

## India-Pakistan Track II Dialogue

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. The aim is to support the official peacebuilding process between India and Pakistan through a series of discussions between policy experts, academics, former military officials, diplomats, senior journalists, and others from India and Pakistan on a wide range of outstanding issues between both countries.

India-Pakistan relations in 2013 went through a rough patch, having been marred primarily by the worst cross-LOC violations on both sides in any given year since the 2003 ceasefire. Further instances of violence like the killing of prisoners in both countries have arguably set back what little gain was made through cooperation in trade last year. The Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan met on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York in September 2013 and affirmed the need to restore peace along the LOC. The Indian and Pakistani DGMOs met in December 2013 and issued a joint statement that indicated a thawing in aggression and a desire for peace along the border.

In the light of these concerns this project shall conduct three India-Pakistan Track II dialogues to discuss potential avenues for cooperation. The aim is to comprehensively address all the relevant concerns and seeks to generate innovative roadmaps to the development of a healthy, sustainable, and stable bilateral relationship between the two countries.