

Web Sources for Current Conflict and Conflict Transformation Information

The following list of globally oriented web sources may be helpful in locating current and historical background information on your conflict. There are also many regionally focused web-sites, and other useful on-line sources are accessible from www.icons.umd.edu or www.google.com. Academic Universe, <http://news.bbc.co.uk>, www.WashPost.com and regional news source web sites may also be useful for covering recent developments. Be selective according to your needs in developing the paper—this list is way more than you will have time to explore in any detail, and is offered as a resource that may be useful beyond this particular paper.

Be aware that new sources are appearing all the time and old ones disappearing – please help us keep updating the list by notifying jdavies@cidcm.umd.edu of new or discontinued sites.

A. Information on Countries, Groups and Current Crises

Alertnet (Reuters Foundation) www.alertnet.org
CIA World Factbook www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook
Colorado Conflict Research Consortium CRC) www.colorado.edu/conflict
Expeditamaps www.expeditamaps.com
Initiative on Conflict Resolution and Ethnicity (INCORE) www.incore.ulst.ac.uk
Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN), UNOCHA www.reliefweb.int/IRIN
Minorities at Risk Project, University of Maryland www.bsos.umd.edu/cidcm
Minority Rights Group International www.minorityrights.org
One World Online www.oneworld.org
ReliefWeb, UNOCHA (UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) www.reliefweb.int
United Nations University (UNU) www.inweh.unu.edu/unuinweh/mappage.htm
US Institute of Peace www.usip.org
US Agency for International Development (USAID) <http://198.76.84.1/regions>

B. Monitoring Armed Conflicts

Carter Center www.cartercenter.org
Center for Systemic Peace <http://members.aol.com/cspmgn>
Center for International Development and Conflict Management, U. of Maryland (*Peace and Conflict Survey, Armed Conflict and Interventions, State Failure Project*) www.cidcm.umd.edu
FIRST: Facts on International Relations and Security Trends <http://first.sipri.org>
Heidelberg Institute of International Conflict Research (HIIK) www.hiik.de
Interdisciplinary Research Program on Root Causes of Human Rights Violations (PIOOM) www.fsw.leidenuniv.nl/www/w3_liswo/pioom.htm
SALIGAD Project, Bonn International Center for Conversion www.saligad.org.
Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) www.sipri.se

C. Monitoring Human Rights Violations

Amnesty International www.amnesty.org
Freedom House www.freedomhouse.org
Human Rights Internet www.hri.ca
Human Rights Watch www.hrw.org
HURIDOCS (Human Rights Documents) www.huridocs.org
U.S. State Department www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/

D. Risk Assessment and Early Warning Systems

1. Public Sector

Conflict Prevention Center, OSCE (Org. for Security and Cooperation in Europe) www.osce.org
ConflictWeb & CEWARN US AID www.usaid.gov/regions/afr/conflictweb/
Famine Early Warning System Network (FEWS NET) www.fews.net
Global Information Early Warning System (GIEWS), FAO www.fao.org/giews
Genoa Project, DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency)
www.darpa.mil/ato/programs/genoa.htm
Humanitarian Early Warning System (HEWS), UNOCHA
www.reliefweb.int/ocha_ol/programs/pad/hews.html.
State Failure Project, US Government with Science Applications International Corp. and University of Maryland (CIDCM) www.cidcm.umd.edu
UN Early Warning and Preventive Measures (EWPM) Project, UN Staff College and UN Department of Political Affairs www.itcilo.it/unscop/programmefocus/earlywarning/
UN Project for Risk Evaluation, Information and Early Warning (PREVIEW), UN Environmental Program, Division of Early Warning and Assessment (UNEP-DEWA) www.unep.org/dewa/ and www.unep.org/aeo/
World Bank's PovertyNet, Conflict Prevention and Reconstruction Team, etc.
www.worldbank.org/poverty; and <http://wbln0018.worldbank.org/essd/essd.nsf>

