



**Online workshop series:  
'Climate change and human security:  
integrating peacebuilding and climate adaptation efforts in practice'**

**September – December 2020**

**Concept Note**

**Background**

The European Union (EU) and its Member States (EU MS) have made clear that they are committed to addressing climate change and its diverse impacts on populations, including the serious risks that it poses to peace. As climate change acts as a threat multiplier, it is predicted to increase conflict in certain situations and it can put particular pressure on vulnerable populations living in fragile and conflict-affected contexts. In turn, violent conflict makes it more difficult to mitigate and to adapt to the effects of climate change. As a result, peacebuilding and climate adaptation efforts must properly address the linkages between climate, peace and conflict in order to avoid negative feedback loops and to ensure that actions to build peace and to support livelihoods are sustainable.

**Objective**

The overall objective of this series of online workshops will be to bring together EU civil society experts and policymakers to discuss lessons learned, best practices and recommendations from interventions integrating peacebuilding and climate adaptation efforts.

The first three workshops will take place in the framework of the second part of the 2020 Berlin Climate and Security Conference. The discussions will build on the 'learning and exchange' series of workshops organised by the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO), adelphi and the Climate Diplomacy initiative (with support from the German Federal Foreign Office) in May – June 2020.

More specifically, the workshops will aim at:

- Increasing the understanding of participants of how to integrate climate change adaptation into peacebuilding efforts and vice-versa;
- Highlighting lessons learned and best practices from research and interventions carried out in diverse fragile and conflict-affected contexts;
- Fostering exchanges and partnerships between civil society experts and policymakers working in different fields.

**Format**

The series will include five online workshops to be held via the platform Zoom. Each online workshop will last one hour and thirty minutes. Facilitation will be provided by EPLO.

## Participants

Each online workshop will be open to experts from EU civil society and policymakers from the EU institutions and the governments of EU MS, including from their delegations in partner countries. Participants will have expertise on / a professional interest in the linkages between climate change and conflict.

## Language

The discussions will be held in English.

## Output

Following the five online workshops, a policy brief and articles on the different workshops will be produced to provide an overview of the key recommendations and findings, and of the cases discussed.

## Schedule

The online workshops will take place from September to December 2020.

**1. The need for climate-sensitive conflict analysis in peacebuilding and climate adaptation efforts** *(held in the framework of the second part of the Berlin Climate and Security Conference 2020)*

Speaker: Lukas Rüttinger (adelphi)

Respondent: Emma Whitaker (Mercy Corps)

Geographic focus: the Lake Chad Basin

Description:

This first workshop will focus on the importance of carrying out climate-sensitive conflict analysis when engaging in fragile and conflict-affected contexts, in particular for peacebuilding and climate adaptation interventions. The example of the risk and resilience assessment carried out by adelphi in the Lake Chad Basin will serve to highlight how robust analysis helps to identify entry points and effective modes of engagement.

Date: Thursday 17 September, 10:30 – 12:00 CEST

**2. Building community resilience to climate change and conflict: Lessons from the Pacific** *(held in the framework of the second part of the Berlin Climate and Security Conference 2020)*

Speakers: Coral Pasisi (The Pacific Community), Kate Higgins (Conciliation Resources)

Respondent: Kevin Petrini (UN Development Programme in the Pacific)

Geographic focus: the Pacific region

Description:

This second workshop will offer a look at efforts to build community resilience to climate change and conflict in the Pacific region. Particular attention will be paid to preventing conflict arising from food and water insecurity and from the displacement of coastal communities.

Date: Thursday 24 September, 09:00 – 10:30 CEST

**3. 'MARSABIT': First documentary screening and interactive discussion with the audience** *(held in the framework of the second part of the Berlin Climate and Security Conference 2020)*

Speaker: Vincent Omonyin (World Vision Kenya)

Respondent: Simone Di Vicenz (Christian Aid)

Geographic focus: Kenya

In this third workshop, an initial screening of the [Marsabit documentary](#) will be followed by an interactive discussion with the audience on responding in a conflict-sensitive manner to the diverse impacts of climate change on food security and livelihoods.

Date: Thursday 1 October, 17:00 – 18:00 CEST

**4. Climate change, gender and violence in urban areas: Lessons from Pakistan**

Speaker: Gulnaz Anjum (Institute of Business Administration)

Respondent: Beatrice Mosello (adelphi)

Geographic focus: Pakistan

Description:

This fourth workshop will examine the gendered effects in urban areas of climate-induced natural resource scarcity and population displacement, with a particular focus on violence directed toward women and how to prevent it.

Date: Thursday 3 December 2020, 10:30 – 12:00 CET

**5. 'MARSABIT': Documentary screening and high level panel discussion on peacebuilding and climate adaptation**

Panel speakers: Amb. Thomas Ossowski (Permanent representation of Germany to the EU), Elina Bardram (EC – DG CLIMA), Marc Fiedrich (EC – FPI), Obadiah Kisang (World Vision Kenya), Sonya Reines-Djivanides (EPLO)

Geographic focus: Kenya

Description:

In this final workshop, a screening of the [Marsabit documentary](#) will be followed by a high level panel discussion which will focus on European policy approaches and experiences in addressing climate-related human security risks, looking in particular at how to foster close collaboration and exchanges with (local) civil society. The speakers and the audience will notably discuss how to engage with civil society on preventing violence resulting from climate-induced threats to livelihoods, and how to adequately fund and support civil society projects integrating peacebuilding and climate adaptation.

Date: Thursday 10 December 2020, 10:30 – 12:00 CET