

**Geneva Dialogue on Environment,  
Climate, Conflict, and Peace:  
Meeting 24**

*23 September, the Maison de la Paix*

*Participants: 10 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. The group then discussed ideas for how the Geneva community might engage with the upcoming COP26 in Glasgow.

- The agenda is largely set, as are the "official" side events.
  - There is always the option to hold other "unofficial" side events.
- Things we know are happening:
  - Chatham House will hold a virtual Climate and Security Pavilion, with an in-person element in their offices in the UK.
    - They will host some events, including a contribution from UNEP.
    - ECCP could request to host an event in this pavilion.
  - There will be a Water Pavilion hosted by the Water Convention on Transboundary Water.
  - CEOBS will run a side event in the Arctic Camp on 8 November focusing on military emissions and climate change.
- How might we contribute?
  - We could present the White Paper and do a consultative review.
  - We could check with other Geneva stakeholders and see what they are doing at COP.

- We could host an event and bring in our partners to speak about very concrete examples of the intersection of climate change, conflict, and peace.
- Our partners at the Quaker House in Glasgow are holding a space for us to host an event there, should we choose.

We also discussed how we might cover COP26 at Geneva Peace Week, to the Geneva & peacebuilding audience who will attend.

- The peace and conflict field may be less familiar with COP and its processes. It is a fairly abstract process and body, which may seem intangible to actors working in communities far away from the international sphere.
- We could engage a speaker to explain how COP impacts peace and conflict work in tangible examples.
- We could bring in (a) member state(s) who are active in COP to debrief why they participate and why it matters to the peace community.

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