Project Summary

Debates around how to prevent armed conflict have been intensifying, but there is still relatively little analysis of how concrete initiatives and approaches work on the ground. What works, and where? In order to address these gaps, the Igarapé Institute leads the Innovation in Conflict Prevention (ICP) project. This project supports the United Nations (UN), the African Union (AU), and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs)—as well as national and local stakeholders—in avoiding the outbreak, escalation or recurrence of armed conflict. We have carried out research in three regions of Africa: the Greater Sahel, the Great Lakes Region, and the Horn of Africa. In addition to qualitative data collected through fieldwork in six countries (Mali, Somalia, Uganda, Guinea-Bissau, Ethiopia, and Kenya), three of which were carried out through a partnership with the Institute for Security Studies (ISS), we have compiled data on hundreds of conflict prevention initiatives in these countries to produce interactive platforms for mapping and analyzing responses.



Handbook of Conflict Prevention

Author: Igarapé Institute

The Handbook of Conflict Prevention provides an overview of key debates around conflict prevention so as to help policymakers, practitioners, researchers, and other stakeholders to design effective responses for conflict prevention. The Handbook includes a typology of conflict prevention initiatives based on three broad categories: structural, operational, and transnational prevention. For each, the typology offers subcategories for organizing empirical data on conflict prevention.

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Articles

ICP articles are in-depth analyses of cases and issues related to conflict prevention in three regions of Africa: Greater Sahel, the Horn and the Great Lakes Region.



The Ethiopia-Eritrea Agreement: Pathways to Conflict Prevention in the Horn of Africa

Adriana Erthal Abdenur



Can the African Union Innovate in Conflict Prevention? Evidence from Mediation and Preventing & Countering Violent Extremism

Adriana Erthal Abdenur and Giovanna Kuele



The Robust Use of Force in UN Peacekeeping: Can the MONUSCO Force Intervention Brigade Prevent Conflict in the DRC? Giovanna Kuele and Adriana Erthal Abdenur



Central African Republic: Addressing the root and immediate causes of conflict

Adriana Erthal Abdenur and Giovanna Kuele



Reducing Community Violence in the Central African Republic - the Case of BRIA Robert Muggah and Jean de Dieu Ntanga Ntita

Podcasts with African Women Mediators

This is a series of podcasts with influential women mediators from around Africa, showcasing their trajectories and experiences with conflict prevention and resolution.

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Project Outputs

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CPeace – Connecting Peace app for mobile phone

Author: Igarapé Institute

CPeace is an interactive app for policymakers, practitioners, researchers, and other stakeholders working on and/or interested in conflict prevention. The app allows users to build profiles and search for and connect with others working on similar topics or countries. CPeace provides a space for exchanging ideas about conflict prevention at multiple levels, from the local to the national, regional, and international.



Observatory of Conflict Prevention

Author: Igarapé Institute

The Observatory of Conflict Prevention (OCP) is an online, interactive data visualization platform that allows users to identify, map, and track conflict prevention initiatives, at present in six African countries: Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Mali, Somalia, and Uganda. The OCP is searchable by keyword and is based on a database with over a thousand conflict prevention initiatives, with 16 variables each. These initiatives are organized according to the typology in the ICP Handbook of Conflict Prevention.



Policy Brief

Gender and Mediation in Guinea-Bissau:

The Group of Women Facilitators Author: Adriana Erthal Abdenur Igarapé Institute

This policy brief analyzes the role of the Group of Women Facilitators, which has worked towards overcoming the political impasse around the implementation of the Conakry Agreement and towards dialogue and inclusivity in Guinea-Bissau



Policy Brief

Enhancing Peacekeeping Training Through Cooperation

Author: Adriana Erthal Abdenur, Giovanna Kuele and Ariane Francisco Igarapé Institute

This policy brief focuses on one area in which innovation has become more urgent than ever: enhancing the effectiveness of peacekeeping through better training. More specifically, we analyze the emerging configurations, innovations, and challenges of international cooperation for peacekeeping training centers (PTCs)



Policy Brief

The Limits of Conflict Prevention Efforts in Burundi

Author: Priyal Singh ISS

This policy brief provides an overview of the current challenges and opportunities for conflict prevention in the country, and provides recommendations on how conflict prevention stakeholders can learn from this experience.

The ICP Innovate

The series of op-eds analyzes emerging issues in conflict prevention and/or showcases concrete initiatives.

Seeing beyond Somali tragedy could help changing conflict prevention - ISS

Somalia the Role of Climate Change in Recurring Violence - Igarapé Institute and the University of Applied Sciences of Cologne

Ad hoc security initiatives a potential force multiplier for the AU ${\scriptstyle -}$ ${\scriptstyle |\mathbb{SS}}$

South-South Cooperation in Guinea-Bissau: What Role in Peacebuilding? - Igarapé Institute

Brazilian South-South Cooperation in Guinea-Bissau: Social Technologies for Peacebuilding? - Igarapé Institute

Fragile-to-Fragile Cooperation and Conflict Prevention: East Timor Initiatives in Guinea-Bissau - Igarapé Institute

Fractured conflict prevention in Burundi requires greater innovation - ISS

Humanitarian Demining and Conflict Prevention: Lessons from Colombia's FARC Peace Process - Igarapé Institute

Ex-Combatant Reincorporation and Conflict Prevention: Notes from Colombia - Igarapé Institute

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Incorporation of Ex-Combatants in Humanitarian Demining: Lessons from Colombia, Somaliland & Southern Somalia - Igarapé Institute

Will the UN's Vision of Sustaining Peace Put Conflict Prevention Center-Stage? - Igarapé Institute

Promoting Sustaining Peace in Latin America: The 2030 Agenda as Strategic Entry Point - Igarapé Institute

Monitoring of Peace Agreement Implementation: Lessons from Colombia - Igarapé Institute

Women Ex-Combatants and Peace Processes: Innovations and Challenges from Colombia - Igarapé Institute

Limitations in monitoring the Malian peace agreement highlights challenges for conflict prevention innovation - ISS

Peacekeeping Effectiveness and Pre-Deployment Training: Innovations from Kenya - Igarapé Institute

Conflict prevention is back in vogue — and not a moment too soon - Igarapé Institute

Mali is slipping back into chaos - Igarapé Institute