



# Constitution-making

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## 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.

## Who?

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## Key Publications

- [Underwood, W., Bisarya, S., & Zulueta-Fülscher, K. \(2018\). \*Interactions between Elections and Constitution-Building Processes in Fragile and Conflict-affected States\* \(PSRP Report\). Stockholm: International IDEA.](#)
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- [Sapiano, J. \(2016\). \*Constitution-Building in Political Settlement Processes: The Quest for Inclusion, Discussion Report\*. Stockholm: International IDEA.](#)
- [Zulueta-Fülscher, K., & Welikala, A. \(2017\). \*Substate Constitutions in Fragile and Conflict-affected Settings\*. Stockholm: International IDEA.](#)

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