

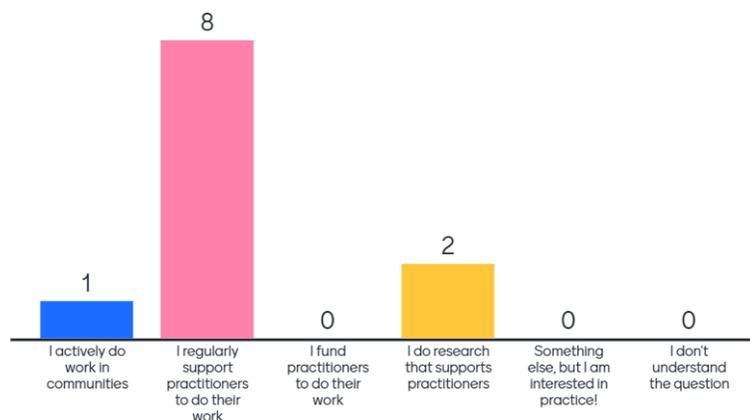
## ECCP Track: Practice

### Meeting 1

26 January, 14h CET, Zoom

#### Getting a sense of who is here and wants to exchange

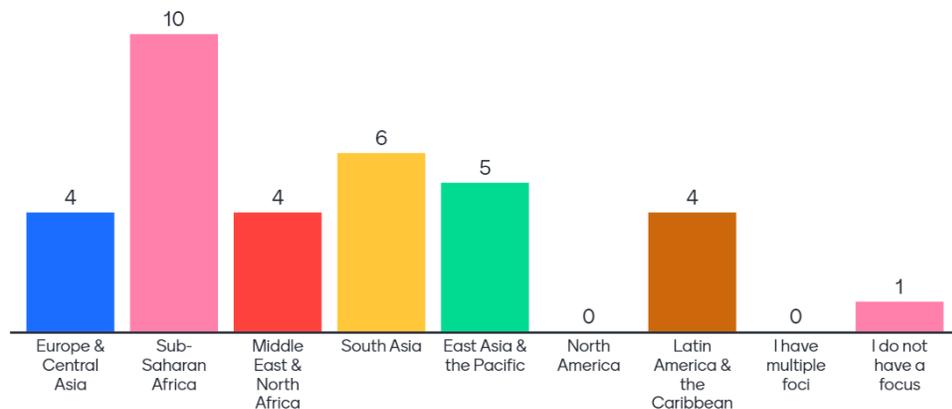
## Which one of these categories best fits your work in environment, climate, conflict, and peace?



- What does “I regularly support practitioners to do their work” mean to you?
  - I support practitioners in designing and implementing monitoring, evaluation, and learning frameworks as well as conducting evaluations.
  - Combination of research (gathering insights to influence practice), developing guidance/tools for practitioners, and directly advising government officials.
  - I support conservation organisations to integrate conflict and peace issues into their organisations and work.
  - We work with communities trying to embrace and support climate actions, linked with a JPS perspective, but we specifically try to short the knowledge Gap in access to science based environmental education (difficult question though hahaha)
  - Identifying the pathways linking Climate Change and environmental Degradation to insecurity, thus breaking it down into intermediary factors that offer different entry-points for Action.
  - I design trainings, Environmental Peacebuilding being one of them.
  - Enable programming, through support to the development of ideas, and provide cross-fertilisation and learning between different geographic areas and also generally support teams working through operational challenges they may encounter in their work

- I support all aspects of programming of projects on environment, natural resource management and peacebuilding, from proposal writing to implementation and M&E. I also support analysis as well as practical tools.
- I support colleagues doing environment-related peace mediation and dialogue work on the ground by providing project design advice, doing capacity-building (e.g. organising trainings), preparing briefings and helping with fundraising.
- We work in partnership with local (youth) organizations to carry out peacebuilding activities across countries and communities. This involves research, training and providing seed grants for small projects, advocacy, as well as monitoring and learning.
- I work with women at grassroots level in implementing Peace and Security initiatives including environmental peace building
- We provide support (technical/small grant) to environmental organisations to integrate conflict and peace issues in their work - which includes a focus on practice and programme approaches + interaction with policy and strategic elements.
- I work in peace building, and national dialogue. I also work in transitional justice. We work at the national and local level. We also deal with hate speech and natural resource based conflicts
- I work on the nexus of climate change, environment, peace and security

## Which geographic region do you usually focus on?



## **Developing a shared plan for exchange**

Participants then did some individual brainstorming and breakout-room-partner-sharing on the question: What do you hope to get out of a space of exchange with other practitioners on environment, climate, conflict, and peace?

