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Centre for
Humanitarian
Dialogue

Mediating for peace since 1999



Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) is a pioneer of discreet, impartial and independent conflict mediation.

As we mark our 25th year, HD is active in most of the world's conflicts with peacemaking projects across Africa, the Middle East, Eurasia and Asia.

Working beyond the limits of traditional diplomacy, we strive for comprehensive peace agreements that reduce the human suffering caused by war and create the conditions for stability and development.

Using networks and partnerships built over many years, we engage creatively at international, inter-state and local levels in pursuit of peace.

To address the many facets of insecurity, our expertise includes digital conflict, inclusive peace processes, environmental peacemaking and humanitarian challenges in high-risk areas.

HD's **Global Strategy 2024-2027** reflects how we are adapting to rapid shifts in geopolitics and conflict to deliver valuable peacemaking results, strengthen the practice of mediation and ensure our resilience as an agile, effective organisation.

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

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

In today's turbulent and polarised world, the need for discreet diplomacy and dialogue has never been more important.

Since our first project in Aceh, Indonesia in 1999, HD has been pursuing peace around the world as the foundation for a better future. Highlights include:

- Providing close support to the UN-led **Black Sea Initiative** with Ukraine, Russia and Türkiye that reopened food shipments to millions of people
- Supporting the ceasefire agreement brokered by the African Union that ended two years of war in **Ethiopia's Tigray region**
- Promoting regional collaboration to reduce tensions in the **South China Sea** and the **Bay of Bengal** via various maritime initiatives
- Managing negotiations in **Senegal** since 2014 to help end Africa's longest insurgency
- Achieving **landmark peace accords** based on sharing **natural resources** and countering the toxic effects of **social media**
- Supporting conflict resolution in the **southern Philippines** since 2004, including successful peace talks in 2014
- Working discreetly for 15 years to end violence in **Spain**, resulting in the Basque armed group ETA disbanding
- Brokering dialogue in **Libya** in 2020 that led to a ceasefire and a political deal



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HD's evolution

1999 – 2007

Beginning in Aceh, Indonesia, HD shows the value of discreet and impartial mediation by independent peacemakers.

2008 – 2011

HD evolves from a founder-led organisation to an institution with clear principles and defined peacemaking methods.

2012 – 2015

As HD expands, we decentralise field operations and increasingly hire and train mediators working in their own regions.

2016 – 2018

Adapting to shifts in conflict, HD develops strengths in multi-actor and multi-level processes and in managing geopolitical tensions.

2019 – 2023

As the pre-eminent peacemaking actor based on measurable results, HD expands work on inter-state disputes and adapts with lessons from the pandemic.

2024 and beyond

Responding to new geopolitical realities and conflict dynamics, we consolidate HD's position as a peacemaking actor with global reach and identity.



Building peace

HD builds and values strong partnerships – on international to local levels – across the diplomatic, mediation, development and humanitarian communities.

Since 2003, HD has co-hosted the **Oslo Forum** with Norway's Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a venue to create paths to peace.

In a volatile world, the annual retreat in Norway and regional events remain safe, discreet spaces for global leaders, mediators, conflict parties and experts to share knowledge, assess crises and work on practical ways to resolve conflicts.

Investing in peace

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 work to reduce suffering, secure lasting peace and build a better future.



Under HD's new strategy for 2024 to 2027, our objective is to deepen our global reach and respond to new geopolitical realities and conflict dynamics.



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.