

Global crises are increasingly interconnected. Climate change, environmental degradation, and conflict reinforce one another in ways that demand integrated responses.

The Weathering Risk Peace Pillar demonstrates that such integration is both feasible and highly effective in fragile settings. Based on evaluations from five projects in the Bay of Bengal, Iraq, Nigeria, Somalia, and Yemen, the Peace Pillar shows measurable gains in stability, adaptation, and cooperation.

1. SHARED RISKS CAN DRIVE COOPERATION: Environmental pressures can become a foundation for collaboration rather than competition.

Policy takeaway: Frame shared environmental and resource risks as entry points for cooperation, trust-building, and preventive diplomacy.

2. RESILIENCE IS A CAPACITY, NOT A DELIVERABLE: Resilience emerges from systems and relationships that can adapt, absorb shocks, and manage tensions peacefully.

Policy takeaway: Strengthen adaptive systems such as early warning, inclusive governance, and mediation capacities that enable continuous learning and adjustment.

3. LOCAL GROUNDING DELIVERS RELEVANCE AND LEGITIMACY: Locally led and inclusive processes generate solutions that reflect lived realities and foster long-term cooperation.

Policy takeaway: Promote local participation and broad inclusion across communities and governance levels to enhance credibility and effectiveness.

4. DIALOGUE AND ACTION MUST REINFORCE EACH OTHER: Trust grows fastest when dialogue is coupled with tangible collaboration on shared challenges.

Policy takeaway: Pair peace dialogues with joint initiatives on environmental governance, from resource management to pollution control, to turn cooperation into lasting relationships.

5. INTEGRATION MULTIPLIES IMPACT:

Connecting climate, environmental, and peace efforts creates mutually reinforcing gains in stability, cooperation, and adaptability.

Policy takeaway: Link climate adaptation, environmental governance, and peacebuilding so progress in one area strengthens the others.

From Evidence to Action

Integrated action is not just synergy; it is smart, future-ready policy. The imperative now is to scale what we've learned, deepen what's working, and embed integrated approaches into peacebuilding and climate strategies going forward.

Next steps for policymakers:

- Embed integrated approaches in peace and climate strategies.
- Fund adaptive, locally led programs that link governance, resilience, and peace.
- Scale successful models through partnerships and shared learning.