

**Geneva Dialogue on Environment,
Climate, Conflict, and Peace:
Meeting 32**

14 June, Zoom

16 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

- Protection Approaches
 - Atrocity prevention organization, looking at the consequences of climate change on atrocities and risk of mass violence & identity based violence
 - A lot of educational work within the UK, how the genocide prevention field can engage with climate change, and how to partner with local educational programs to deliver that information
 - Queering Atrocity Prevention sector commitment statements:
<https://protectionapproaches.org/news/f/sector-statement-on-queering-atrocity-prevention>
- World Bank
 - Working on natural resource management, and the interlinkages of environment, conflict, climate change, and fragility
 - Working on a draft of a book called *Defueling Conflict*, meant largely for an internal audience, to gather good practices in incorporating conflict sensitivity on World Bank projects - nothing new, but tailored to Bank audience
 - There was strong and vocal support for conflict sensitivity from the Bank at Stockholm+50
 - Unpacking the climate security nexus:
<https://hcss.nl/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Unpacking-the-Climate-Security-Nexus-HCSS-2022-1.pdf>
- 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
- UNEP
 - Disasters and conflict branch, environmental security team
 - Trying to bring governments together over the environment, but then specifically on environmental issues in conflict-affected areas
 - Emphasis on data analytics, created the Strata tool
 - Exploring nature based solutions for security and a potential database aggregating tools for it

- WILPF
 - Working on peace for more than 100 years, and now starting to look more at connections between militarism and environment
 - Structures of oppression (like militarism, patriarchy, capitalism)
 - Weapons on the environment
 - Encouraged to see such a growing awareness on the interconnections between conflict and the environment, but need to see action from states too
- International Alert
 - Working on nexus on climate, natural resource management, and peace for 15 years
 - Working on a lessons learned paper - in its very final processes this week - from diagnosing the problem to acting on it
 - Adding a staff member next month who will work on advocacy in this space
- Wilson Center
 - DC-based, working on development, environment, climate, and security
 - Currently looking at migration & violence in South America, climate justice, critical minerals in energy transition
- PeaceNexus Foundation
 - Trying to connect the practice of conservation/environment organizations to conflict/peace issues - operationalization
 - Have a call for proposals for environment orgs who want to take forward peace - deadline is 21 June
 - <https://peacenexus.org/call-for-proposals>
- Environmental Peacebuilding Association
 - Monitoring and evaluation toolkit for environmental peacebuilding
 - Building out work on environmental peacebuilding within a consulting firm right now - supporting orgs in designing concrete strategies for EP & MEL
 - <https://www.environmentalpeacebuilding.org/>
- Somali Greenpeace Association
 - Climate and environmental issues in Somalia - connecting and cocreating climate solutions in Somalia, as well as environmental peacebuilding
 - Will be active in the Aswan Forum
 - <https://3rdaswanforum.com/en/#about>
- EarthJustice
 - Active on human rights and environmental defenders at the COP for the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions (BRS)
- Gulf Research Center
 - Research outfit with HQ in Saudi Arabia, and Geneva wing
 - Creating enabling environment to develop understanding around the Gulf Region, promoting knowledge
 - Collaborating with other research institutions and UN bodies
 - Peace, security, development in the Gulf and beyond
 - Nexus of ECCP is essential in Gulf region - oil producers in a phase of transformation, water security, positive peace
 - Open to collaboration - ECCP is an area of focus
 - www.grc.net

- MEDRC
 - Organization based in Amman, working to find fresh water solutions to water scarcity in MENA region by bringing together civil servants in water sector
 - 11 member states
 - Most work focuses on Jordan, Israel, Palestine
 - Looking to share lessons learned with other regions or contexts, how shared environmental issues can bring states together
 - MEDRC wants to develop in the environmental peacebuilding wing and operationalization
 - Planning on a regular webinar series
 - Transboundary conservation areas

ECCP Community Updates

- Geneva Peace Week
 - Applications now due on 29 June
 - <http://genevapeaceweek.ch/>
- S+50
 - 35 participants in our network
 - Handed out 300 copies of the white paper, 100 business cards, 1000 views on our blog series, 1500 views on our S+50 webpage
 - Our community members hosted 6 peace & security related events, 3 inside the venue, 3 outside
 - Each event inside the event was presented to a completely full house of environment-related folks who we had never met before
 - In total, 18 events on peace
 - Tracking the relationships & mentions of peace and security across the whole event, by states, organizations, and individuals
 - Will come out with a report
 - In the meantime, [a full debrief is available here](#)
 - Peace & security given an entire paragraph of a short preamble in the LD key recommendations final document
 - Peace and climate finance was emphasized