

Innovation in Peacebuilding: Merging OSINT and AI for Conflict Prevention at the 2nd Annual CSO-UN Dialogue on Peacebuilding

On 12 December 2024, Andrei Serbin Pont Research Director, Coordinador Regional de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales, GPPAC Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean, took the floor during the Focus Session: Advancing Conflict Prevention.



The integration of Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) with artificial intelligence (AI) isn't just a technological upgrade – it's a fundamental shift in how we understand and respond to emerging conflicts. At [CRIES - Coordinadora Regional de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales/Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict \(GPPAC\)](#), in alignment with UN peacebuilding priorities, we're seeing how this integration helps us:

- Process vast amounts of public data in real-time
- Identify early warning signs of conflict
- Scale up successful peace initiatives across regions
- Enable evidence-based decision-making

But here's the crucial part: Technology alone isn't the answer. The key is combining these tools with local knowledge and ensuring they're [developed WITH communities, not just FOR them](#).

The challenges in operationalising the use of OSINT and AI to effectively prevent conflict are real: data privacy, ethical AI use, and ensuring accessibility. But the potential impact on global peace efforts is too significant to ignore.

At the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), we are excited to be part of this transformation in peacebuilding and to continue these important discussions with UN partners and fellow practitioners. If you're working at the intersection of peace, technology, and community engagement, I'd love to connect.