

Challenges Annual Forum 2021



Programme

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Climate and Environmental Security in Peace Operations

1-3 December 2021, Berlin

Day 1

*Live streamed
sessions:*

14:00–14:15

**(Berlin time
/GMT+1)**

Welcome

Miguel Berger, State Secretary of the German Federal Foreign Office

Almut Wieland-Karimi, Executive Director | Center for International Peace Operations (ZIF)

Pernilla Rydén, Director | Challenges Forum International Secretariat (CFIS)

14:15–14:45

Keynote Speech: Climate Projections 2030/40 & their Potential Impact on Peace and Stability

Janani Vivekananda, Head of Programme Climate Diplomacy and Security | adelphi

14:45–15:15

High-level Opening

Moderator: Almut Wieland-Karimi, Executive Director | ZIF

Jean-Pierre Lacroix, Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations | United Nations

Miroslav Jenča, Assistant Secretary-General for Europe, Central Asia and the Americas, Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations | United Nations

Ann Linde, Minister for Foreign Affairs | Sweden (video message)

Bankole Adeoye, Commissioner for Political Affairs & Peace and Security | African Union Commission (*tbc*)

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Keynote Speech: Climate Security and Peacebuilding

Ilwad Elman | Elman Peace and Human Rights Center

15:45–16:15

Coffee Break

16:15–17:30

Panel Discussion: Integrating Field Perspectives into Planning and Policy-making

Next to the available general UN guidance for missions and operations as well as the recently established inter-agency UN Climate Security Mechanism, progress on climate and environmental security has also been driven by the field. In the case of the EU, the recent Climate Security and Defence Map as well as the Green Deal provide future pathways for comprehensive action. Examples and lessons from Peacekeeping and Special Political Missions as well as EU missions and activities in the field can help enhance planning and policy-making.

Moderator: Elissa Jobson, Director of Global Advocacy | International Crisis Group

Annette Weber, EU Special Representative for the Horn of Africa | European External Actions Service (EEAS) (*tbc*)

Sandi Arnold, Chief of Mission Support | UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

Hazel De Wet, Director, Civil Affairs Division | UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)

Ngozi M.T. Amu, Team Leader - Senegambia Cluster and Research/Analysis (climate/security, prevention of violent extremism, farmer-herder conflicts) | UN Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS)

Florian Krampe, Director of the Climate Change and Risk Programme | Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

17:30–18:00

Welcome Reception for Uruguay hosted by CFIS

19:00

Dinner at the International Club, Federal Foreign Office



Day 2

*Closed
sessions:*

14:00–14:30

Welcome and Introduction of Working Groups

Pernilla Rydén, Director | CFIS

14:30–17:00

Working Groups (incl. Coffee Break)

1. Analysis: Integrating climate risks into analysis and planning

Peace operations need to understand how climate change is impacting them and their security and peace context. Identifying climate-related security risks and then assessing the scale of their impact lays the foundation for prioritizing actions that need to be taken. It can also help to mainstream these risks into the wider mandates of peace operations to deliver a more conflict-sensitive response.

Moderator: Bai Zonglin, Senior Research Fellow | China Institute for International Strategic Studies (CISS)

Key Experts: Lukas Rüttinger, Senior Adviser | Adelphi
Molly Kellogg, Gender, Climate and Security Advisor | UN Environment Program (UNEP)

2. Opportunities: Developing a people-centred approach to climate security

People, not states, need to move into the focus of climate security approaches to stress that this is about protecting vulnerable populations and making sure hardships and grievances exacerbated by the changing climate do not turn into security issues. Peace operations should equally look at both conflict risks and climate change vulnerability, thus addressing and transforming the underlying structures and drivers of insecurity within countries.

Moderator: Cassandra Stuart Clark, Senior Peacekeeping Advisor | U.S. Department of State

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Key Experts: Mohamed Osman Mohamoud, Founder and Chief Executive Officer | Sadar Development and Resilience Institute, Somalia

Chris Hodder, Environmental and Climate Security Adviser | UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM)

3. Partnerships: Exploring new avenues for collaboration

Partnerships are key, not only but especially on climate and environmental security. Public-Private Partnerships could help foster local development of sustainable energy or waste management. Partnerships with civil society and local peacebuilders would enable the inclusion of local knowledge and ownership. Moreover, it is important to align efforts by UN, EU, AU and other international actors by establishing closer partnerships through joint agreements and coordination mechanisms.

Moderator: Fonteh Akum, Executive Director | Institute for Security Studies (ISS) South Africa

Key Experts: Alex Hopkins, Research Associate | The Stimson Centre

Dave Mozersky, President; and Sherwin Das, Managing Director | Energy Peace Partners

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Closing

Pernilla Rydén, Director | CFIS

17:15-17:45

Hybrid Mix and Mingle

18:30

25th Anniversary reception hosted by Swedish Embassy

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Day 3

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sessions:*

14:00–14:15

Welcome & Introduction to Day 3

Almut Wieland-Karimi, Executive Director | ZIF

14:15–15:15

Climate and Environmental Security in Peace Operations – a Working Group-inspired Discussion with UN and AU

Facilitators: Adam Day, Director of Programmes | United Nations University Centre for Policy Research; and Janani Vivekananda, Head of Programme Climate Diplomacy and Security | Adelphi

Madalene O'Donnell | Policy, Evaluation and Training Division, UN Department of Peace Operations, United Nations

Alexandra Fong, Chief | Policy and Guidance, Policy and Mediation Division, UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, United Nations

Hanna Minaye, Conflict Prevention Advisor | Political Affairs, Peace and Security, African Union (tbc)

15:15–16:15

Hybrid Open Space (with Coffee)

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Panel Discussion: Reflecting Climate and Environmental Security in UN Security Council Mandating

The UNSC can address climate and environmental risks as part of its general response to conflict situations, for example through the inclusion or mainstreaming of these issues in Security Council mandates for peacekeeping operations or special political missions. Since 2018, mandates for Mali, Somalia, Darfur and Sudan do include wording and calls for action. A UNSC resolution on Climate Security is in the making. What other opportunities are feasible?

Moderator: Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Challenges Forum Patron | Director, Kent program on conflict resolution at Columbia University; member of UN High-level Advisory Board on Mediation

H.E. Geraldine Byrne Nason, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations in New York

Karim Soumana, Counselor | Permanent Mission of the Republic of Niger to the United Nations in New York

Bintou Keita, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) (tbc)

Paul Romita, Managing Editor and lead author of recent report on “The UN Security Council and Climate Change” | Security Council Report

17:30–17:45

Closing

Chair of the Challenges Forum Partner Meeting, FBA Director General