

*A select digest of debates and scholarship on governance and peacebuilding*



The international community increasingly recognizes that women's inclusion in conflict prevention, peacemaking, and peacebuilding is important for long-term peace and stability. The theme of this edition of the Peace Pulse, *Gender and Peace*, explores the gendered effects of armed conflict on women and LGBTI groups and the importance of their inclusion across peace actions. How do these groups leverage influence and what specific challenges do they face?

In this edition, through the articles, you will explore different experiences and lessons learned from the inclusion of women in conflict and peacekeeping initiatives from around the world. "[Building Skills to Integrate, Protect, and Empower Women during Peacekeeping](#)," by Deborah E. Gibbons and Sally M. Baho, examines challenges of integrating and protecting women during peacekeeping and finds that understanding social and organizational processes is key for successfully addressing women's security. "[Strategies for Including Women's and LGBTI Groups in the Colombian Peace Process](#)" by José Francisco Alvarado Cóbar complements the discussion and shows ways in which women and LGBTI groups influenced peace processes and successfully contributed towards the mainstreaming of a gender perspective in Colombia.

Conflict Dynamics' Somali Team will examine the practical ways to increase women's participation in peacebuilding in a forthcoming manual this year which supports the capacity building of women and other local peacebuilding actors in Somalia. The manual will focus on gender concepts and peacebuilding, women, peace and security, sexual and gender-based violence, communication skills, leadership skills, and advocacy campaigns. The need for capacity building in these areas was identified through consultations with local peacebuilding actors in various regions in Somalia. We invite you to stay tuned and watch our social media channels for its release!

Since the signing of the Juba Peace Agreement in Sudan, women in Sudan have had few opportunities to formally participate in the negotiations and the voices of significant women's groups have not regularly been taken into account. Conflict Dynamics' Sudan Team is actively engaging on this topic, focusing on women's political participation. In February/March, the team held two workshops with young women from across Sudan on advancing women's participation during the transition period. The aim is to explore strategies for increasing their participation in the constitution process and in other transitional processes. Keep an eye out on our social media for a more detailed readout from the two workshops, both of which are funded by Global Affairs Canada.

We hope you enjoy this edition, and we are looking forward to presenting our gender manual soon. If you have suggestions for themes that you would like to see featured in future editions of the Peace Pulse, please send them to [peacepulse@cdint.org](mailto:peacepulse@cdint.org). See you in May!

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## Gender and Peace

This section highlights the latest articles on the roles of women and LGBTI in peace processes, the challenges they are confronted with and how national and international actors can best support them.

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- [Strategies for Including Women's and LGBTI Groups in the Colombian Peace Process](#) José Francisco Alvarado Cobar, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, November 2020
- [The Syndemic of COVID-19 and Gender-based Violence in Humanitarian Settings: Leveraging Lessons from Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo](#), Lindsay Stark, Conflict Sensitivity Resource Facility, 20 October 2020
- [UN Peacekeeping Operations and Gendered Threats to the Protection of Civilians](#) Laura Cuzzuol and Welmoet Wels, International Peace Institute, 16 February, 2021
- [Violence, Crime and Gender in South Sudan: Reflections from the Field on Militias and Gangs](#), Alicia Elaine Luedke, Conflict Sensitivity Resource Facility, 2 December 2020
- [Women in Multilateral Peace Operations in 2020: What's the State of Play?](#) Dr Jaïr van der Lijn and Timo Smit, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, October 2020

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## Peacebuilding

CDI's peace action work focuses on preventing conflict, peacemaking and building sustainable peace. Our main strategy for this is political accommodation - a method for enabling users to develop their own approaches to reconciling divergent interests equitably.

