

# CONFLICT PREVENTION AND CONCILIATION OF INTERESTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY



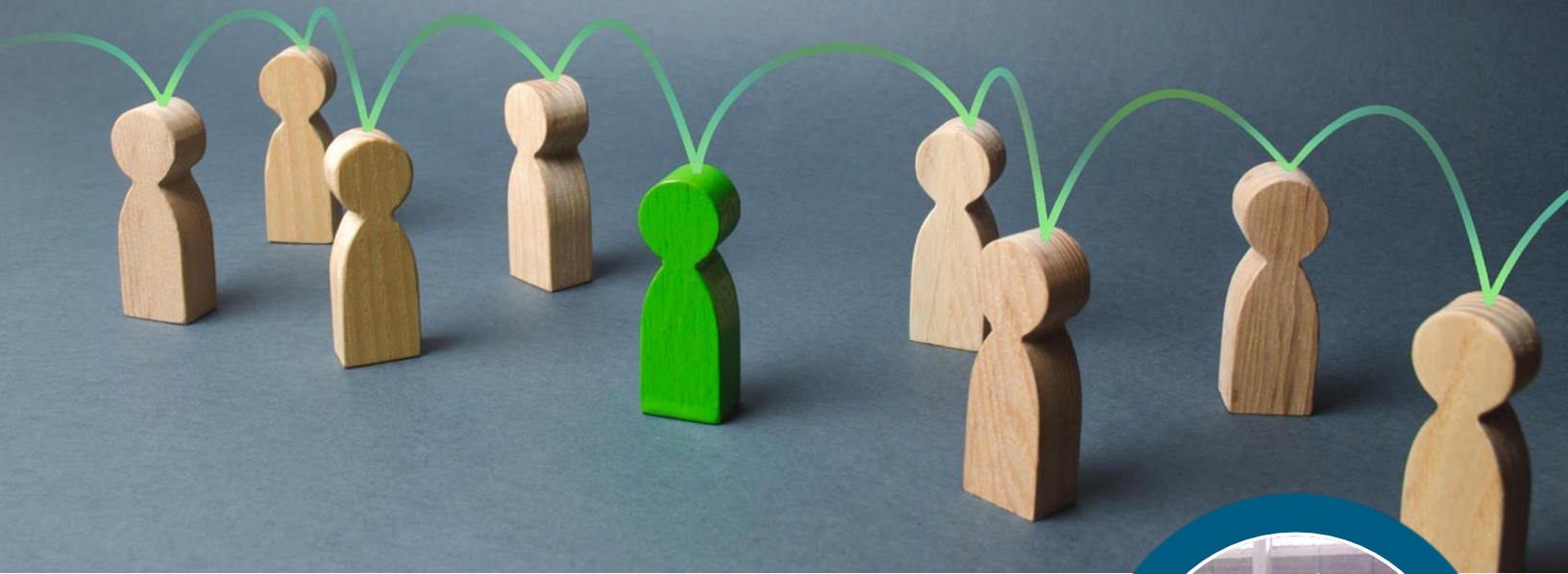
## WE ARE IIJS

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The Inter-American Institute on Justice and Sustainability is an “Institutional Start-Up” with a global scope, which provides rule of law cutting-edge solutions to unconventional challenges. We build bridges between disciplines and between the public and private sectors for justice and sustainability.

At IIJS, we support efforts and roles of multiple relevant stakeholders in sustainable business practices, development, human rights, as well as environmental and social compliance.

Scarcity and lack of effective communication surrounding the use of natural resources has resulted in a rise of conflicts in the region, at the national level as well as between States, putting economic development at risk and creating a negative climate for governability and respecting human rights. With so many factors and stakeholders in play, there is increasing polarization regarding access and use of natural resources. This makes decision-making more difficult and also often ends in the court system.



## OUR FOCUS

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We understand that conflicts in the region arise as consequences of certain resource use practices that can lead to movements, modifications and changes and/or the dismantling of relations among affected stakeholders. At IIJS, we help to **design processes** for decision-making geared towards confidence building, and creating the enabling conditions, and necessary skills amongst key stakeholders to prevent escalation of tensions and achieve reconciliation.

# OUR SERVICES

We work by supporting governments, the private sector, and society's leaders, providing differentiated services, under three concrete areas with a focus on diplomacy for sustainability and conciliation of interests:

Implementation of frameworks and **principles of social and environmental safeguards** for development and of **business and human rights** responsibility



As an international, neutral entity, we seek to collaborate in complex socio-environmental disputes and in the effectiveness of high profile projects, corporate ethics, compliance, and socio-environmental justice. In this context, we work with **governments and the private sector** providing the following services:

The design and implementation of agendas involving multiple interested parties, large and small groups, as well as decision-making processes.

Mediation in communal development, civil pledges, consensus building for public policies, and organizational strategic consultation.

## Dispute Resolution



*Our comprehensive knowledge in law encompasses environmental and international human rights law, as well as science engineering and standard procedures, which allows us to maximize efficacy in dispute resolution or contentious charges. These services are designed for **governments and the private sector**:*

Expert advice for disputes in courts and international tribunals in substantive and procedural aspects of international law

Use of alternative dispute resolution techniques to provide solutions to controversies and conflicts (Fact-finding searches, facilitation, mediation, negotiation, creating compromises, etc.) in public policy, civic participation and organizational development processes relating to sustainable community development successes, socio-environmental justice, and smart growth.

Building new **leadership in conflict prevention and conciliation of interests for sustainability**



*IJS offers a professional development certificate program in the **Prevention of Conflicts and Conciliation of Interests for Sustainability** designed to strengthen the **skills of public and private servants, and of leaders in civil society** with respect to sustainable development and the prevention of socio-environmental conflicts. The program is detailed below:*

A 6-module program with duration of 1 (one) week or 40 course hours, in person or virtually, in Spanish, English, or Portuguese, and in agreed upon venues and dates.

The training is implemented in partnership with recognized academic and diplomatic institutions or advanced learning centers of the Foreign Affairs Ministries.

Similarly, using our bridging justice, sustainability and prosperity approach <http://www.ii-js.org/homes/unpuente/>, we have developed creative solutions to address environmental justice concerns at the community level. This includes:

- Advise regarding considerations of socio-environmental justice during life cycle of investment projects for development.
- Advise in resettlement negotiations.
- Design and implementation of holistic programs for companies to consider environmental justice in their decision-making processes.
- Recommendations regarding good practices at sectoral level in regards to socio-environmental justice.
- Training and awareness surrounding socio-environmental matters.
- Design and development of protocols for reporting and compliance for businesses.

Throughout the program, the participants will:

1. Reflect on the need for social and economic development and its positive aspects, recognize the negative consequences of conflicts that affect all of society, and the need to work concertedly to reduce their detrimental effects.
2. Learn the legal and institutional frameworks, the guiding rules and principles of sustainable development, as well as the rights based approach.
3. Identify in the earliest phase possible circumstances which could result in serious conflicts and the need for participatory work techniques and preventive diplomacy.
4. Understand the causes, typology, and substantive aspects of prevalent unrest in the region and how to analyze it.
5. Suggest the incorporation and utilization of alternative solutions mechanisms for disputes and identify structural prevention measures.



### For More Information

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