



INDEPENDENT DIPLOMAT

THE DIPLOMATIC ADVISORY GROUP

WHO WE ARE

Independent Diplomat (ID) is a unique, non-profit advisory group in the world of diplomacy.

ID works to **amplify the voices of those who have most at stake** in diplomatic processes. Our work thus promotes greater inclusiveness in diplomacy, and contributes to more just and sustainable solutions to international problems and conflict.

ID is an **independent organization**. ID is supported by a mix of donor contributions and client fees. **ID's advice is driven solely by the needs of its clients**. ID has no political agenda of its own: it works to help its clients meet their needs met.

ID only helps those who support **democracy, human rights and the rule of law**.

WHAT WE DO

ID offers **independent and confidential advice and assistance in diplomatic technique and strategy** to governments, political groups, international institutions and non-governmental organizations across the three pillars of contemporary diplomacy: political and diplomatic strategy, international law and public diplomacy.

ID provides clear, practical and effective counsel to those facing complex international and political challenges to help them **achieve their international objectives**.

ID has had projects in Africa, Asia and Europe; a project to improve the effectiveness of the UN Security Council; and an initiative to assist small island states in global **climate change** negotiations.

MEDIA ENQUIRIES

Comprised of experienced former diplomats and other international relations experts, ID's staff is available for background briefings and press interviews. Once members of powerful governments and institutions, they now work on the "other side of the table." Their commentary is knowledgeable, incisive and witty. Their expertise ranges from current business at the United Nations or European Union, to areas of conflict, such as Somalia and Sudan, to the ongoing climate change negotiations.

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Our Work

ID offers a comprehensive suite of services in areas key to effective diplomacy, including:

- Political analysis
- Diplomatic technique
- International law
- Media strategy

Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS)

ID provides advice to GoSS on its diplomacy, helping maintain international support for the full implementation of the peace agreement that ended a 22-year civil war, including the full acceptance by the international community of an independent South Sudan in July 2011.

Republic of the Marshall Islands Climate Change

ID works with the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the 42-member Alliance of Small Island States in the negotiating room to amplify their voice and increase their influence in **international climate change negotiations**.

Western Sahara

ID advises the Government of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic on their objective of **securing self-determination** for the territory of Western Sahara, which has been occupied illegally by Morocco since 1975. Western Sahara is often referred to as 'the last colony in Africa.'

Somaliland

ID supports this former British protectorate, which has achieved peace and built a stable democracy despite the chaos in neighboring Somalia, with its diplomatic strategy and quest for **international recognition**.

Past Projects

ID advised the **Kosovo** government during the UN-led final status process that culminated in Kosovo's independence; provided expert advice on diplomatic strategy to the President of **Northern Cyprus** in his efforts to negotiate a united state on the island of Cyprus; counseled the Republic of **Croatia** on its European Union accession process; and provided **the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma** with strategic advice on diplomatic activities geared towards promoting transition to democracy in Burma; assisted **Moldova** in pursuit of a favorable Association Agreement with the European Union; and conducted a project to improve the effectiveness of the **UN Security Council**.

Additional Projects

ID provides **independent, practical and effective counsel** to NGOs, members of the Security Council and others facing unfamiliar and complex international and political challenges. Previous clients include The World Wildlife Fund, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Oxford Research Group, The Elders, Human Rights First and Action Aid International.