

**Geneva Dialogue on Environment,
Climate, Conflict, and Peace:
Meeting 31**

1 May, Geneva Graduate Institute

Participants: 10 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 from participants attending from the Geneva Water Hub, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, PeaceNexus Foundation, FAO, and Gulf Research Centre.

Input from Geneva Water Hub, reporting back from the World Water Forum

- Held in March 2022 in Dakar, Senegal
- Hosted by the World Water Council, based in Marseille, in partnership with the host state
- Presented a declaration at the end, topics of interest included recognition of:
 - Transboundary water cooperation, and financing water cooperation
 - Blended finance in development & profit-generating infrastructure
 - Blue bonds - launched by Switzerland
 - Human right to water and sanitation
 - The role of IHL in protecting access to water in times of armed conflict
 - The first time it was recognized
- One of the first global water fora that explicitly linked water and peace
 - In the past, fora have just focused on water
- Upcoming UN Water Conference, to be held in 2023 in New York
 - Midterm review of SDG6
 - Water as a value for peace, security, and regional stability
 - There will be a Geneva Dialogue with Dutch & Geneva Water Hub in July in preparation for the review
- Convene a group of friends on Water and Peace
 - Slovenia, Costa Rica, Switzerland, and Senegal
 - Now focusing on preparing for 2023

Discussion on migration, climate change, and cities

- Consensus that most organizations here tend to focus on migration & climate, but do not have an emphasis on cities
- Migration, climate change, and conflict around pastoralism vs. herders
 - Migration to cities link is underdeveloped
- Climate change & evolving oil production has changing impact on migration
 - Trying to improve an exchange of information/needs between Balkan and Gulf states
- Annual conference in Cambridge
 - Workshop on carbon neutrality in the Gulf

- Creation of a “carbon-neutral city” in Saudi Arabia
 - Workshop on social implications of migration in gulf countries
- Increasing pressure on cities, especially in the Sahel
 - Driven by climate change and insecurity
- Linkage to sea level rise is of great interest
 - Is there a need to develop a legal instrument?
- Some resources: IOM, Geneva Cities Hub, swisspeace, USIP, event at Stockholm