



## Programme

### Virtual Challenges Annual Forum 2021

#### Climate and Environmental Security in Peace Operations

1-3 December 2021, Berlin

#### Day 1

*Live streamed  
sessions:*

**14:00–14:15**  
**(Berlin time  
/GMT+1)**

#### **Welcome**

Miguel Berger, State Secretary of the German Federal Foreign Office  
Almut Wieland-Karimi, Executive Director | Center for International  
Peace Operations (ZIF)  
Pernilla Rydén, Director | Challenges Forum International Secretariat  
(CFIS)

**14:15–14:45**

#### **Keynote Speech: Climate Projections 2030/40 & their Potential Impact on Peace and Stability**

Janani Vivekananda, Head of Programme Climate Diplomacy and  
Security | adelphi

**14:45–15:15**

#### **High-level Opening**

Moderator: Almut Wieland-Karimi, Executive Director | ZIF  
Jean-Pierre Lacroix, Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations |  
United Nations  
Miroslav Jenča, Assistant Secretary-General for Europe, Central Asia  
and the Americas, Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs  
and Peace Operations | United Nations  
Ann Linde, Minister for Foreign Affairs | Sweden (video message)

**15:15–15:45**

#### **Keynote Speech: Climate Security and Peacebuilding**

Ilwad Elman | Elman Peace and Human Rights Center

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15:45–16:15

*Coffee Break*

16:15–17:45

## **Panel Discussion: Integrating Field Perspectives into Planning and Policy-making**

Next to the available general UN guidance for missions and operations as well as the recently established inter-agency UN Climate Security Mechanism, progress on climate and environmental security has also been driven by the field. In the case of the EU, the recent Climate Security and Defence Map as well as the Green Deal provide future pathways for comprehensive action. Examples and lessons from Peacekeeping and Special Political Missions as well as EU missions and activities in the field can help enhance planning and policy-making.

*Moderator:* Elissa Jobson, Director of Global Advocacy | International Crisis Group

Annette Weber, EU Special Representative for the Horn of Africa | European External Actions Service (EEAS)

Sandi Arnold, Chief of Mission Support | UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

Samuel Gahigi, Political Director | UN regional office for Central Africa (UNOCA)

Hazel De Wet, Director, Civil Affairs Division | UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)

Ngozi M.T. Amu, Team Leader - Senegambia Cluster and Research/Analysis | UN Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS)

Florian Krampe, Director of the Climate Change and Risk Programme | Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

17:45–18:15

*Virtual Welcome Reception for Uruguay hosted by CFIS*

*The live streamed sessions will be available on the [Challenges Forum Youtube account](#)*



## Day 2

*By registration  
only:*

**14:15–14:30**

### **Welcome and Introduction of Working Groups**

Pernilla Rydén, Director | CFIS

**14:30–17:00**

### **Working Groups (*incl. Coffee Break*)**

#### **1. Analysis: Integrating climate risks into analysis and planning**

Peace operations need to understand how climate change is impacting them and their security and peace context. Identifying climate-related security risks and then assessing the scale of their impact lays the foundation for prioritizing actions that need to be taken. It can also help to mainstream these risks into the wider mandates of peace operations to deliver a more conflict-sensitive response.

*Moderator:* General (Ret.) Liu Chao, Senior Research Fellow | China Institute for International Strategic Studies (CISS)

*Key Experts:* Lukas Rüttinger, Senior Adviser | Adelphi

Molly Kellogg, Gender, Climate and Security Advisor | UN Environment Program (UNEP)

#### **2. Opportunities: Developing a people-centred approach to climate security**

People, not states, need to move into the focus of climate security approaches to stress that this is about protecting vulnerable populations and making sure hardships and grievances exacerbated by the changing climate do not turn into security issues. Peace operations should equally look at both conflict risks and climate change vulnerability, thus addressing and transforming the underlying structures and drivers of insecurity within countries.

*Moderator:* Cassandra Stuart Clark, Acting Deputy Director, Senior Peacekeeping Advisor | U.S. Department of State



*Key Experts:* Mohamed Osman Mohamoud, Founder and Chief Executive Officer | Sadar Development and Resilience Institute, Somalia

Chris Hodder, Environmental and Climate Security Adviser | UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM)

### **3. Partnerships: Exploring new avenues for collaboration**

Partnerships are key, not only but especially on climate and environmental security. Public-Private Partnerships could help foster local development of sustainable energy or waste management. Partnerships with civil society and local peacebuilders would enable the inclusion of local knowledge and ownership. Moreover, it is important to align efforts by UN, EU, AU and other international actors by establishing closer partnerships through joint agreements and coordination mechanisms.

*Moderator:* Fonteh Akum, Executive Director | Institute for Security Studies (ISS) South Africa

*Key Experts:* Alex Hopkins, Research Associate | The Stimson Centre

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#### **Closing**

Pernilla Rydén, Director | CFIS

**17:15-17:45**

#### **Virtual Mix and Mingle**

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## Day 3

*By registration  
only:*

**14:00–14:15**

### **Welcome & Introduction to Day 3**

Almut Wieland-Karimi, Executive Director | ZIF

**14:15–15:15**

### **Climate and Environmental Security in Peace Operations – a Working Group-inspired Discussion**

*Facilitators:* Adam Day, Director of Programmes | United Nations  
University Centre for Policy Research

Janani Vivekananda, Head of Programme Climate  
Diplomacy and Security | Adelphi

Madalene O'Donnell | Policy, Evaluation and Training Division, UN  
Department of Peace Operations, United Nations

Alexandra Fong, Chief | Policy and Guidance, Policy and Mediation  
Division, UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, United  
Nations

**15:15–15:30**

### **Closing remarks**

Johanna Gårdmark representing the Chair of the Challenges Forum  
Partner Meeting, Folke Bernadotte Academy Director-General

Almut Wieland-Karimi, Executive Director | Center for International  
Peace Operations (ZIF)