

**Geneva Dialogue on Environment,  
Climate, Conflict, and Peace:  
Meeting 28**

*12 April, Zoom*

*Participants: 18 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:

- You can sign up to be a part of our informal directory here:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCVvWWb13mR3n518bRkNhZ0CuAXGdzTUEF8Ct\\_kDhHexclQQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCVvWWb13mR3n518bRkNhZ0CuAXGdzTUEF8Ct_kDhHexclQQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)
- If you would like to present your work to or brief the group in the months to come, let Annika know.
- If you have upcoming events or resources that you'd like to share with the group, let Annika know.
- The team is finalizing the communications plan for the White Paper, which will include stops at the SIPRI Forum on Peace and Development as well as Stockholm+50. If you are going to either event, please let Annika know.

Participant introductions and 2022 updates:

- PeaceNexus Foundation
  - Working on a number of different projects around conflict sensitivity, including working with conservation organizations to integrate it into their workstreams
  - Supported the White Paper project, which launched in February:  
<http://ecosystemforpeace.org/>
- Protection Approaches
  - Atrocity prevention organization, looking at the consequences of climate change on atrocities and risk of mass violence & identity based violence
  - Two weeks ago, launched a new paper on queering atrocity prevention about the disproportionate impact on marginalized communities:  
<https://protectionapproaches.org/queeringap>
- World Bank
  - Looking at natural resource management, and the interlinkages of environment, conflict, climate change, and fragility
    - Exploring this idea in Somalia
    - Also looking at where gender folds in
    - One participant is involved in a community of practice around environmental peacebuilding in Ukraine
  - Organized a Fragility Forum session on this topic:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENOkYn4mgkE>
  - <https://ieg.worldbankgroup.org/blog/defueling-conflict-building-peace-through-natural-resource-governance>

- Swedwatch
  - Working on role of business in human rights and environmental standards, focusing on high-risk and post conflict areas, such as Liberia and Sierra Leone
  - Animated short film on this nexus: <https://www.mynewsdesk.com/se/swedwatch/videos/the-role-of-business-in-environmental-peacebuilding-115375>
- SIMEV UNESCO Chair in Montpellier
  - Intersection of chemistry, natural resource management, and environmental protection during conflict, connecting technology to the work
  - They are building a task force within UNESCO to unite hard/social sciences: <http://www.unesco-simev.org/>
- Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
  - Peace mediation and dialogue organization that launched an environmental peacemaking initiative last year
    - Successfully hosting internal trainings to educate staff about the portfolio
  - Contributed to the White Paper here: <https://www.ecosystemforpeace.org/compendium/operationalizing-environmental-peacemaking-perspectives-on-integrating-the-environment-into-peacemaking>
- CGIAR Climate Security
  - Working at the intersection of land, water, and food with an angle on food security and building resilient food systems
    - Open to new partnerships
  - Made a contribution to the white paper here: <https://www.ecosystemforpeace.org/compendium/adaptive-peacebuilding-improving-climate-related-security-risk-management-through-real-time-data-and-analysis>
  - Invitation for those working in or on the MENA region to join a conversation with the Regional Climate Security Network (<http://rcsn.arabwatercouncil.org/> )
    - Email Frans at [f.schapendonk@cgiar.org](mailto:f.schapendonk@cgiar.org) if interested
- Alp Analytica
  - Small organization working at nexus from a variety of angles for European Institute of Peace, UNEP, ICRC, Chatham House
  - They authored the White Paper and edited the compendium
- Somali Greenpeace Association - [www.sogpa.org](http://www.sogpa.org)
  - NGO addressing environmental and climate change in Somalia
  - Part of S+50 youth task force, youth environmental assembly, and challenge forum bridges
- Center for Climate and Security
  - A think tank analyzing climate change and security risks, recommending policy pathways to US government
  - Looking at climate and ecological security actions on the war in Ukraine: <https://climateandsecurity.org/2022/03/briefer-climate-ecological-security-and-the-ukraine-crisis-four-issues-to-consider/>
  - Podcast interview with hope for the future of this work: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/0cdgemsCDyQtsL7bL58VV5?si=cde16d55fc554db1&nd=1>
- DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance

- Conducting research and developing publications around climate change and security sector reform, asking what could it look like to mainstream climate change response within security sector reform?
  - Looking at gender, climate change, conflict, and peace
- Organized a panel at Second Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding in February 2022
- Conservation International
  - Large conservation organization that has a small group looking at conflict resolution and peace
    - This year, developed and facilitated a training on conflict sensitivity and rights based approaches on fisheries
- ShelterBox - <https://www.shelterbox.org/>
  - Humanitarian organization providing emergency shelter,
    - Humanitarian emergencies can be caused by climate change, and humanitarian organizations can contribute to climate change, too, depending on their environmental footprint
  - This year, the Plastics Reduction Working Group has had a number of wins, including removing 250,000 pieces of plastic from their products annually
- EarthJustice
  - Environmental litigation organization based in the US, litigating on behalf of the environment
    - Also an international program working with partners throughout the Americas, as well as a line of work with environmental defenders
  - Last year, the Human Rights Council recognized the right to a healthy and sustainable environment as a principle
    - And we can already see some of the effects of this small step
  - There are three special procedures and special rapporteurs collecting information and reporting to the Human Rights Council:
    - Hazardous substance and waste (incl. plastics, ecotoxicology)
    - Human rights and climate change
    - Human rights and environment (incl. biodiversity)
- Quaker United Nations Office (QUONO)
  - Geneva-based organization working on peace and disarmament, human impacts of climate change, and business and human rights
  - Hosted an event at Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding on securitization and human rights:
    - <https://quono.org/timeline/2022/2/whats-missing-and-needed-post-cop26-quonos-event-second-international-conference>
- MEDRC Water Research
  - Organization based in Oman, working to find fresh water solutions to water scarcity in MENA region (particularly in Jordan, Israel, Palestine) by bringing together civil servants in water sector
    - Focusing on new project: Stabilization mechanism on how the organization can function as a multilateral dialogue platform using environmental peacebuilding as a mechanism, looking at 11 case study settings