Seven-Part Workshop Series on Essential Peacebuilding Skills
Part Five: Building Organizations, Forging Coalitions, Sustaining Movements

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Many smallish organizations work on what to an outsider might seem like the same issue, inspired by different ideas, coming at the issue from different angles, drawing on different constituencies, and utilizing a different preferred set of tactics. Building constructive power requires strengthening the organizations in which we work. But these organizational imperatives can make it challenging to construct successful campaigns, because winning requires building coalitions across differences. In this workshop, we'll explore ideas for creating campaign trajectories, organizational structures, funding/resource mobilization models, and accountability structures to forge effective organizations and coalitions for lasting social change.

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