



Independent Diplomat

the diplomatic advisory group

WHO WE ARE

Independent Diplomat (ID) aims to **resolve or prevent conflict** by enabling disadvantaged and marginalized governments and political groups to engage effectively in diplomatic processes.

ID is an **independent organization**, not connected to any government or international institution. ID is supported by a mix of donor contributions and client fees.

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

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 get their needs met.

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.

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

ID has 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.

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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

Meet the Parties

ID will bring together members of the UN Security Council and parties to disputes on its agenda to **improve communication between the Council and those impacted by its decisions**, thus making the Council's work more effective and legitimate.

Republic of the Marshall Islands/Climate Change Initiative

ID works with the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) to increase their influence in **international climate change negotiations**.

Additional ID 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, Oxford Research Group, The Elders, Human Rights First and Action Aid International.

ID's Services

ID also offers expertise in thematic areas such as climate change, natural resources and **EU and NATO accession**. ID prides itself on being client-led, and therefore tailors services for each unique case.

Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS)

ID provides assistance to GoSS in meeting its diplomatic challenges; in particular ID works to strengthen GoSS's capacity to **navigate the complex international discussion** of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (which ended a 22-year civil war) and its implementation.

National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma (NCGUB)

ID provides strategic advice on diplomatic activities geared towards promoting **transition to democracy in Burma** to the NCGUB, the democratically-elected government-in-exile of Burma, established to support democratic forces in Burma, led by Nobel Peace Prize laureate **Aung San Suu Kyi**.

Western Sahara

ID advises the representatives of the Saharawi people of Western Sahara, known as the Frente POLISARIO, on their objective of **securing self-determination** for the territory, illegally occupied by Morocco since 1975. Western Sahara is considered the last colony in Africa.

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 and supported **Somaliland** with its diplomatic strategy and quest for international recognition.