Timeline of key climate security developments (2011 – 2020)

2011: UNSC RECOGNIZES CLIMATE SECURITY THREATS
Under the German presidency, the UN Security Council unanimously recognised that climate change threatens global peace and stability. The ensuing UNSC Presidential Statement reflected the growing convergence of foreign, environmental, development and security policy areas.

2015: A NEW CLIMATE FOR PEACE REPORT
Commissioned by the G7 under the German Presidency, the landmark report A New Climate for Peace is the first study to systematically identify compound climate-fragility risks that threaten the stability of states and societies in the decades ahead.

2018: GROUP OF FRIENDS ON CLIMATE AND SECURITY
Initiated by Germany and Nauru, the Group of Friends’ broad membership of some 50 UN member states illustrates increasing support from around the world for elevating the climate security agenda.

2018: CLIMATE SECURITY MECHANISM
Created to facilitate more systematic and comprehensive UN responses to climate-related security risks, the UN Climate Security Mechanism comprises the UN Programmes for Development (UNDP) and Environment (UNEP) and the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA).

2019: BERLIN CLIMATE AND SECURITY CONFERENCE I
The first BCSC gathered the global climate security community for crucial exchanges on research, policy and field work. As an outcome, the Berlin Call to Action set out three concrete aims: more risk-informed planning, enhanced capacity for action and improving operational responses.

2020: BERLIN CLIMATE AND SECURITY CONFERENCE II
The conference was once again the global meeting space to discuss how climate change is affecting peace and security and to explore concrete actions to address climate-security risks, reaching an audience of over 3600 participants worldwide.
Timeline of key climate security developments (2021 – 2022)

**FEB. 2021: UK CONvenes high-level open debate on climate and security in the UN Security Council Report**

Several states indicate the urgent need to appoint a Climate Envoy and to consolidate research on climate-security nexus.

**JUNE 2021: PUBLICATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL REPORT**

With support of the Group of Friends on Climate and Security, the "Security Council Report" published the first comprehensive analysis of the centrality of the UNSC and its role in addressing climate-related security risks.

**SEP. 2021: UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY EVENT ON CLIMATE SECURITY**

This event, hosted by UAE and Denmark, explored the impact of climate change on security in the Sahel and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and what role the international community can play to help states and countries most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

**OCT. 2021: US CLIMATE REPORTS**

The US publishes the National Intelligence Estimate, the Department of Defense’s Climate Risk Analysis, National Security Council report, and the Climate Risk Analysis Report, recognizing how climate change is challenging US national security.

**FEB. 2022: MUNICH SECURITY CONFERENCE**

Climate security is firmly on the agenda at the 2022 Munich Security Conference. A new multilateral climate security initiative is expected to be launched.

**APR. 2021: WORLD LEADERS’ CLIMATE SUMMIT (US)**

President Biden convened 40 world leaders in a virtual Leaders Summit on Climate. The summit included a discussion on climate security, marking the first ever US Secretary of Defense-led meeting on climate change with other Secretaries of Defense.

**SEP. 2021: IRELAND CHAIRS HIGH-LEVEL OPEN UNSC DEBATE ON CLIMATE AND SECURITY**

The majority of member states recognize the increasing impacts of climate change, while few members – India, Russia and China – contest the UNSC’s role in addressing climate-related security risks.

**SEP. - OCT. 2021: BERLIN CLIMATE AND SECURITY CONFERENCE III**

This conference focused on inclusive, actionable and joined-up approaches to address climate-related risks to peace and security, bringing together 2500 participants, 31 partner organizations, 8 Foreign Ministers and State Secretaries over the course of 2 weeks.

**NOV. 2021: COP26 HIGH LEVEL EVENT ON CLIMATE SECURITY**

High-level side event aims to establish leadership and guiding principles so that climate action also advances peace and stability. The first of its kind at a COP, the event is hosted by Germany, adelphi and the Munich Security Conference (MSC), with Luxembourg, Nauru, and the United Arab Emirates.