

Bio - Heather P. Kulp



Heather Kulp's career spans both the private and non-profit sectors, specializing in issue management and conflict mitigation through innovative approaches to multi-stakeholder engagement and public-private partnerships.

She is currently the Executive Director of the Niger Delta Partnership Initiative (NDPI), an independent foundation established by Chevron that harnesses the power of the private and public sectors to help alleviate poverty and instability in the Niger Delta through collaborative, market-based solutions that are community owned and implemented.

In the private sector, Ms. Kulp has held a variety of roles at Chevron focused on reducing business risks through designing and implementing stakeholder engagement strategies, public-private partnerships, community-company conflict mitigation efforts and targeted issue management campaigns.

Before joining Chevron, Ms. Kulp spent 10 years working on conflict management and community development programs. Ms. Kulp served as the Country Director of Search for Common Ground's Angola office, where she designed, developed and managed a multi-faceted peacebuilding and community development program. This program was recognized by USAID and the US Department of State as an example of "best practices" in international development. During her career, she has conducted field work in the United States, Africa, Latin America and Asia.

Ms. Kulp received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston University and a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University. She has published articles on public-private partnerships, conflict management tools, women in post-conflict development and local capacity building.