

WEATHERING RISK

Timeline of key climate security developments (2011 – 2020)

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: 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)

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



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



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



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

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FEB. 2021: UK CONVENES HIGH-LEVEL OPEN DEBATE ON CLIMATE AND SECURITY IN THE UNSC

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 U.S 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