



COP29 SIDE EVENT

Peace and Security in a Changing Climate: From Analysis to Action

Event title: Peace and Security in a Changing Climate: From Analysis to Action

Format: One high-level panel

Date: Friday 15 November 2024

Duration: 90 minutes

Time: 13:15-14:45 AZT

Organisers: Climate Security Mechanism (CSM) at the United Nations, with the Group of Friends on Climate and Security (GoF).

Location: Side Event 3, Blue Zone at UNFCCC COP29, Baku, Azerbaijan (and virtual if possible)

Expected outcome: The event will conclude with a Joint Press Release on Climate, Peace and Security from the CSM and the GoF, announcing new pledges of support and partnerships to advance peace-positive climate action.

Session description

In line with the COP28 Declaration on Climate, Relief, Recovery and Peace, the side event will showcase: (i) practical experiences in addressing climate, peace and security linkages in climate-vulnerable contexts; (ii) analysis of climate, peace and security linkages; and (iii) opportunities for peace-positive climate change adaptation in often challenging and hard-to-reach places.

To be effective and just, climate action must be conflict-sensitive and build on the expertise and experience of people, communities and countries at the frontlines of the compounding crises of climate change, fragility and conflict. COP29 represents a crucial opportunity for Member States to come together and strengthen their support to conflict-sensitive and peace-positive climate action in conflict-affected and fragile settings, through commitment to climate policies and finance aimed at generating tangible resilient economic development outcomes and just transitions and adaptation for sustaining peace.

The panellists will highlight how they have addressed risks and ensured that climate action is peace and security-sensitive, thus strengthening the sustainability and peace dividends of climate initiatives and ambitions on the ground. The diverse panel will include perspectives from youth activists, government representatives, and UN actors.

The session will culminate in a dedicated pledges and commitments segment, where participants will be invited to make concrete pledges to support and partner with the Climate Security Mechanism (CSM) at the United Nations.



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OPENING AND WELCOME (10 MINUTES)

- **Moderator:** Ms. Shaima Gargash, Director of Energy and Sustainability Affairs, UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs (confirmed)
- **Co-Chair, Climate Security Mechanism Joint Steering Committee:** H.E. Mr. Thomas Stähli, Ambassador of the Swiss Confederation to Azerbaijan (confirmed)
- **Co-Chair, Group of Friends on Climate and Security:** Mr. Reagan Moses, Secretary for the Department of Climate Change and National Resilience of Nauru (confirmed)

PANEL DISCUSSION (45 MINUTES)

- **Co-Chair, Group of Friends on Climate and Security:** Mr. Oliver Rentschler, Director-General for Climate Diplomacy and Geoeconomics at the German Federal Foreign Office Germany (confirmed)
- **Youth climate activist:** Ms. Marwa Alam Safa, Founder and CEO, Climate and Environment Youth Initiative (CEYI) (confirmed)
- **Regional organization:** H.E. Ms. Hawa Aw, Executive Secretary of the Liptako Gourma Authority (confirmed)
- **Government representative:** H.E. Mr. Bartel Africano, Undersecretary of Environment, Ministry of Environment and Forestry of South Sudan (Confirmed)
- **Green Climate Fund:** Ms. Stephanie Speck, Head of Special Initiatives, Office of Strategy and Impact (confirmed)
- **United Nations official:** Mr. Galiné Yanon, Climate, Peace and Security Advisor, United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS) (confirmed)

PLEDGES AND COMMITMENTS SESSION (30 MINUTES)

Closing Remarks (5 MINUTES)

We kindly request that any pledges or commitments be shared with CSM-core@un.org in advance. Such commitments can be announced, either directly or through the moderator, and included in the press release.