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**International Center on Conflict
& Negotiation**



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vision of ICCN is a peaceful, tolerant and sustainable Georgia, with well developed civic and state institutions and a balanced distribution of powers.

ICCN **mission** is to promote and develop non-violent approaches to disputes in Georgia and the South



Caucasus, to support the integration process of minority groups and to promote democratic processes by strengthening civil society actors at central and local

levels. The promotion and development of non-violent approaches to disputes a proactive and preventive approach is chosen, based on the needs of IDPs and refugees in our country. ICCN feels it is able to activate their participation in society and their capacity to solve daily conflicts in the community by negotiation and respectful dialogue. This will be done through the identification of community leaders and by training them in community development. At the same time, the capacity of women in conflict resolution will be activated and the society at large will be educated in accepting diversity and being tolerant.

About ICCN

The International Center on Conflict and Negotiation (ICCN) is an independent, peace-making, research and training institution that was founded in 1994 thanks to financial support from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and organizational support from the Center for International Security and Arms Control at Stanford University. ICCN was established with the aim of building peace and accord in a divided post-totalitarian society, putting its main effort on conflict prevention and resolution in the Caucasus region with special focus on Georgia. In the following years it became clear that reaching these objectives would be possible only by empowering civil society, advocating human rights, tightly cooperating with other important actors. All these have since become ICCN programmatic goals. In recent years ICCN has diversified its activities and partnership to assist social groups like internally displaced people (IDPs), returnees, ethnic minorities, religious minorities, young journalists and women's NGOs. Georgia is in the process of democratic transformation. Civil society organizations are vital for development and positive changes. ICCN has unique experience in

Peacebuilding

- Conflict prevention and transformation
- Facilitating people-to-people dialogue
- Mediating people to authorities dialogue and cooperation
- Strengthening civil society groups
- Empowering minorities
- Mobilizing communities
- Initiating, promoting and disseminating liberal values

ICCN approaches are: non-violence, gender sensitivity and diversity

ICCN implements its mission through research and analysis, education, networking and campaigning.

ICCN programs have international, regional and nationwide coverage.

ICCN deliverables: publications, surveys, trainings, public discussions, dialogue.

ICCN has four main program directions:

- Conflict Prevention and Resolution
- Minority and Gender
- Civil Society Development
- Organizational Development

ICCN's recent successful stories/projects:

ICCN, with UNFPA support, created a community of educators to combat gender-based violence in Georgia.

ICCN, within the framework of EED (German Protestant Development Service) support, educated and empowered IDP communities in Tbilisi and Shida Kartli. Trainings for IDP communities, IDP young leaders and women mobilized them and created multiplier effects in the whole region.

ICCN, in cooperation with Mercy Corps, contributes to the strengthening, empowering and integration of local communities and local self-government.

ICCN, in partnership with Berghof Peace Support, IKV Pax Christi, Agency for Economic, Social and cultural development (Tskhirivall), World Without Violence (Sukhumi) and with the support of the EU, is implementing the program: Engagement through Dialogue. Dialogue and study visit series are conducted for the transformation of the Georgian-Abkhaz and Georgian-Ossetian conflicts.

ICCN, within the framework of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict, is involved in global networking for peace promotion. It leads a Georgian-Russian dialogue of political experts and also facilitates meetings between Armenian and Azerbaijani representatives.

ICCN is a one of the pioneer in protection of religious minority rights in Georgia.

ICCN was nominated and awarded as a distinguished supporter of tolerance by the Tolerance Center at the Public Defender's Office of Georgia.

