

Achievements

Pioneering the first public diplomacy movements with participation of civil society representatives from Abkhazia and South Ossetia (1995/96) and the joint projects that followed;

Movement Against Religious Intolerance in Georgia (MARIG) (established February 2003);

South Caucasus Regional Action Agenda for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (including recommendations for the UN and other international organizations) elaborated; broader ownership is reached;

Nation-wide and International training in peace building and conflict management (including ToT) since 1996;

Nation-wide training in Gender Issues and Tolerance since 1998;

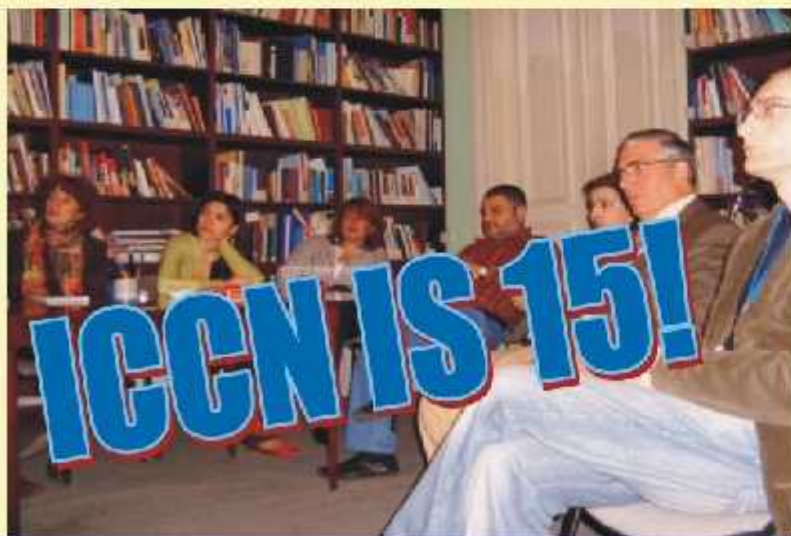
Civil Council for the Protection of Basic Rights and Freedoms influencing decision making process on the level of government of Georgia

Started and developed **2-way communication** process between **different religious minorities** and CSOs;

Georgian NGO Coalition for Democracy

Empowering other Civil Society Organizations (today, 2 organizations have been formed and are working successfully as a result of ICCN's efforts)

Capacity building of local communities and local self-government, building linkages and trusts in Javakheti Region



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About ICCN

The International Center on Conflict and Negotiation is an independent, not-for-profit and non-partisan, peace-making, research and training institution, one of the leading non-governmental organizations in the Caucasus established in 1994. ICCN plays an active role in peace-building and civil society-building in Georgia, promotes effective conflict prevention and peace-building strategies, and actively supports civil society development through enabling peaceful and integrative approaches. ICCN has professional experience in research and analysis, including regional security studies, sociological surveys and public opinion polling, human rights focusing on gender equity, minority rights and IDP/refugee, peace education including training in a number of fields, multi-track diplomacy efforts across conflict zones, cross-border activities and peace campaigning, publishing activities, international expertise and networking.

Vision and Mission

We envisage a peaceful, tolerant and sustainable Georgia, with well developed civic and state institutions and a balanced distribution of powers.

We strive to

- ✓ develop non-violent approaches to disputes in Georgia and South Caucasus
- ✓ raise civic consciousness
- ✓ promote democratic processes through strengthening of civil society actors
- ✓ support integration of minority groups

Programs:

Conflict Prevention/Resolution

Our strategy for conflict prevention and peaceful resolution has several approaches: analysis, education and dialogue for conflict management and transformation. Experts of ICCN work on identification and analysis of symptoms in conflict situation; conduct trainings for IDPs, returnees, women, young journalists aimed at capacity building, empowerment, increase participation, personal development, and civic education.

ICCN coordinates the South Caucasus regional process for the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict. The whole process and concrete activities is undertaken within the following directions: 1) Dialogue and Mediation; 2) Civil Society interaction with regional and UN agencies; 3) Awareness Raising, Knowledge Generation and Sharing/Peace education; 4) Network Capacity Building;



Human Rights/Integration of Minority Groups/Gender Issues

ICCN works to increase awareness of community at large about diversity issues and improve acceptance of ethnical and religion minority groups by youth, media representatives, local governments, and general public

ICCN has established The Civil Council for the Protection of Basic Rights and Freedoms. The council is evaluating and then analyzing the attitudes of the population towards ethnic, religious minorities, the decision-making bodies, the mainstream church, etc.

ICCN program is sequentially working on elaborating and applying of gender sensitive and equitable approaches. ICCN provides Training of Trainers for Target Group Education in the framework of 'Combating Gender-Based Violence in the South Caucasus' Project (UNFPA). Training curriculum created by ICCN experts focus on Gender Based Violence awareness, covering scope of the problem, definitions, dynamics, interventions, legal and ethnical issues and prevention.

Civil Society Development

To foster liberal values is one of the most important tasks for ICCN. We keep active and overwhelming discussions on issues like: freedom, freedom as development, freedom of expression, religion, peace, non-violent approaches diversity, intercultural dialogue, human rights, the role of government and civil society in the transformation and euro-Atlantic integration processes.