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Michael develops working partnerships with Americas-based governments, civil society organizations, foundations, universities, businesses and think tanks and seeks new opportunities to build IEP's presence and impact throughout the Americas, with particular focus on expanding the use of IEP's Positive Peace Framework as a training tool and an evidence-based metric for peace-centered development.

Before joining IEP, Michael oversaw educational, job creation and economic development programs in emerging nations recovering from natural disasters, working frequently with communities affected by poverty and gang violence.

Prior to pursuing a career in the non-profit sector, Michael studied electro-mechanical engineering and worked in the construction industry.