What?
This project addressed the ‘empirical gap’ of how to measure the implementation of formal political settlement ‘events’ such as peace agreements, with regards to the broader structural conflict and development outcomes. It innovated by beginning conversations between different types of data providers, and those who are engaged in different ways of ‘measuring’, whether a peace agreement has been implemented and some sort of negative or positive peace achieved.

How?
This project had several different components. First, a brief desk-top study scoped the existing global datasets. Second, this study fed into working sessions which brought together different types of data providers, and different ‘measurers’ of change across a range of methodologies, focused on different putative dimensions of the political settlement. It then provided several pieces of work: conceptual work linking to our case studies as to what ‘success’ might involve; an indication of how patterns of conflict and development change post-peace agreement, using three case studies; and third, an examination of trajectories of conflict and fragility in Africa. We used both PA-X data on peace agreements and the International Futures forecasting system (University of Denver).

Why?
We hope that by providing some ways of ‘measuring’, we will both provoke thought as to what a successful peace process would deliver, and attempt some measurements to see what they tell us.

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