

**Geneva Dialogue on Environment,  
Climate, Conflict, and Peace:  
Meeting 23**

*22 September, Zoom*

*Participants: 9 participants*

**Updates:**

- [The White Paper on the Future of Environmental Peacebuilding](#) is proceeding. As a reminder, the final product is two-fold: a short 10-15 page white paper, and a 50 submission compendium of collaborative pieces reflecting on the future of the field. We currently have about 150 authors.
  - Please stay tuned for announcements on the consultative process for the short policy paper which will begin soon.
- Mark your calendar for 2 to 4 February 2022 here in Geneva. The [Second International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding](#) will be a major touchpoint for all working on these issues, to be held at the Graduate Institute.
- [Geneva Peace Week](#) is coming up from 1 to 5 November and will again feature an entire track dedicated to ECCP issues. Please see the programme for more details and to register to join. The forum will be held online, except for a few key high-level in person events.
- The Human Rights Council is happening right now and climate change is featuring prominently. Advancements have also been made for the protection of environmental defenders.
- The group also discussed key takeaways and reflections from group members who attended the IUCN's World Conservation Congress, and how peace & conflict issues were treated within the biodiversity forum.

**Discussion:**

This meeting provided a space for participants to introduce themselves and their work. Some project focuses include:

- Capacity building for mediators around the environment and natural resources
- Enhancing collaboration between mediators and conservation actors
- Developing internal organizational policies around sustainability
- Sustainable procurement in humanitarian response
- Youth representation in high-level policy spaces, including through these drafted [outcome statements at IUCN's Conservation Congress](#)
- Organizing a community of practice of 300 individuals working on these issues and exploring best practices within the field
- Developing conceptual and analytical frameworks around food, agriculture, and water in relationship to peace
- Supporting communities in Northwest Syria through integrated humanitarian and peacebuilding work

The group also brainstormed ways to expand inclusive access from outside of the Geneva community to the ECCP Dialogue and White Paper project. Ideas included translation into other languages (both consultative drafts and final product) and consultations in other languages (Spanish, Arabic, etc.).

It was also emphasized that many individuals around the world do work that falls under the larger environment, climate, conflict, and peace umbrella, but do not call it “environmental peacebuilding.”

- One participant at a major international funding institution explained that “environmental peacebuilding” is not perceived as a legitimate development issue, particularly as “peace” can be politicized and is difficult to measure.
- Conflict prevention, conflict resolution, and natural resource management are more popular frames.

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