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**ABSTRACT:** This research guide has been compiled by the USAID Knowledge Services Center staff for review by the US Agency for International Development. The guide is a focused selection of resources on conflict management.

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# Internet Resources on Conflict Management

## **International Crisis Group**

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/home/index.cfm>

The International Crisis Group (Crisis Group) is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization, working through field-based analysis and high-level advocacy to prevent and resolve deadly conflict. The site provides extensive up to date information on ongoing conflicts worldwide. Resources include country/conflict profiles and histories, as well as news alerts in the CrisisWatch section from conflict prone areas.

## **United States Institute of Peace (USIP)**

<http://www.usip.org/>

USIP is an independent, nonpartisan organization funded by the US Congress and focused on the prevention and resolution of violent international conflicts. Its digital library, The Margarita S. Studemeister Digital Library in International Conflict Management, is an important resource for those researching these issues. The library has two separate collections of primary source documents difficult to find elsewhere; the Peace Agreements Digital Collection and the Truth Commissions Digital Collection. In addition, there is a third collection, the Oral Histories Project on Stability Operations, that contains primary source information on stability operations worldwide.

## **The International Peace Academy (IPA)**

<http://www.ipacademy.org/publications>

The IPA is a policy – focused conflict think tank that produces a range of publications, from policy briefs to multi author studies and books. This web page contains IPA's recent publications, including their 2007 Coping with Crisis working paper series.

## **Id21; Conflict and Emergencies.**

<http://www.id21.org/zinter/id21zinter.exe?a=l&w=a10>

Id21, a resource from the Institute of Development Studies in Sussex, UK, is another general online resource and library for a number of development topics. Those researching conflict management may be particularly interested in the 'Conflict and Emergencies section', linked above. Id21 also offers email updates and country profiles.

## **Eldis**

<http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/conflict-and-security>

Eldis is an online resource and library for a number of development topics, including conflict and security. The link to that section of the site is above. Eldis also contains a section on the latest Norwegian research within a variety of topics, including conflict. The link to this section can be found below:

<http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/norwegian-research/conflict>

## **The World Bank: Conflict and Development Unit**

<http://go.worldbank.org/4KAFUV68X0>

The World Bank's Conflict Prevention and Reconstruction Unit homepage contains information on the World Bank's work in this area such as PRSPs from conflict prone areas, related publications, and post conflict oriented toolkits.

## **The DAC Network on Conflict, Peace and Development Co-operation**

[www.oecd.org/dac/conflict](http://www.oecd.org/dac/conflict)

This network's homepage contains recent OECD/DAC publications on the topic of conflict and development, as well as information on conferences and recent work of OECD member countries.

## **Uppsala Conflict Database**

<http://www.pcr.uu.se/database/project.php>

This database, open to the public, provides publications and research on conflicts worldwide. It is maintained by Uppsala University, in Sweden.

## **Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation**

<http://www.csvr.org.za/index.htm>

This South African based center's Publications page contains conflict and reconciliation literature, as well as evaluations of conflict reconciliation programs. The Centre also publishes the International Journal of Transitional Justice through Oxford Press. The first issue of this journal came out in March 2007, and is available at the link below:

<http://ijtj.oxfordjournals.org/current.dtl>

## **Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution (IIMCR) Online Library**

<http://dev.iimcr.org/index.cfm>

The online library staff recommends a 'book of the week' on mediation and/or conflict resolution, sometimes a personal account/narrative, and sometimes a more academic or instructional take on conflict resolution.

**Practitioner's Guide to Conflict Prevention and Mitigation**

[http://www.caii.com/CAIStaff/Dashboard\\_GIROAdminCAIStaff/Dashboard\\_CAIAdminDatabase/resources/ghai/outline.htm](http://www.caii.com/CAIStaff/Dashboard_GIROAdminCAIStaff/Dashboard_CAIAdminDatabase/resources/ghai/outline.htm)

This guide, created with USAID funding, is intended to give a brief overview of the basic theory and terminology of conflict prevention and mitigation with a focus on the Horn of Africa.

**The Children and Armed Conflict Unit; University of Sussex**

<http://www.essex.ac.uk/armedcon/default.htm>

[This site, a joint project of the Children's Legal Centre and the Human Rights](#)

centre at the University of Sussex, provides information and resources on children and armed conflict worldwide. It includes a database of relevant international law and documentation, as well as recent world news and links to more information within a variety of subtopics.

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