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Since 2010, CDR has conducted 5 India-Pakistan Track II Dialogues in partnership with the Jinnah Institute (JI), Islamabad, known as the "Delhi-Islamabad Dialogue". The unprecedented success of these interactions has resulted in the initiative to further continue and expand talks over issues that are critical to bilateral relations.

In order to support the official peacebuilding process between India Pakistan, CDR and JI are conducting a series of conferences, round tables, workshops, and interactions between key policy makers, journalists, business people, environmentalists, and civil society actors. Bilateral Track II Dialogues, round tables on water issues and trade, intra-Kashmir dialogues, interactions between women's groups

from both sides of the LOC, and addressing the concerns of those living in a divided and conflict-ridden society in Jammu & Kashmir are the various activities under this project.

Track II Dialogues are of particular importance in the case of India and Pakistan since they allow for channels of communication to remain open between the countries even when official relations might be going through a difficult period. Serious and sensitive issues can be discussed openly and confidentially without fear. Sustained communication through such a forum ensures the reduction of misunderstandings and a greater clarity of each other's views on vital areas of concern.

Facilitating trade between India and Pakistan is an important aspect of improving bilateral relations. This project aims to address the concerns of both Indian and Pakistani people involved in cross-border trade and provides a forum in which they can coordinate with each other. Furthermore, this will give them an opportunity to put forward a joint proposal on their issues, which can be communicated to the authorities concerned.

As the Indus basin spans across India and Pakistan, its environmental problems and the negative impacts of climate change are also shared by both countries. By involving environmental experts to draw attention to the most pressing concerns in the region, proposals will be raised on the steps that need to be taken by the governments of both countries for short-term as well as long-term solutions to address common concerns. Possibilities of collaboration between non-governmental and academic institutions in this field will also be explored.

Addressing the concerns of the people of Jammu & Kashmir, especially those of the youth and women, is being taken up in this project. Having worked on these issues in the past, CDR looks to carry on a sustained dialogue in the region such that continuity ensures trust-building and incremental gains.

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