

About CPPF and the Social Science Research Council

The **Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum (CPPF)** was founded in 2000 as a program of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and works to strengthen the knowledge base and analytic capacity of the UN community in the fields of conflict prevention and management, peacemaking and sustaining peace. CPPF helps to bridge the gap between evidence-based research and policy-making by providing rapid access to leading experts through off-the-record briefings, commissioned research, and long-term research projects driven by our in-house expertise.

To do this, CPPF works on three fronts:

- Strengthening the capacity of the UN system;
- Informing the work of Member States and key stakeholders; and
- Producing knowledge and evidence through our in-house research and expertise.

We help create greater coherence within the UN system and between the UN and its key partners in the common mission of maintaining peace, promoting sustainable development, and protecting human rights. CPPF's comparative advantage stems from immediate access to senior UN decision-makers, first-hand experience with UN policy and operational planning, combined with an extensive network of experts who complement its own staff's expertise. In the sixteen years since its founding, CPPF has become a trusted partner of senior UN officials across the system.

Over the years it has become evident that to support the work of the UN, CPPF must more closely engage with other key international actors, including UN Member States, regional organizations and international financial institutions (IFIs). Thus, the targeted audience for CPPF's work varies on a case-by-case basis: sometimes the UN is the exclusive CPPF "client," while on other occasions we also work closely with other international actors. We increasingly respond to requests of UN Member States in support of UN efforts, and seek to strengthen our cooperation with regional organizations and IFIs.

The **Social Science Research Council**, CPPF's parent institution, was founded in 1923 with a mandate to reach across disciplinary and institutional boundaries and bring the best social researchers together to address problems of public concern. It has also provided over 10,000 fellowships to graduate students and young researchers around the world. The Council's distinctive niche is to innovate and incubate, to identify emergent lines of research of critical social importance that will be enhanced by interdisciplinary or international ties, and to help scattered researchers build networks and nascent fields to achieve critical mass.