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About the Forum

The Forum of Federations was founded in 1999 with a grant from Canada and it now receives core support from seven federations. It also has contracts with various governments and international institutions.

The Forum:

- Disseminates technical knowledge and advice to existing and emerging federations and to countries considering federal options.
- Promotes mutual learning and understanding of federalism among practitioners through conferences, publications and technical missions.
- Supports an international network of partner institutions and experts for exchanges on federal governance.

What are federations?

"The essential characteristic of federations is that they are composed of two or more orders of government and operate within a constitutional structure that combines shared rule through common institutions for certain specified purposes, and regional self-rule through the governments of the constituent territorial units for certain specified purposes." – Ronald L. Watts, Queen's University.

Global Dialogue program

The Global Dialogue program brings together practitioners and scholars in activities building from country workshops to global conferences. This multi-year effort is producing a series of unique publications on comparative federalism.



Triennial conference

The Forum works with a sponsoring country to hold a major international conference on federalism every three years. The conference is attended by heads of government, ministers and experts. The next conference will be in New Delhi in November, 2007.

Country-specific collaboration

The Forum works intensively in a select group of countries, in collaboration with local partner organizations, to enhance federal governance. These countries are Brazil, India, Mexico and Nigeria. It has other country-specific activities in Canada, Germany and Spain.

Governance programs

The Forum works in countries where federalism could contribute in addressing internal conflicts. It has current programs in Iraq and Sudan and has been active in the Philippines and Sri Lanka.

Information & education

The Forum publishes *Federations* magazine, as well as books, educational materials and multimedia products on federalism in several languages.

Young professionals

The Forum seeks to involve young professionals in all of its programs and activities. The Forum has interns at its partner organizations in Nigeria, South Africa and Sri Lanka, among others.

The Forum's website

www.forumfed.org, includes an extensive online library of reference material on federalism and federal countries. The site also features information on the Forum's activities and organization.