

The Initiative for **Inclusive Security**

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INCLUSIVE SECURITY ANNOUNCES TWO NEW PARTNERSHIPS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – [The Initiative for Inclusive Security](#) is pleased to announce it has forged new partnerships with [Karuna Center for Peacebuilding](#) and American University's [Peacebuilding and Development Institute](#) (PDI).

Inclusive Security and Karuna Center for Peacebuilding recently returned from Afghanistan, where they jointly led training and collaborated to form a broad-based, sustainable coalition of Afghan women working around the security sector. The training culminated in a policy forum held at the Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and brought together more than 60 Afghan leaders and 17 international policymakers, including representatives of NATO, the European Union Police Mission to Afghanistan, the U.S. Embassy, and the International Police Coordinating Board Secretariat.

Paula Green, director of the Karuna Center, said, "Karuna Center is very pleased with the partnership with Inclusive Security and with our joint work at the recent policy forum and peace building seminar in Kabul. Our combined strategies offered women leaders opportunities to strengthen their conflict management skills, consolidate their knowledge of security policy, and increase their networks for further collaboration. We look forward to an ongoing mutually beneficial working relationship with Inclusive Security."

This summer, Inclusive Security hosted three members of the [Women Waging Peace Network](#) at the PDI's Summer Institute: Maha Sheriff and Samia Nihar from Sudan, and Cerue Garlo from Liberia. The Summer Institute is a three-week program for professionals working in conflict zones that integrate applied theories of peace building and development. Nihar said, "As a peace builder by profession and practice in Sudan, I felt the need for exposure and interaction at the international level. My participation in American University's Peacebuilding and Development Institute was an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge, exchange experience with people from all over the world, and learn amazing methods for relating peace to development and resolving conflict at all levels."

Inclusive Security will continue working with PDI to mainstream its training methodology and highlight women's contributions to peace building.

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The Initiative for Inclusive Security, a program of Hunt Alternatives Fund, advocates for the full participation of all stakeholders, especially women, in peace processes. Creating sustainable peace is achieved best by a diverse, citizen-driven approach. Of the many sectors of society currently excluded from peace processes, none is larger—or more critical to success—than women. Since 1999, Inclusive Security has connected more than 500 women experts with over 5,000 policy shapers to collaborate on fresh, workable solutions to long-standing conflicts across the globe. For more information, visit www.InclusiveSecurity.org.