

**Geneva Dialogue on Environment,
Climate, Conflict, and Peace:
Meeting 27**

25 January, Zoom

11 participants

Geneva Dialogue is an informal group of professionals, practitioners, researchers, policy-makers, largely though not exclusively Geneva-based working on environment, climate, conflict, and peace. [See our stocktaking report here.](#)

General Community Updates:

- The White Paper on the Future of Environmental Peacebuilding launches on 1 February
 - Formal launch on 1 February at 15h
 - Roundtable discussion on 4 February at 11h
 - Learn more and register here:
<https://www.gppplatform.ch/content/white-paper-future-environmental-peacebuilding>
 - Paper will launch in English, Spanish, and French, with Arabic and Chinese coming soon
 - The organizers will host a communications and dissemination campaign in the coming months
- International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding
 - Held online from 1 to 4 February
 - About 80 events, register for each session individually
 - <https://www.environmentalpeacebuilding.org/conferences/2nd-international-conference-on-environmental-peacebuilding/agenda/>
- Next steps for this group
 - There is a subgroup interested in organizing towards Stockholm+50. Let Annika know if you'd like to join.
 - GPP is working on a formal mapping study of environmental peacebuilding & climate security in Geneva.
 - We are also exploring the establishment of regional interest groups (Sahel, Eastern Europe, etc.). More information will be shared in the next month.

Updates from the group:

- Protection Approaches
 - Focuses on the prevention of identity-based violence and mass atrocity crimes
 - <https://protectionapproaches.org/being-the-difference>
 - 2022 goal is to deepen the climate & environmental dimensions of the field
- Veritas Global
 - Economics and strategy advisory based in Geneva with a global look at climate change policy issues, as well as infrastructural finance
 - Regional focus on Eastern Europe, with 2022 annual outlook:
<https://www.veritasglobal.ch/post/high-risk-of-conflict-in-2022-in-eastern-europe>
 - 2022 goal is to emphasize these issues in Eastern Europe

- UNFICYP - United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus
 - Specific mandate to administer the buffer zone between north and south, but work in civilian affairs focuses on intercommunal work
 - Work on environmental peacebuilding in the past two years has included the establishment of a program for Youth Champions for Environment and Peace
 - Also considering mission's environmental footprint
- Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
 - Peace mediation and dialogue organization that launched an environmental peacemaking initiative last year
 - Working to publish a guide on environmental peacemaking soon
 - 2022 goal is to get out of their circle/silo and learn new things in the field
- ShelterBox
 - UK-based charity focused on emergency relief
 - Climate crisis is having a clear impact on the communities they support
 - Working group on plastics reduction, looking at packaging, aid items, etc.
 - 2022 goal is to learn more about waste management
- PeaceNexus Foundation
 - Foundation supporting peacebuilding actors with very small scale grants and close partnerships
 - Considering how a small foundation can leverage interdisciplinary conversations for environment and peace
 - 2022 goals include completing the White Paper process and launching a call for new partners focusing on environmental organizations interested in conflict sensitivity and institutional change
- Swiss FDFA, Peace and Human Rights Division
 - When working on preventing violent extremism, land governance issues and their relationship to violent conflict come up quite a lot
 - This engages environment, natural resources, climate change, etc.
 - Have organized a series of webinars on the issue, most recently at Geneva Peace Week 2021: <https://www.iofc.ch/stories/building-peace-gpw-2021>
 - 2022 goal is to help the network build connections and to discover new initiatives
- Zainab Mai-Bornu, Researcher, University of Leicester
 - Researcher and academic looking at women's voices in environmental peacebuilding issues
 - Wrote on this topic for the White Paper, focusing on impact in Niger Delta
 - 2022 goal is to host a screening for film on this subject in Geneva, together with GPP