

Canadian Peacebuilding Coordination Committee

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Canadian Peacebuilding Coordinating Committee (CPCC) is a network of Canadian non-governmental organizations and institutes, academics and other individuals from a wide range of sectors, including humanitarian assistance, development, conflict resolution, peace, faith communities and human rights.

CPCC has been working since 1994 to formulate policy and operational directions for Canadian NGOs involved in peacebuilding, in collaboration with other relevant actors. The network is engaged in a process of dialogue with a broad range of NGOs, institutes and the Canadian government to articulate Canadian directions in the area of peacebuilding, and to strengthen NGO and civil society input into peacebuilding policy and program development. The goal of the CPCC is to engender greater coherence and effectiveness in building peace through collaboration and coordination among diverse groups and sectors in Canada, and their partners overseas. The CPCC has hosted a number of consultations on small arms.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition building*

CPCC, through a number of complementary initiatives, provides information exchange and networking to encourage support for peacebuilding among the Canadian non-governmental community and general public. The CPCC looks to deepen partnerships with peacebuilding networks, NGOs, research institutes and other like-minded organizations in the South and North. CPCC currently has working groups on Children and Armed Conflict; Gender and Peacebuilding; Small Arms; Conflict Prevention; Friends of South Asia; and Afghanistan. The Small Arms group looks to keep participants in the CPCC informed about ongoing work by Canadian and international agencies active on this issue, including transnational networks such as the emerging International Action Network on Small Arms. (IANSA).