

**Geneva Dialogue on Environment,  
Climate, Conflict, and Peace:  
Meeting 37**

20 September, Zoom

25 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
- <https://www.gpplatform.ch/content/environment-climate-conflict-and-peacebuilding>

### **Introductions**

*Meeting participants were invited to introduce themselves and their institution.*

- World Bank
  - Working on natural resource management, and the interlinkages of environment, conflict, climate change, and fragility
    - World Bank is a development institution working more and more in insecure environments, including those not under government control
    - Have many case studies, for better or for worse, in Eastern Congo, Ukraine, Somalia, etc.
    - Working to try and inform those in the bank about how to work on environment in fragile and conflict settings better.
  - The team will have a book coming out this month. It is not yet online.
    - The title is "Defueling Conflict: Environment and Natural Resource Management as a Pathway to Peace".
    - You should be able to find online in a few weeks.
- Somali Greenpeace Association
  - Climate and environmental issues in Somalia - connecting and cocreating climate solutions in Somalia, as well as environmental peacebuilding
  - Expertise in raising awareness in climate change issues, systems change
  - <https://www.sogpa.org/>
- FriEnt / Misereor
  - Misereor is a development organization
  - FriEnt is a working group in Germany
    - Looking at peace & economics, specifically at environment and business actors
- Global Initiative on Environment and Reconciliation
  - NGO based in Rwanda working with different target groups (local community, women, youth, policymakers)
  - Mission is to contribute to peacebuilding process through environment
    - Building peace is impossible without building the environment
    - When environment is violated, it is a challenge to reach lasting peace

- Environment, peace, reconciliation are inseparable
    - Activities include: capacity building, trainings, workshops, agroforestry, advocacy, etc.
  - CE OBS
    - Organization looking at the environmental impact of conflicts and military activity, including but not limited to the war in Ukraine
    - Recently launched a joint call to NATO:
      - <https://ceobs.org/joint-call-nato-commit-to-credible-climate-action>
    - Exploring opportunities at COP27 about military emissions
    - <https://ceobs.org/>
  - Independent Diplomat
    - International consultancy working for both states and (armed and non-armed) groups
      - Focusing on the Pacific, navigating the multilateral space
    - Planning to go to COP27
  - Interpeace
    - Peace organization with both programmatic and policy work
    - Works on peace responsiveness
      - Peace responsiveness goes beyond conflict sensitivity to see how peace is shared mandate across all actors and should be a north star
      - Looking at how that intersects with climate change
      - <https://www.interpeace.org/peace-responsiveness>
    - Also working on finance for peace, including climate finance
      - <https://www.interpeace.org/finance-for-peace/>
  - UNEP
    - Conflict and disasters branch, have had programming in environmental peacebuilding for a long time
    - Working on STRATA, a platform [presented to the ECCP in June 2022 here](#)
    - Working to soon launch a report on Digital Frontier Technologies for Environmental Peacebuilding
  - World Council of Churches
    - Recently concluded their 11th global assembly (once every 8 years)
      - Adopted significant public policy positions focusing on nexus between ECCP
        - <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/the-things-that-make-for-peace-moving-the-world-to-reconciliation-and-unity>
        - <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/the-living-planet-seeking-a-just-and-sustainable-global-community>
        - <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/wcc-central-committee-statement-on-the-war-in-ukraine>
    - Have worked around climate change for 40 years, but there is a sense that it hasn't made a large difference
      - Now they are looking at financial service arrangements, and encouraging their global constituency of 580 million people to ask their banks and pension funds - do you have fossil fuel investments? If yes, we will divest.
  - Universalia
    - Consultancy firm working on environment, security, and transformation practice

- Expertise in monitoring, evaluation, and learning - there is a lot of theory, but not a lot of evidence - they are trying to close that gap
  - <https://www.universalia.com/en/about/practice-areas/environment-security-and-conflict-transformation>
- PeaceNexus Foundation
  - Trying to connect the practice of conservation/environment organizations to conflict/peace issues - operationalization
  - Recently closed a call for proposals for environmental orgs who want to integrate peace and conflict sensitivity
    - Had 59 strong and high-quality applications - really showing that the demand is there
    - <https://peacenexus.org/call-for-proposals>
  - Would like to explore how they can get other donors on board to support this kind of work
- University of Leicester research
  - Independent research on environmental peacebuilding, particularly focusing on amplifying the voices of women / and those whose voices are not necessarily heard when we discuss these issues
- Motum
  - Organization on youth empowerment for sustainable development
  - Met the group at Stockholm+50 and looking now at the role of peace in sustainable development
- QUNO
  - Geneva-branch of UN office, there is also representation in New York
    - Programs on both Human impacts of climate change, as well as Disarmament
  - Discrete mediation and advocacy, including representation to the IPCC and COP
  - <https://quno.org/>

## Updates

- Geneva Peace Week is coming up from 31 October to 4 November.
  - There will be sessions both online and in person. For those of you coming in person, please let Annika know so that she can include you in some community events that will not be published on the main website.
    - Environment day will be Tuesday 1 November.
- Summary document from Stockholm+50 is now out: <https://www.ecosystemforpeace.org/stockholm50>
- A group of organizations are exchanging information about peace & security opportunities at COP27. You can follow along here: <https://www.ecosystemforpeace.org/cop27>
  - Join the next call here: <https://share.hsforms.com/1GCmiASwWSWSsTICiCsMPuQ4eopz>

## Link and resource base

- <https://www.oikoumene.org/publications/cooler-earth-higher-benefits3>
- <https://www.sogpa.org/projects/climate-change-trainings-and-intergeneration-dialogue-on-youth>
- <https://hcss.nl/report/unpacking-the-climate-security-nexus/>
- <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/climate-responsible-finance-a-moral-imperative-towards-children>
- <https://transformdefence.org/publication/military-and-conflict-related-emissions-report/>
- <https://www.interfaithrainforest.org/>
- <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-12537-2021-INIT/en/pdf>
- <https://www.interpeace.org/climate-finance-for-sustaining-peace/>
- <https://www.sipri.org/research/peace-and-development/environment-peace>
- <https://www.partner-religion-development.org/>
- <https://frient.de/artikel?q=climate%20&type=blog>
- [https://africancba.org/download-resource-file/ACBA-Cordio%20Case%20Study%20-%20Nov%20Issue%201%202021\\_compressed-fc96a836cd4430921ea7501aa666b827.pdf](https://africancba.org/download-resource-file/ACBA-Cordio%20Case%20Study%20-%20Nov%20Issue%201%202021_compressed-fc96a836cd4430921ea7501aa666b827.pdf)
- <https://ceobs.org/perac-principles-frequently-asked-questions/>
- <https://www.icrc.org/en/publication/4487-when-rain-turns-dust>
- [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/341028648\\_Conflict\\_in\\_abundance\\_and\\_peacebuilding\\_in\\_scarcity\\_Challenges\\_and\\_opportunities\\_in\\_addressing\\_climate\\_change\\_and\\_conflict](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/341028648_Conflict_in_abundance_and_peacebuilding_in_scarcity_Challenges_and_opportunities_in_addressing_climate_change_and_conflict)