

“I am glad to see how the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict has transformed the vision of a civil society collaborating across borders to prevent armed conflict, into a reality.”

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Regional Secretariats

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Nairobi Peace Initiative-Africa (NPI-Africa)
www.npi-africa.org

Southern Africa
Ecumenical Church Leaders Forum (ECLF)
www.eclfz.org

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West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP)
www.wanep.org

Latin America and the Caribbean
Regional Coordination for Economic and Social Research (CRIES)
www.cries.org

North America
Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP)
www.allianceforpeacebuilding.org

South Asia
Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS)
www.rcss.org

The Pacific
femLINKpacific
www.femlinkpacific.org.fj

Southeast Asia
Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID)
www.iidnet.org

Northeast Asia
Peace Boat
www.peaceboat.org

Central Asia
Foundation for Tolerance International (FTI)
www.fti.org.kg

Middle East & North Africa
Permanent Peace Movement (PPM)
www.ppm-lebanon.org

Eastern Europe
Nonviolence International
www.nonviolenceinternational.net
www.peaceportal.org/web/east-europe-gppac

Caucasus
International Center on Conflict & Negotiation (ICCN)
www.iccn.ge

Western Balkans
Nansen Dialogue Centre Montenegro (NDC-MN)
www.nansen-dialogue.net

Europe
GPPAC Global Secretariat
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The Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) is a worldwide member-led network of civil society organisations (CSOs) active in the field of conflict prevention and peacebuilding. Founded in 2003, it consists of fifteen regional networks of local organisations; each region having its own priorities, character and agenda.

GPPAC members from around the world work together on issues of common interest. As part of its mission to seek a shift from reaction to prevention of violent conflict, the network supports multi-actor collaboration and advocates for local ownership of conflict prevention strategies. Together, GPPAC members create greater synergy by strengthening the role of local civil society groups in conflict regions and connecting them at the national, regional and global level.



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Working Together for Peace



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GPPAC seeks a world where armed conflicts are prevented and resolved by peaceful means. Together we are working towards a fundamental shift in how the world deals with violent conflict: from reaction to prevention.

GPPAC's approach

GPPAC informs policy by connecting civil society with key decision makers at the national, regional and global level. As a network of peacebuilders, we analyse conflicts from a human security perspective, we build knowledge and develop collaborative mechanisms to prevent violent conflict.

GPPAC improves practice through learning exchanges on conflict prevention, involving civil society practitioners, state institutions, UN representatives, regional organisations and other key actors. We document lessons learned, develop resources and support trainings, highlighting the role of civil society in topics such as:

- Conflict analysis
- Dialogue and mediation
- Peace and conflict resolution education
- Gender-sensitive approaches
- Civil-military-police coordination for human security

GPPAC enables collaboration between civil society organisations and with other actors to analyse trends and improve long-term peacebuilding strategies to foster joint action. We support organisations based in conflict-affected countries, and in politically sensitive contexts where official channels of communication and interaction are limited or absent. We enable collaborative projects that aim to prevent conflict and build sustainable peace.

“Our issues and conflicts, our experiences as small island developing states, sometimes do not make it onto the global agenda. When you add the gender dynamics and the call for prevention, it can sometimes feel like you are swimming against the tide. But working as part of GPPAC amplifies the call from our communities to the corridors of intergovernmental organisations to put human security first and achieve the shift from reaction to prevention.”

Sharon Bhagwan Rolls
femLINKpacific, Fiji

What GPPAC does

Caucasus

GPPAC has established relations between experts and civil society on both sides of the Russian-Georgian conflict using multi-track diplomacy. It promotes Track 1,5 dialogue and develops policy papers to support official negotiations.

Western Balkans

GPPAC secured a commitment from the Ministries of Education of Montenegro and Serbia, teachers and practitioners to integrate Peace education into official curricula; and launched a Peace education teacher's textbook.

Eastern Europe

GPPAC Eastern Europe is integrating peace education into the school curricula of Moldova and Ukraine. The “Culture of good neighbourhood” programme is used in elementary schools throughout Moldova and Ukraine.

Middle East and North Africa

GPPAC Middle East and North Africa has cooperated with the League of Arab States, including training the focal points of the National Security Sector within LAS.

Central Asia

After the 2010 violence in Kyrgyzstan, GPPAC practitioners from West Africa shared their experiences and trained Kyrgyz civil society and government representatives to help set up peace infrastructures in Kyrgyzstan.

Southeast Asia

GPPAC strengthens the participation of local stakeholders and civil society in peace processes and in policy-making on security. This is done through people-to-people solidarity and linking of local, national and regional policy arenas in South East Asia.



North America

GPPAC North America promotes a regional approach to preventing conflict between the Canadian and US extractive industries and Mexican communities in which they operate, ensuring lasting positive outcomes for these communities.

Latin America and the Caribbean

CRIES, the GPPAC Latin America and the Caribbean Secretariat, led a citizen's diplomacy process that brought together academics, former diplomats and government officials from Cuba and the US to develop recommendations that contributed to normalize the bilateral relations.

Eastern and Central Africa

GPPAC has established a regional civil society forum to liaise with the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, the regional intergovernmental organisation which has peacebuilding as its core mandate.

West Africa

In West Africa, GPPAC and WANEP have facilitated consultations across Mali and convened regional and international partners to develop a human security strategy for Mali.

Southern Africa

GPPAC Southern Africa focuses on electoral processes and capacity building on conflict management and transformation.

Northeast Asia

GPPAC Northeast Asia carries out confidence building measures in a region still characterised by Cold War structures and facing serious crises such as nuclear threats and territorial disputes.

South Asia

The South Asian network developed a policy brief on transitional justice in Afghanistan.

The Pacific

GPPAC fosters collaboration on gender, preventive action and human security in peace and security forums in the Pacific Island region.

Since 2006, GPPAC has been bringing the voices of local peacebuilders to the UN Peacebuilding Commission. We work to make the commission more inclusive and transparent and lobby for its engagement in preventive peacebuilding activities.

GPPAC co-convenes the new UN-Civil Society Dialogue Platform on Prevention that brings together UN and civil society actors to discuss how to better cooperate on prevention.

GPPAC has created a community of practice on regional organisations and civil society cooperation for conflict prevention. It brings together representatives from twelve regional organisations, the UN and civil society and promotes policy dialogues at the global and regional levels.

GPPAC develops the capacity of CSOs to engage with regional organisations and the UN, supporting them strategically in carrying out their advocacy efforts.

GPPAC produces tools to facilitate conflict prevention, including a manual on Multi-Stakeholder Processes for Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding, a Field Guide for Conflict Analysis, a Human Security Handbook and a set of case studies to improve civil-military-police coordination for human security.

GPPAC's 25 Gender Focal Points advise the network and advocate on gender-sensitive conflict prevention.

“Being part of GPPAC helps us to magnify our struggle, it becomes a protection against the local dangers we face, and allows our voices to be heard in global and regional arenas. At the same time the local experiences give meaning to this global network. We are a network of locals, we share and learn from the experiences in different regions.”

Gus Miclat

Initiatives for International Dialogue,
The Philippines.