

Working Together for Peace in the South Caucasus



A Network of People
Building Peace

The Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) is a world-wide member-led network of civil society organisations active in the field of conflict prevention and peacebuilding. Founded in 2003, it consists of fifteen regional networks of local organisations; each region has its own priorities, character, and agenda. This flyer presents the work of the GPPAC South Caucasus regional network.

Efforts for Conflict Prevention:

- Engage youth for peace
- Empower women for peace
- Mobilize experts for peace

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



Our Activities

Conflict Prevention
Toolbox to Contribute to
SDG16 in Caucasus

Network of Women
Mediators of South
Caucasus

Thematic Meetings of
CSO pundits, youth, and
peace journalists

Network of GPPAC
Freelance Press Officers

Investing in Sustainable Peace

The term of ‘protracted or frozen conflicts’ has come to mean four of the ongoing separatist conflicts on the territory of the former Soviet Union (Nagorny Karabakh, Abkhazia, South Ossetia, Transdniestria), 3 of which are belonging to the region of South Caucasus. When the USSR collapsed, several violent conflicts erupted in the region simultaneously. These conflicts resulted in tens of thousands of deaths and hundreds of thousands of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs). Whilst these armed conflicts are now considered frozen, clashes on demarcation lines periodically flare up and human rights violations continue.

The region is marked by political and economic instabilities, rising youth unemployment and numerous unresolved issues. Therefore, interethnic dialogue and regional cooperation is a hallmark of the work of GPPAC South Caucasus regional members. Our work is closely linked to the implementation of SDG16+ of the UN Agenda 2030; and to the landmark UN resolution 1325 on women, peace and security.

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What We Do Why and How

“We strive to contribute to the greater and meaningful engagement of civil society actors of the region in the prevention of violent conflicts and de-escalation of current conflicts. We contribute to the implementation of SDG 16+ on creating peaceful and inclusive societies”

- Promotion of conflict prevention tools in the context of the UN 2030 Agenda and SDG 16
- Improved interaction between South Caucasian CSOs for confidence building, conflict analysis and human security
- Engaging pundits from Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan in the discussion on coexistence of different economic blocs in the region
- GPPAC Freelance Press Officers in South Caucasus provide blogs and articles raising awareness of peace
- Policy Papers on conflict prevention with recommendations for state bodies



Armenian CSOs discussing advocacy of conflict prevention initiatives



Azerbaijani CSOs and pundits discussing peace initiatives in the region

SOME IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Network of Women Mediators of South Caucasus established on the initiative of International Center on Conflict and Negotiation– GPPAC regional secretariat. To date, 10 women peacebuilders have joined the network.
- Six new CSOs from Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan have joined the regional GPPAC network and enriched it with their expertise and experience.
- 15 members of the network of GPPAC freelance press officers in South Caucasus have produced more than 35 articles on peace and confidence building.
- For 2017-2019, GPPAC regional network members developed six policy papers on the issues related to conflict prevention
- The youth CSOs of Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan have engaged in the discussions and research of the salient peace issues in the region.
- A Conflict Prevention Toolbox has been developed to contribute to the implementation of SDG16 in the region.
- Essentials of human security from the GPPAC handbook have been translated and disseminated in the region.