

Tigray Post-Conflict Reconstruction Simulation

Read Ahead Materials

Outline

1. Simulation overview (topic, goals, format)
2. Crisis Scenario
3. Key analytical concepts (geopolitical imperatives, strategic objectives, human agency)
4. Player roles – player actors and planners/control group
5. Other materials – data, maps, and readings

1. Simulation Topic:

Following the Tigray genocide, Ethiopia is embarking on a reconstruction effort after a peace deal was signed in November 2022. We are convening a group of stakeholders from various community support organizations across the Tigray region to discuss writing a provisional constitution to follow this peace deal. This will follow a track II dialogue scenario.

Knowledge building goals:

- Deepen understanding of the high-level political, economic, security, and gender dynamics of Ethiopia/Tigray conflict and reconstruction
- Deepen understanding and demonstrate the strategic objectives/constraints of actors related to Ethiopia/Tigray conflict and reconstruction (government, Tigray People’s Liberation Front, civil society actors)
- Deepen understanding of the role of human agency within these player actors and how that factors into the decision-making process of leaders/key officials during a post-conflict reconstruction process

Skill building goals:

- Build intra-team negotiations and decision-making



Source: United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR)

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- Incorporate needs and voices of women in decision-making process
- Address conflict related sexual violence, incorporating both physical and social reconstruction
- Learn and apply new negotiations tactics
- Share experiences, best practices, and lessons learned among the delegates

2. Crisis Scenario:

The Ethiopian region of Tigray has been embroiled in war since November 2020, when tensions between the government of Ethiopia and the Tigrayan People’s Liberation Front (TPLF) erupted into conflict. The violence quickly escalated into what U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken described as an “ethnic cleansing,” as reports of mass atrocities and human rights abuses continued to pour out of the region. The conflict resulted in a humanitarian crisis, with at least 300,000 civilians killed and over 2 million displaced as famine and lack of humanitarian access to the region exacerbated suffering. Women in Ethiopia have been disproportionately impacted...