

**Geneva Dialogue on Environment,
Climate, Conflict, and Peace:
Meeting 41**

20 December, Zoom

11 participants

Introductions

Meeting participants were invited to introduce themselves, their work, and something they were glad to accomplish in 2022.

- Swedwatch
 - Stockholm-based NGO working on business, human rights, and the environment
 - Working especially with conflict-affected settings
 - Conclusion of a 15-month project in Liberia and Sierra Leone focusing on impacts of large-scale land acquisition by business actors, particularly on existing conflict dynamics
 - Resulting in concrete follow-up steps for the partners and communities involved, recommendations for conflict sensitivity
 - <https://swedwatch.org/publication/companies-impact-womens-rights-and-social-conflict-in-liberia-and-sierra-leone/>
- UN Peacekeeping Mission in Cyprus
 - Located in the Buffer Zone, their portfolio is to reduce the environmental footprint, but also to support environmental peacebuilding work on the island
 - Just completed the 3rd Annual UN Youth Champions for Environment and Peace program, which brought together 30 young people from the Greek Cypriot, Turkish Cypriot, refugee, and international communities together to develop ideas and programs for environmental peacebuilding in their context
 - <https://unficyp.unmissions.org/young-people-cyprus-join-3rd-edition-un-youth-champions-environment-and-peace>
 - <https://unficyp.unmissions.org/barasa-daniel-how-amazing-was-%E2%80%9Cun-youth-champions-environment-and-peace-programme%E2%80%9D>
- Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
 - Working on Mediation Support and Policy Unit to support project teams in developing environmental issues into their mediation and dialogue work
 - Launched an internal pilot training on environmental peacemaking in November 2022 - with 10 participants across different continents, will repeat in future years
 - Will be seconded in Nairobi from January to March 2023, open to connections there for projects in Somalia
- Universalialia
 - Consulting firm with an environment, security, and conflict transformation practice - helping to design monitoring & evaluation frameworks, helping to get the evidence that we need from EP projects
 - With the Environmental Peacebuilding Association, soon to present a toolkit on M&E in environmental peacebuilding
 - Will be conducting
- A participant currently engaging in consultancy work for an NGO

- Project focusing on mining sector and ESG in the Sahel
- International Alert
 - Climate and Peace Advocacy, as well as practice working in their country programs
 - Working to get peace integrated into climate action, especially climate finance in fragile and conflict-affected settings
 - Has a study on green energy transition, peace, and security:
 - <https://www.international-alert.org/publications/fuelling-conflict-the-impact-of-the-green-energy-transition-on-peace-and-security/>
- Baha'i International Community
 - Interested in engaging in environment, conflict, and peace, and the role of the media
 - Has UN offices in NY and Geneva, as well as regional offices
- Recommended film: <https://films.nationalgeographic.com/the-territory>

ECCP Community Updates

- History of the ECCP
 - The community started in March 2020, online. From 2020-2021, the main activities were:
 - Monthly meetings and briefings, for which you can find links to meeting notes here:
 - <https://www.gpplatform.ch/content/environment-climate-conflict-and-peacebuilding>
 - Collaboration with the existing Environmental Peacebuilding Association to host their second International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding in Geneva
 - It was held online, due to the pandemic, in Feb 2022
 - <https://environmentalpeacebuilding.org/>
 - And the establishment of a community-led process to write a White Paper on the Future of Environmental Peacebuilding
 - 50 entries written by 150 authors
 - More than 100 people involved in the review process
 - <https://www.ecosystemforpeace.org/>
 - In 2022, efforts focused along two lines of engagement
 - Monthly meetings and briefings, to continue to engage the ever-expanding community of practice
 - Strategic policy coordination to raise the profile of peace and conflict at Stockholm+50, a major UN conference held in June 2022 (<https://www.ecosystemforpeace.org/stockholm50>) and, though a smaller effort, at COP27 (<https://www.ecosystemforpeace.org/cop27>)
 - ECCP was also presented at Geneva Peace Week 2022
 - https://www.gpplatform.ch/sites/default/files/GPW22_Environmental%20Challenges_Track%20Summary.docx.pdf
- Looking forward to 2023
 - We propose three tracks of collaboration: Policy, Practice, and Evidence
 - The policy track will keep engaging around COP28 and climate finance & peace
 - Meeting today at 15h30 CET

- Meeting 10 January at 15h CET for a host country assessment
 - Meeting 25 January at 15h CET for an action-planning workshop
- The practice track will meet for the first time on 26 January at 14h CET to explore avenues of collaboration
- Those interested in the evidence track are encouraged to explore the Environmental Peacebuilding Association:
<https://environmentalpeacebuilding.org/>
 - Geneva-based colleagues could join a 9 January briefing by UN University's Centre for Policy Research
- At the same time, GPP is working with Universalia on an evaluation of the ECCP project, which should be available in March 2023.