Prize

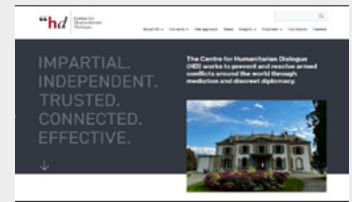
## Investing in peace

Peace is an obvious benefit for communities in conflict and the wider world. The persistence needed to make peace requires substantial and lasting investment.

As a trusted actor in international diplomacy, HD is funded by various governments and private foundations who see the value of our impartiality, independence, innovation and results.

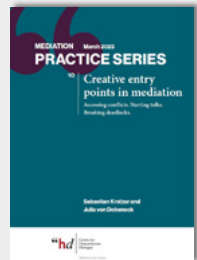
We welcome interest in supporting HD's private diplomacy and mediation to resolve conflicts, reduce human suffering and secure lasting peace as the foundation for a better future.

## Explore HD



HD's website and social media channels have a wealth of news, insights and details on where, how and why we work to resolve conflict and achieve peace.

[hdcentre.org](https://hdcentre.org)



HD publishes the flagship Mediation Practice Series and other reports with insights and guidance to support the wider peacemaking community.



Adam Cooper brings you behind closed doors with riveting stories and insights from prominent peacemakers in this Oslo Forum podcast series.

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