- [Breaking the Mold: Lessons from Sixteen Years of Innovative UN Political Engagement in Nepal](#) Rebekka Brubaker, International Peace Institute, 10 February 2021
- [Community Engagement in UN Peacekeeping Operations: A People-Centered Approach to Protecting Civilians](#), Harley Henigson, International Peace Institute, 24 November 2020
- [Considering the Protection of Civilians during UN Peacekeeping Transitions](#) Damian Lilly, International Peace Institute, 25 January 2021
- [Digital Technologies: Game Changer for Peace?](#) Sanjally Jobarteh, Natalina Haller, The KOFF Peacebuilding Magazine, November 2020
- [From Crisis to Opportunity for Sustainable Peace: A Joint Perspective on Responding to the Health, Employment and Peacebuilding Challenges in Times of COVID-19](#), International Labour Organization, November 2020
- [Incremental Inclusivity: A Recipe for Effective Peace Processes?](#) Andreas Schädel, Véronique Dudouet, Johanna-Maria Hülzer and Carlotta Sallach, Berghof Foundation, 25 November 2020
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- [Pan-Africanism from Below? The Peacebuilding Role of Local Peace Committees in South Africa](#) by Fritiz Nganje, International Journal of African Renaissance Studies, 15 February 2021
- [Parallel Tracks or Connected Pieces?: UN Peace Operations, Local Mediation and Peace Processes](#), Arthur Boutellis, Delphine Mechoulan and Marie-Joelle Zahar, International Peace Institute, December 2020
- [Power, Poverty and Peacebuilding: The Violence that Sustains Inequalities and Undermines Peace in Colombia](#), Eleanor Gordon, Sebastian Restrepo Henao, Alejandra Zuluaga Duque and Elliot Dolan-Evans, Conflict, Security and Development, 7 December 2020
- [The Accountability System for the Protection of Civilians in UN Peacekeeping](#) Namie die Razza, International Peace Institute, December 2020
- [The Interstate Border Conflicts and their Effects on Region-Building and Integration of the East African Community](#), Paul Mulindwa, African Journal of Governance and Development, 24 December 2020
- [The Normative Agency of Regional Organizations and Non-governmental Organization in International Peace Mediation](#), Jamie Pring and et Al., Conflict Sensitivity Resource Facility, 20 December 2020

## Governance

Governance arrangements and political dialogue processes provide structure to a political system and help guide whether or not it is inclusive and participatory. CDI's governance and process frameworks

support groups from different backgrounds to identify drivers of conflict in the system and develop creative solutions for addressing them.

- [A Constitutional Based Transformative Approach to Reform Security Sector in Africa's Post Liberation War Countries](#), Annie Barbara Chikwanha, African Security Review, 17 February 2021
  - [Forced Displacement and Climate Change: Time for Global Governance](#), Rosemary McCarney and Jonathan Kent, International Journal: Canada's Journal of Global Policy Analysis, 10 November 2020
  - [Governing the Economy: Rule and Resistance in the Ethiopia-Somaliland Borderlands](#), Tezera Tazebew and Asnake Kefale, Journal of Eastern African Studies, 4 January 2021
  - [Peacebuilding through Public Participation Mechanisms in Local Government: The Case Study of Mbizana Local Municipality, South Africa](#), Christine Dube, Lukhona Mgnuni and Alain Tschudin, Journal of Illicit Economies and Development, 23 February 2021
  - [Statebuilding in the Peace Agreements of Sudan and South Sudan](#), Gene Carolan, Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding, 03 January 2020
  - [State Fragility and the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: An Ecological Analysis of Data from 146 Countries](#), Yuqi Duan, Junxiong Ma, Yangmu Huang, Xinguang Chen, Zhi-Jie Zheng, Global Health Journal, 6 February 2021
  - [The Politics of the Multi-Local in Disaster Governance](#), Samantha Melis and Raymond Apthorpe, Politics and Governance, 10 December 2020
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## Peacebuilding Contexts

### Somalia and Somaliland

Since 2009, CDI has worked with local partners in Somalia to support dialogue among and between Somali leaders and communities to help reconcile different interests and build lasting peace.

- [Accessing Justice: Somalia's Alternative Dispute Resolution Centers](#), International Development Law Organization, 20 January 2021
- [Being and Becoming a State: the Statebuilding and Peacebuilding Conversations in Southern Somalia and Somaliland](#), Mohamed Haji Ingiriis, Journal of Contemporary African Studies, 2 November 2020
- [Reflections on the Future Role of the State in Somalia from the Perspective of Aid Effectiveness](#), Gaël Rabbaland, Andreas Fiebelkorn, Guenter Heidenhof and Kirk Schmidt, Development Policy Review, 11 February 2021
- [Somalia's Disassembled State: Clan Unit Formation and the Political Marketplace](#), Alex de Waal, Conflict, Development & Security, 11 January 2021
- [Somalia: Pivotal Moment](#), Africa Research Bulletin: Political, Social and Cultural Series, 16 February 2021

### South Sudan

CDI has supported South Sudan to construct a "House of Governance" that equitably serves all citizens and provides a framework for sustainable peace. We currently are exploring ways to support South Sudanese women's participation in governance and processes and the promotion of women's rights.