2. Private Sector—Model-Based Analyses

Country Indicators for Foreign Policy (CIFP), Carleton University www.carleton.ca/cifp
FAST Project, Swiss Peace Foundation www.swisspeace.ch
Forum on Early Warning and Early Response (FEWER) www.fewer.org
FUGI Global Early Warning System <http://suissgate.t.soka.ac.jp>
Minorities at Risk Project, University of Maryland www.cidcm.umd.edu
Peace and Conflict (biennial survey), University of Maryland www.cidcm.umd.edu
The Fund For Peace www.fundforpeace.org

3. Private Sector—Interpretive Analyses

ACCORD South Africa www.accord.org.za
Afrobarometer project www.afrobarometer.org
Center for Preventive Action, Council on Foreign Relations www.cfr.org/public/resource.cgi?prog!97
Comprehensive Risk Analysis and Management Network (CRN) www.isn.ethz.ch/crn
Heidelberg Institute of International Conflict Research (HIIK) www.hiik.de
International Crisis Group (ICG) www.crisisgroup.org
Refugees International www.refintl.org
Saferworld www.saferworld.co.uk/conflict/

E. Resources for Identifying Coping Capacity

Children and Armed Conflict Unit, University of Essex www2.essex.ac.uk/c&acu/
Center for Systemic Peace <http://members.aol.com/cspmgn>
Center for International Development and Conflict Management, U. of Maryland www.cidcm.umd.edu
ConflictWeb, US Agency for International Development www.usaid.gov/regions/afr/conflictweb/
European Platform for Conflict Prevention and Transformation www.euconflict.org
Freedom House www.freedomhouse.org
Global IDP Project www.idpproject.org
Governments on the Web www.gksoft.com/govt/en/
International Alert www.international-alert.org
International Peace Academy www.ipacademy.org

IRIN (Integrated Regional Information Networks) UNOCHA www.reliefweb.int/IRIN
Political Resources on the Net www.agora.stm.it/politic/
REFWORLD www.unhcr.ch/refworld/country/menus/africa.htm
Regional Development Banks www.afdb.org etc.
UN Development Program Human Development Reports <http://hdr.undp.org>
UN Peacekeeping Operations www.un.org/depts/dpko/
US Institute of Peace www.usip.org

F. Resources for Identifying Past and Potential Responses

Beyond Intractability – useful searchable database for mediators & parties www.beyondintractability.org
Bonn International Center for Conversion www.bicc.de
Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict www.ccpdc.org
Conciliation Resources (Accord series) www.c-r.org/accord/index.shtml
Conflict Early Warning Systems (CEWS) Project, International Social Science Council
www.usc.edu/dept/LAS/ir/cis/cews (case sensitive).
Conflict Prevention Network, EU and SWP www.swp-berlin.org/cpn/
ConflictWeb, US Agency for International Development www.usaid.gov/regions/afr/conflictweb/
European Platform for Conflict Prevention and Transformation www.euconflict.org
International Center for Humanitarian Reporting www.ichr.org
International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR) www.gn.apc.org/ifor
MOST Clearing House—Best Practices www.unesco.org/most/bphome.htm
Oxfam www.oxfam.org.uk
Oxford Research Group www.oxfordresearchgroup.org.uk
Peace and Collaborative Development Network www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org
Peace Research Institute Unit Bonn www.bonn.iz-soz.de/afb
Reliefweb www.reliefweb.int
SAIS Conflict Management Toolkit <http://cmtoolkit.sais-jhu.edu/>
Search for Common Ground www.searchforcommonground.org
Transcend: A Peace and Development Network www.transcend.org
Transnational Foundation for Peace and Future Research (TFF) www.transnational.org
US Institute of Peace www.usip.org
US State Department (Bureau of African Affairs etc.) www.state.gov/www.regions/
World Bank www.developmentgateway.org
World Vision International www.wvi.org

G. Online Dialogue on Current Conflicts

Dialogue Webpage for Conflicts Worldwide www.dwcw.org

H. General Information on the Field of International Conflict Transformation

Alliance for Conflict Transformation www.conflicttransformation.org
Conflict Resolution Information Source www.crinfo.org
Idealist.org www.idealists.org
International Jobs Center www.internationaljobs.org
Reliefweb www.reliefweb.int
Society for International Development www.sidint.org