### **Idea bank:**

- **Meeting new people & finding synergies for collaboration**
  - It would be great to broaden the network for possible future collaboration on project proposals to complement our work, avoid duplication. Ideally also with climate, environment, conservation organisations (not just peacebuilding)
  - We said that the group would be a good space to make new connections and establish concrete partnerships
  - We want to meet others in the field and also get new ideas
- **Exploring what works & co-learning**
  - To share practical / operational challenges and opportunities for doing conflict sensitive conservation and climate work (or environmental peacebuilding) between peacebuilding and environmentally focused organisations. (As a lot of research exists already, the focus is really on operational practice.)
  - A space for testing emerging ideas/recommendations from practice; seeing if the experience resonates with others and testing assumptions
  - In many settings we spend a lot of time talking about the problems/challenges at the intersection of climate/environment/security/peace.
  - I would love to exchange on what we see is working well, innovative practices, what seems to be producing interesting results. That might allow us to also help guide future Investments and practice toward what is most beneficial.
  - Test ideas and approaches
  - strengthen thematic knowledge about the nexus of environment, climate and peace with their intersection with cross-cutting issues such as youth, gender
  - know what others are doing and learn from their practice (methods, contexts)
  - Joint proposal for implementation
- **Regional specificity**
  - Practice really differs in places where the link between climate and conflict is more obvious (for ex, the Sahel) and places where it is not so obvious or straightforward
  - If we are talking about specific contexts, need to bring in colleagues living in, from, and working in those areas to help teach us - build new connections, too.
  - Emphasize women, indigenous perspectives, youth
  - Can draw on existing/growing adelphi expert network
  - Could make interest groups that meet on different topics
    - Then we do a check-in from the interest group twice per year

- In order to choose what to focus on, people can rank their top 5 interests
- **Work on emphasizing participation from environment and conservation actors**
  - Balance the relatively lesser focus on practice than policy in EP - structure exchanges in a way that we can make sense of the complexity of issues. Specific interest in what impedes and what can enable the uptake of a stronger conflict and peace lens in conservation and environmental work.
  - We seem to have a stronger peacebuilding side of the discussion here.
  - For each session, all participants can try to recruit/invite someone from the environment, climate, conservation side to join us
- **Sharing out what we learn**
  - Help develop the documented evidence base for more systematic learning.
  - Could create short (4-5 paragraph) summaries from each session to circulate
    - Could circulate on our [Medium](#), adelphi, Wilson Center, etc.
  - Being intentional about connecting what we learn into the ECCP policy track
    - Eventually leading a workshop on operationalization/emerging practices together with policymakers

### Next steps

1. The group was split on whether to meet monthly or once every 2-3 months.
2. Regardless of timeline, the group would like to move forward with regular practitioner's dialogues on specific topics and/or geographic regions. We will invite experts *from* the chosen region to lead or co-lead discussions. Brainstormed topics include:
  - a. Farmer managed natural regeneration (FMNR) with Irene Ojuok and Tony Rinaudo
  - b. Conservation stakeholder engagement and dialogue processes (CI, WWF)
  - c. A "cookbook" on ideas for practice in ECCP (World Bank)
  - d. Protected area management and conflict sensitivity (IISD)
  - e. Transboundary water cooperation (WRI)
  - f. Thinking beyond climate change to examine the impact of war on biodiversity and nature (adelphi)
  - g. Environmental peacebuilding in Ukraine (Erika Weinthal)
  - h. Rights of nature, practical applications from law/EU environmental crime (Global Alliance for Rights of Nature)