Workshop
Along with the 58th sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies of the UNFCCC, Bonn

Linking Loss and Damage to Conflict Affected and Fragile Settings

Monday, 12 June 2023, 10 – 12 h (CEST)
afterwards reception & finger food

at the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS)
Tulpenfeld 6
53113 Bonn

Climate change is a threat multiplier to sustainable development and even more so in fragile and conflict affected states, where the livelihoods of the most vulnerable are threatened and social inequalities increased. Climate-related loss & damage is already a reality. The negotiations at COP27 ended with the decision to establish a loss and damage fund, representing a step forward on the long road to climate justice. Although important for countries particularly vulnerable to the climate crisis, we would like to focus on the long list of countries that are considered as fragile and affected by ongoing and/or past violent conflicts or wars (FCAS).

Come and join the discussion as to how the new fund and funding arrangements can guarantee the needs of local communities, affected by the double burden of conflict and climate change. How can we increase the commitment from stakeholders to allow funding arrangements to be tailored to those most affected and prevent conflict exacerbation and violence? These questions and many more will be discussed at our workshop. It is a crucial time with the loss and damage negotiations well under way and we will be joined by a wide range of stakeholders, including experts from affected countries to the members of the Transitional Committee that have raised their concern around FCAS within this new fund. Three experts from Bangladesh and Sierra Leone will present case studies how climate induced loss & damage affects the population and impacts the conflict contexts and what this implies for policies. Two political decision makers from Ireland and Germany are invited as discussants and for an informed exchange about political and funding requirements for climate finance and the loss & damage fund.

Expected Output

This event will provide an opportunity to discuss some key considerations as we move towards COP28. An event report summarizing key points discussed including
- Demonstrate urgency of such concerns from on the ground experience
• Demonstrate necessity of conflict sensitivity in further concretizing loss & damage and pertinent need for conflict prevention and for compensation for unintended negative side effects through climate finance

Logistics

The event is open to all in person only, no UNFCCC badge or accreditation needed, on invitation by the organizers and networks.

Please register under event@frient.de until 05. June 2023.

Programme

Chair/Moderation: FriEnt and International Alert

10:00 - 10:10 Welcome, agenda and introduction of speakers by chair/moderator

10:10 - 10:20 “Loss and damage at the nexus of climate change, conflict and security: challenges and entry points for global climate governance”

Steffen Bauer, Head of the Klimalog project and Senior Researcher at the Environmental Governance research programme at IDOS

10:20 - 11:10 Panel Discussion

1. Jahan Rowshan Moni, Deputy Executive Director at the Association of Land Reform and Development (ALRD) in Bangladesh
2. Mohamed S. Conteh, Director Sierra Leone Network on the Right to Food (SILNORF) from Sierra Leone
3. Saleemul Huq, Director International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) in Bangladesh
4. Hanspeter Schwär, Deputy Head of Division for Transitional Development Assistance at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
5. Sinead Walsh, Director of the climate unit at the Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland

11:10 – 11:40 Q & A/ interaction with audience

11:40 – 11:55 Final statements and take-aways

11:55 – 12:00 Closure and invitation for the reception/lunch