



SPOTLIGHT ON ORGANISATIONS: EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT



This document highlights some of the key organisations that focus on extractive industries and conflict management in the Latin American context. Together these organisations cover a wide range of themes, such as arbitration, right to prior consultation, indigenous peoples and human rights, private sector human rights performance, and social and environmental conflicts. The organisations are divided into [Latin American organisations](#), [international organisations](#) or those based outside of the Latin America region, and those focusing specifically on [indigenous peoples](#).

Latin American Organisations

► Centre for Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts (*Centro de Análisis y Resolución de Conflictos*)

Link: <http://consensos.pucp.edu.pe/>

Areas of Expertise: Conflict prevention, conflict management, extractive industries

Key Activities: Research, training, arbitration, consultancy services

The Centre for Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts is dedicated to the analysis, prevention, and management of conflicts through training, research and consultancy services. Their interdisciplinary team is part of the Catholic University of Peru (*Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú*). The Centre includes a strong focus on socio-environmental conflicts related to natural resources; for example, they played a key role in [resolving conflicts related to the Camisea Natural Gas Pipeline Project](#). To date, the Centre has reconciled more than 2600 cases of conflict in Peru, most of them related to extractive industries. The Centre's website offers information about courses and conferences and provides access to their publications, such as their Arbitrage (*Arbitraje*) Journal.

► Latin American Observatory of Environmental Conflicts (*Observatorio Latinoamericano de Conflictos Ambientales*)

Link: <http://olca.cl/oca/index.htm>

Areas of Expertise: Environmental conflicts



Key Activities: Citizen oversight of environmental conflicts, advocacy, data collection, information dissemination, capacity building, technical assessments

The *Observatorio* maintains an exhaustive database of information on conflicts related to extractive activities across Latin America. In addition to monitoring conflicts, the *Observatorio* - based in Chile - also provides capacity building to communities involved in conflicts related to defending their environmental rights, and conducts research and shares knowledge about methodologies for managing conflict. Though their publications are only available in Spanish, the organisation has been included here because their website is one of the most comprehensive resources for monitoring conflict in the Latin America region.

► Peru Partners

Link: <http://www.sociosperu.org.pe/>

Areas of Expertise: Conflict management

Key Activities: Technical research, networking, capacity building

The principal objective of this Peruvian non-profit organisation is to build capacity to manage and transform social conflicts, including those related to extractive industries. With this aim, within Peru the organisation provides technical consultancy services and runs training courses. Its website offers information about these courses and provides access to materials related to conflict prevention and resolution with a focus on the Peruvian context.

International Organisations

► Business & Human Rights Resource Centre

Link: <http://www.business-humanrights.org/Aboutus/Briefdescription>

Areas of Expertise: Human rights and the private sector, consultation, indigenous peoples, conflict

Key Activities: General guidance on business and human rights, promoting principles and standards, design of company policies, impact assessment, training, reporting on private companies' human rights performance

The Business & Human Rights Resource Centre monitors the impacts of over 5,100 private companies around the globe on human rights. Its principal aims are to encourage respect for human rights, maximize benefits from partnerships, provide access to information about companies and NGOs, and facilitate better policymaking. A wide range of materials about Latin America can be found, mostly about legal action taken to regulate conflicts and extractive industry companies' human rights violations. The site can be accessed in several languages and has been named one of the world's best reference websites by the American Library Association.

► Catholic Relief Services, Office of Integral Human Development

Link: <http://www.crsprogramquality.org/IHD/>

Areas of Expertise: Human development, indigenous peoples, conflict, extractive industries

Key Activities: Assessments, research, funding, programme implementation

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Community in the United States. The agency is a good source of technical resources covering a wide variety of issues, such as projects with innovative



approaches to aid programming. Some of their programming at the Latin American level is related to indigenous peoples and extractive industries, providing frameworks and good ideas for programmes.

► [Social Capital Group](#)

Link: <http://www.s-c-g.net/SCG/main/>

Areas of Expertise: Extractive industries, risk assessment, social issues related to investment projects

Key Activities: Conflict management, social impact assessment services, risk analysis, management consulting

With offices in Peru, Brazil and the United States, this international consultancy firm specialises in analysing and managing social issues related to public and private sector investment projects, with a strong focus on the extractive industries. Among its services, the Social Capital Group offers risk assessment and conflict prevention and management support to extractive industry companies. Information on its website could be useful for public or private organisations dealing with conflict issues in natural resources and extractive activities.

► [Territory, Conflict and Development in the Andes](#)

Link: <http://www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/research/andes/>

Areas of Expertise: Political ecology, conflict dynamics

Key Activities: Research

TCD-Andes is a Research Programme of the School of Environment and Development at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom. It focuses on understanding the political ecology of social conflicts arising in rural areas of Latin America's Andean region as a result of the interplay between natural resource extraction, local agricultural activities and development processes, with a special focus on civil society and social movements. On their website, they publish the results of seminars and their research outputs, including briefs, working papers and longer research pieces.

Focus on Indigenous Peoples

► [Mines and Communities \(MAC\)](#)

Link: <http://www.minesandcommunities.org/>

Areas of Expertise: Social and environmental impacts of the mining industry

Key Activities: Research, data collection, information dissemination, advocacy

The MAC is a network providing up-to-date information about the social, economic and environmental impacts of mining, with a particular focus on impacts for indigenous and land-based peoples. The website includes much information about Latin American countries, including a [country search tool](#). Covering other regions as well, MAC offers readers access to different experiences for cross-regional comparison, enabling researchers and policymakers to understand the challenges related to mining, conflict and indigenous peoples in different countries.

► [Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights](#)

Link: <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/indigenous/default.asp>



Areas of Expertise: Indigenous peoples, human rights

Key Activities: Analysis of petitions and requests, publications, collaboration in drafting constitutional and policy documents

This office was created by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to better protect the rights and needs of the indigenous peoples of North and South America and the Caribbean. The office analyses, promotes and strengthens the Commission's work on indigenous issues through hearings, jurisprudence reports, trainings, seminars and special initiatives. Its website provides links to its publications, related institutions and activity reports, and includes a focus on issues related to indigenous peoples and conflict.

► United Nations Indigenous Peoples' Partnership (UNIPP)

Link: <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/IPP00>

Areas of Expertise: Indigenous peoples, indigenous institutions and governance, access to land, conflict and extractive industries

Key Activities: Funding, policy recommendations, dialogue

The purpose of the UNIPP is to provide support to better address indigenous peoples' rights at the country level within the UN system. The UNIPP trust fund, housed through the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is a funding mechanism to achieve these aims. UNIPP aims to maintain up-to-date information about human rights violations related to indigenous peoples and publish relevant news and reports. The areas covered include culture, social, economics, politics, communication and international issues relevant for anyone interested in researching indigenous issues and conflict in Latin America. The website also provides links to related reports published by international organisations, and publications in both Spanish and English.

► World Bank, Indigenous Peoples Area of the Social Development Department

Link: <http://go.worldbank.org/DIGEVPWGI0>

Areas of Expertise: Indigenous Peoples, social development

Key Activities: Research, funding

One of the key issue areas for the World Bank's Social Development Department is indigenous peoples. Its website publicises different documents – including country case studies and policy and issue briefs – produced by the World Bank on indigenous peoples' issues, including land access and territorial rights in the context of extractive industries. Additionally, information on the Bank's policies, partnerships and project grants regarding indigenous peoples can be found.

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