How can Canada best support women in the field of conflict and atrocity prevention?

Strategies and Recommendations

**IMPROVE EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS**
Women can be particularly well-placed to detect early warning signs of conflict. Operationalize their knowledge by giving them a platform, support, and security.

**TARGETED, FLEXIBLE FUNDING**
Help strengthen women’s networks and organizations by funding grassroots women’s organizations to monitor and reduce conflict at the local level.

**SUPPORT SKILL BUILDING AND TRAINING**
Employ local experts to support skill building and training on conflict analysis, negotiation, mediation, empowerment tools, leadership and decision-making.

**BRING WOMEN INTO MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROCESSES**
Seek better mechanisms to identify, mobilize and bring women forward early in multilateral organizations and processes.

**LEARN FROM CONFLICT ORGANIZATION METHODS**
Mobilize against and prevent conflict by using the same tools that are used to start conflict.

**SUPPORT THE DATA COLLECTION OF SYSTEMATIC SEXUAL VIOLENCE**
Support the collection of evidence and data related to the violence against women that takes place during conflict.

**DIRECTLY INCLUDE WOMEN IN DISARMAMENT, DEMOBILIZATION AND REINTEGRATION (DDR) EFFORTS**
Take into account that women are not always just victims of violence but sometimes actors.

**FOCUS ON LOCAL ENGAGEMENT FOR INCREASED ACCESS AT A MULTILATERAL LEVEL**
Address barriers women face in participating in formal peace processes. Train local women as peacemakers to ensure that peace is kept in their communities, and work to include them in negotiation and peace processes at higher levels.

**INCORPORATE THE FULL RANGE OF EXPERIENCES OF WOMEN IN CONFLICT**
Build innovative relationships around common causes and goals by involving diverse voices in creating targeted solutions for conflict.

**MAKE SPACE FOR THE USE OF ART AND STORIES IN THE POST-CONFLICT STAGE**
Art and stories can create deep and meaningful opportunity for people to connect.