

**Geneva Dialogue on Environment,
Climate, Conflict, and Peace:
Meeting 29**

10 May, Zoom

Participants: 12 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.

- GPP is here to build community and collaboration
- bit.ly/3ceEnaO
- <https://www.gpplatform.ch/content/environment-climate-conflict-and-peacebuilding>

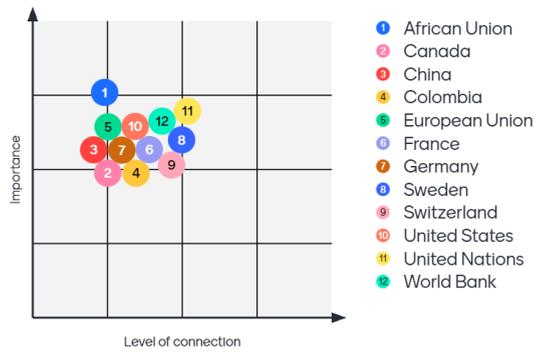
Introductions

- Swedwatch
 - Swedish NGO that works on research, capacity building, and dialogue on human rights and the environment
 - Working on business, human rights, and the environment in Sierra Leone and Liberia
 - Bringing local partners to Stockholm
- International Alert
 - Program on climate change, natural resource management, and peacebuilding, supporting dialogue processes on land, water, and resource issues
 - Working on a lessons learned report on how to address the nexus in practice
 - Quite a challenge to get it into writing in a compelling way
 - Focus on *how* to address the nexus
 - Another example of such a document comes from PSI last year:
<https://www.planetarysecurityinitiative.org/climate-security-practices>
- CGIAR
 - Land, water, food systems, structural equities and conflict drivers - improving sustainability with co-benefits for peace
 - Publishing a policy position paper across African countries on climate/peace/security sectors and how they work/do not work
 - Webinar 18 May: <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/calendar-virtual-imrf-side-events>
- PeaceNexus Foundation
 - Supporting conservation partners on institutionalization conflict sensitivity
 - Designing a new call for proposals for environmental orgs that are interested in integrating peace and security into their work - less about project funding, and more about capacities, expertise, etc.
 - Is there interest from the group on an information session on more about the call, how to apply, and what the opportunity really is?
- Conservation International
 - Environmental peacebuilding/conflict sensitivity program
 - Currently working on a project supported by the Global EBA fund aimed at examining human security cobenefits of a rangeland restoration project in Kenya.
 - Also working on a lesson learned paper

- In the next few months, carrying out some trainings for staff on managing rangers and risk through conflict sensitivity and safeguards
- **FAO**
 - Working on filling out their climate security agenda, together with CGIAR, looking at food security and their impact on community stability
 - And have a capstone project at the Graduate Institute who are trying to articulate a vision of what FAO Geneva might have to offer at this nexus
- **Somali Greenpeace Association**
 - Climate and environmental issues in Somalia - connecting and cocreating climate solutions in Somalia, as well as environmental peacebuilding
 - Looking for potential panelists to participate in side event
- **Alp Analytica**
 - Environmental consultancy in the Alps - involved in a number of projects in environmental security, including authoring the White Paper
 - Organizing subnational dialogue contribution at Stockholm+50
- **EarthJustice**
 - Confirmation of UNGA of the resolution on the right to healthy environment which was adopted last year at the Human Rights Council
 - There are oppositions (US, UK, among others)
 - But also a wide support from many states
 - Even if not adopted with widespread support, it prompts many helpful conversations
 - Environmental defenders - recent meeting on Escazu Agreement - first regional meeting of the parties on access to information
 - Upcoming meeting of the parties on the Aarhus Convention, to nominate a mandate holder for Special Rapporteur on Protection of Environmental Defenders
 - First report of Rapporteur on Human Rights and Climate Change will be coming out in June in Geneva
- **Centre for Climate and Security**
 - Climate security and adaptation strategies study

Updates

- Geneva Peace Week call for applications will launch next week - it will be linked to in the weekly ECCP email
- Next week:
 - 17 May - Online presentation by Hassan on the Somali Greenpeace Association
 - 18 May - In-person meeting at Maison de la Paix
- Discussion on policy opportunities at Stockholm+50
 - Potential actions
 - Use symbols to express the importance of environmental peacebuilding
 - Short video of main conclusions
 - Goal to get peace mentioned in the final statement of S+50
 - Dress up as peace doves during the conference
 - Invite environmental/conservation orgs to 31 May event



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■ Norway, GEF, GCF

- If you or colleagues will be in Stockholm and are not yet in touch with Annika, please reach out - there is a lot going on on the peace side
- <https://www.ecosystemforpeace.org/stockholm50>