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Mike regularly delivers briefings and updates on armed conflicts, humanitarian crises, and emerging threats to American and European governments. He has testified and briefed the U.S. Congress, the U.N. General Assembly and the U.K. Parliament, and regularly meets with Pentagon, National Security Council and various foreign ministry officials. Mike has been interviewed by the New York Times, Washington Post, New Yorker, Foreign Policy, BBC World Service, France 24, CCTV (China), Voice of America and other outlets and guest-lectured at universities and training institutes.

Mike was previously Search for Common Ground's Program Manager for Africa, where he oversaw growth of Search’s portfolio in 22 countries. Mike led the development and launch of more than 150 programs and projects, including Search’s strategy to counter violent extremism in the Sahel, its response to the Boko Haram insurgency in the Lake Chad Basin, interreligious violence in the Central African Republic, the Cote d’Ivoire electoral crisis, and state collapse in South Sudan.

From 2008 through 2010, Mike served with Search in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi, managing humanitarian, elections and security sector reform programs. Before to joining Search, he worked on African affairs at the Wilson Center, a leading Washington DC think tank. He has an MA from Georgetown and a BA from Harvard.

About Search for Common Ground
Founded in 1982, Search for Common Ground is the world’s largest dedicated peacebuilding organization with more than 700 staff and thousands of partners and volunteers working in 45 countries on five continents. At any given time, Search is running more than a hundred different programs ranging from supporting Middle East peace processes to tribal negotiations over grazing rights in Sudan.

Through its sustainable business practice, Search plays an active role in international partnerships to improve security and human rights in the mining and energy sector. Its programs in Burundi and the Central African Republic were widely credited with curtailing hate speech and preventing identity-based violence, work that continues in Myanmar, the Democratic Republic of Congo and elsewhere. Search is a global leader in developing programs to address violent extremist ideology offline and online.

For its longstanding commitment to non-violent problem-solving, Search has been nominated for the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize.