PSRP Phase One Projects

Constitution-making

What?
This project involved a partnership with International IDEA’s constitution-building unit, with four workshops on interim constitutions, sequencing of peace agreements and constitutions, sub-national constitutions, and timing of elections and constitutions.

How?
Each project entailed a workshop which involved global experts in constitution-making, and participants who had been involved in constitution-making drafting and consultation processes from key conflict states. The workshops involved deliberation and discussion of key case studies, out of which a workshop report was produced and then developed into a fuller policy report dealing with a specific challenge regarding the relationship between conflict resolution and constitution-making.

Why?
Constitution-making and peace-making are intrinsically linked, often in complicated sequencing patterns. While peace agreements often have narrow political-military elite participation, constitution-making processes are often assumed to be vehicles for much broader participation. This project contributes to the evidence base on how constitution-making projects work as a vehicle for conflict resolution, and also provides data which can connect with our other data processes.

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Key Publications

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