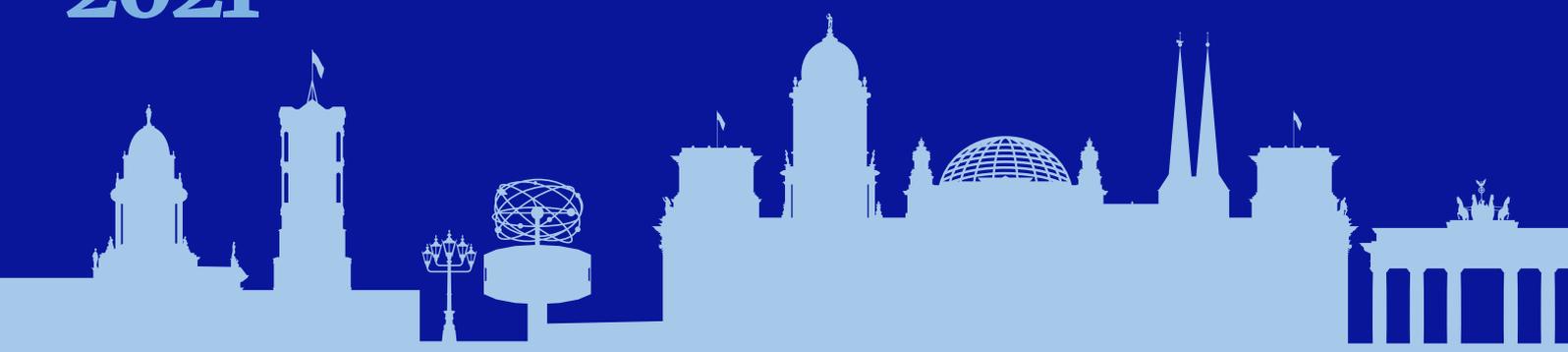


Challenges Annual Forum 2021

**CLIMATE AND
ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY
IN PEACE OPERATIONS
1–3 DECEMBER**



This year's Challenges Annual Forum will gather partners and key stakeholders from across the globe in a hybrid event – in Berlin, and online at #CAF21Berlin – to discuss how peace operations could more effectively address climate and environmental security risks and opportunities.

The Forum provides a unique chance for policymakers, scholars, practitioners and civil society representatives to engage in high-level conversations as well as dialogue-driven workshops. All while networking and building stronger relationships.

The Challenges Annual Forum 2021 will centre around three sub-themes:

- **Analysing:** Integrating climate risks into analysis and planning
- **Opportunities:** Developing a people-centred approach to climate security opportunities
- **Partnerships:** Exploring new avenues for collaboration

The world's climate is changing at an unprecedented pace according to the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, The UN Secretary-General called it a "code red for humanity". Climate change could amplify existing security threats and affect peace efforts. Half of the ongoing UN peace operations are located in countries most exposed to climate change. This means that 80 per cent of all UN personnel are deployed in such environments.

There is a growing recognition that climate change affects missions' mandate delivery, the ability to support peace and security, and most critically host communities' efforts to build resilient and peaceful societies. Understanding climate and security risks will increasingly shape ongoing and future peace operations. Adapting to these environmental challenges could provide UN missions with new entry points for peacekeeping and peacebuilding.