- [Back on their Feet: The Role of PoCs in South Sudan the Potential for Returning 'Home'](#), Simon Harragin, Conflict Sensitivity Resource Facility, 12 October 2020
- [Buffering State-making: Geopolitics in the Sudd Marshlands of South Sudan](#), Peer Schouten and Jan Bachmann, Conflict Sensitivity Resource Facility, 11 December 2020
- [Fluid States and Rigid Boundaries on the East Bank of the Nile in South Sudan](#), Matthew Pritchard, Conflict Sensitivity Resource Facility, July 2020
- [COVID-19 and the Political Transition in South Sudan](#), Abraham Awolich, The Sudd Institute, 26 February 2021
- [South Sudan's Latest Peace Deal Has Been Lauded as a Milestone in the Country's Long Road to Peace and Stability](#), Thulani Maphasa, Conflict Sensitivity Resource Facility, 20 September 2020
- [The South Sudan National Dialogue: What next?](#), Augustino Ting Mayai, Conflict Sensitivity Resource Facility, 4 December 2020

### Sudan

CDI works to prevent conflict and build sustainable peace in Sudan by supporting all stakeholders to develop inclusive frameworks, policies, and systems that will form the foundation of a new era of governance in Sudan.

- [Humanitarian Impacts of Sudan's Removal from the State Sponsors of Terrorism List](#) Jacob Kurtzer, Judd Devermont and John Goodrick, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), 12 November 2020
- [Removing Sudan from the State Sponsors of Terrorism List](#), Michelle Gavin, Council on Foreign Relations, 21 October 2020
- [The Post-Bashir Era in Sudan: Tragedy or Remedy?](#), Noah Bassil and Jingwei Zhang, Australian Journal of International Affairs, 17 February 2021
- [Walking in Tighrope: The Transition from UNAMID to UNITAMS in Sudan](#), Daniel Forti, International Peace Institute, 18 February 2021

## The United States

Although CDI's current work is primarily focused on East Africa, recent events have emphasized the pervasive effects of exclusion and inequality in the United States and the potential applicability of our work there.

- [Biden Has Already Shown Us that Governing Is Back](#) E.J. Dionne Jr., The Washington Post, 17 January 2021
- [Reflections On Governance, Communication, And Equity: Challenges And Opportunities in COVID-19 Vaccination](#), Daniel Salmon, Douglas J. Opel, Matthew Z. Dudley, Janesse Brewer and Robert Breiman, Health Affairs, 5 February 2021
- [The Anatomy of Backsliding: Why is Democracy Consuming Itself?](#), Stephan Haggard and Robert R. Kaufman, Political Violence at a Glance, 3 March 2021
- [The Costs of Political Violence in the United States](#), Andrew Blum, Democracy Fund, 17 February 2021

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## Books

- [Making and Breaking Peace in Sudan and South Sudan](#) edited by Sarah M. H. Nouwen, Laura M. James and Sharath Srinivasan in Oxford University Press, 17 February 2021
- [Peace in the Age of Chaos](#), Steve Killelea A.M in Hardie Grant Publishing, 07 October 2020
- [The Dissent Channel](#), Elizabeth Shackelford in Public Affairs, 2020
- [The Palgrave Handbook of Development Cooperation for Achieving the 2030 Agenda](#) edited by Sachin Chaturvedi, Heiner Janus, Stephan Klingebiel, Xiaoyun Li, André de Mello e Souza, Elizabeth Sidiropoulos and Dorothea Wehrmann in Palgrave Macmillan, 2021
- [Working with Conflict 2 – Skills and Strategies for Action](#) Simon Fisher, Vesna Matovic, Bridget Ann Walker and Dylan Mathews in ZED Scholar, 29 October 2020

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The Peace Pulse seeks to inform readers about recent debates and scholarship related to peacebuilding and governance, and Conflict Dynamics' peacebuilding contexts: Somalia and Somaliland, South Sudan, and Sudan. Conflict Dynamics' peacebuilding initiatives aim to prevent and resolve violent conflict and to foster political stability. In working toward this goal, Conflict Dynamics supports people and their representatives to develop, agree upon, and implement practical arrangements for political dialogue processes and governance that accommodate diverse political interests in a balanced way.

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