

**Geneva Dialogue on Environment,
Climate, Conflict, and Peace:
Meeting 42**

14 February, Zoom

10 participants

Meeting participants were invited to introduce themselves, their work, and to share how their institution, if at all, addresses its own carbon footprint.

Introductions

- Geneva Policy Outlook
 - A new dashboard that launched at the end of January 2023
 - Articles on emergent topics that are important for International Geneva
 - One topic is Earth Diplomacy
 - <https://www.genevapolicyoutlook.ch/discreetly-tackling-climate-action-through-earth-diplomacy/>
- United States Institute of Peace (USIP)
 - Operates a climate, environment, conflict portfolio:
<https://www.usip.org/issue-areas/environment>
 - Working with US Africa Command - a lot focuses on Africa
 - Currently operation another project on local environmental solutions in Tunisia together with USAID
- Academy for Conflict Transformation
 - An education/training organization based in Cologne, Germany
 - Rediscovering environmental peacebuilding for their portfolio and currently trying to get a sense of what's useful for practitioners
 - Currently have a call for tenders for trainers in environmental peacebuilding open:
<https://www.forumzfd-akademie.de/en/call-tenders-environmental-peacebuilding-practice>
- Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
 - A peace mediation and dialogue organization that is currently expanding ongoing environmental peacemaking work
 - <https://hdcentre.org/area-work/mediation-support/>
 - Normally Geneva-based staff member is currently in Nairobi focusing on Nigeria and Somalia dialogue work
- World Bank
 - Looking at natural resource management, and the interlinkages of environment, conflict, climate change, and fragility
 - Recent book published called Defueling Conflict - recipes for practitioners on how to integrate conflict sensitivity into natural resource projects
 - <https://www.usip.org/issue-areas/environment>
 - Focusing on measuring and monitoring conflict prevention and community natural resource management projects
 - A series of peer-learning exchange between conservation orgs on how to integrate conflict sensitivity

- CE OBS
 - Look at the impact of wars, conflict, and military activity on the environment
 - Campaigning on military emissions, and military contribution to climate crisis
 - Pushing for better reporting within the UNFCCC on military emissions
 - <https://ceobs.org/>
 - <https://militaryemissions.org/>
- Somali Greenpeace Association
 - Youth-led organization in Somalia advancing environmental peacebuilding and other community projects
 - A lot of conflict currently happening in the northern part of Somalia, exacerbated by natural resource issues impacted by climate change
 - <https://www.sogpa.org/>
- Baha'i International Community
 - Interested in engaging in environment, conflict, and peace
 - Has UN offices in NY and Geneva, as well as regional office
- Universalia
 - 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

How, if at all, does your institution address its own carbon footprint?

- Many participants had active sustainability programs within their institutions, and many did not. This conversation was a fruitful dialogue and brainstorming on how we might collectively up our engagement to reduce our carbon footprint.
- Strategy, vision, monitoring, and evaluation
 - Annually published status reports
 - Established an organization-wide environmental policy
 - Essential to start by calculating or measuring emissions
 - For calculation of carbon footprint, the commonly used accounting tool is GHG Protocol, serving as a standard for measuring and reporting organizational level direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions.
 - Conducting evaluations of environmental impact of various projects, particularly those in fragile ecosystems
 - Establishment of a sustainability roadmap and indices
- Travel policies and compensation
 - Compensating for unavoidable emissions from staff travel
 - Offsetting emissions
 - Partnering with MyClimate, Swiss Foundation to offset emissions
 - Staff can vote on the project it will support
 - Instead of buying into a carbon offsetting scheme, one organization works on a local level with a farm to offset flight emissions - an area prone to flooding and work with groups doing flood prevention
 - In consulting projects, include option in proposal for the hiring party to pay for 50% of offsets if desired

- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1j_1W6VfcU2rTicCmWNUQH05h_OzyF1J4WrGZ0JY7Lz4/edit?usp=sharing
- <https://www.nature.com/articles/s43017-022-00382-w>

ECCP Community Updates

- This group started in March 2020, online. An archive of meeting and briefing notes is available here:
 - <https://www.gpplatform.ch/content/environment-climate-conflict-and-peacebuilding>
- Now, we have three tracks:
 - Evidence
 - On 28 Feb and 2 March, we'll meet to take stock one year after the publication of the *White Paper on the Future of Environmental Peacebuilding*: <https://www.ecosystemforpeace.org/>
 - We recommend exploring resources from the Environmental Peacebuilding Association: <https://environmentalpeacebuilding.org/>
 - Policy
 - Currently collaborating to raise the profile of peace and conflict sensitivity at COP28. Next steps and meetings will be announced later this week.
 - We've met three times so far in 2023. Notes are here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1J4UiHDFef0bEVyUtN3EGLCZQPBK1bWHa?usp=share_link
 - You can also explore other policy processes and find collaborators using this sheet here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kQevAqiTLNa0cZtt8_Z0OUeLK1bu9twwbLYWLI6wg2g/edit
 - Practice
 - We met on 26 January for the first time. Notes here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dWEwBpOvRhfPiph9w70WlbtWQBdAAVEr1MiwgHTA1ks/edit?usp=sharing>
 - We have a brainstormed list of topics that we'll invite practitioners from conflict-affected communities to come and share about.
 - If you're interested in participating in *any* of these activities, please contact Annika at annika@gpplatform.ch.
 - GPP is working with Universalia on an evaluation of the ECCP project, which should be available in March 2023.