



10TH CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (CCDA-X)

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Event Title	Climate Peace and Security: Policy Pathways in the Context of Just Transition
Event Date & Time	TBC
Room	TBC
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Event Sponsor	FES, PACJA
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Summary

This event is intended to bring together experts to discuss to what extent climate-related security risks can be integrated in ongoing and future regional, continental and international efforts in addressing climate security risks.

Background

Climate crisis is changing the security landscape in Africa. The risks that ensue include increased migration and displacement, heightened political tensions within and between countries of the region, as well as the risk of violent conflict, which is an additional push factor for migration and displacement. Consequently, climate-related security risks increase the challenges for conflict prevention and resolution in the Africa region. As such, it is no surprise that climate-related security risks are now prominently discussed at different multilateral organizations.

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU) dedicated its 828th meeting on 19th February 2019, to an open session on Climate Change, Peace and Security. And the AU PSD Commissioner stated in December 2020, "*Silencing the Guns is a goal that we must remain devoted to in 2020 and beyond. Within this framework, I call on all Member States to promote socio-economic development, especially employment for youth; mitigate effects of climate change and root causes of inter-communal violence*". The topic has also garnered the attention of the UN Security Council where climate change was recognized as a risk to peace. References to climate security have been included in several UN resolutions and the topic was discussed prominently at the UN High-Level Political Forum. But with increased recognition, comes increased demand to find adequate responses to climate-related security risks. It is therefore important to interrogate how conflicts and conflict-related migration in Africa are affected by climate change and to identify and develop adequate measures for conflict prevention and conflict resolution that are regionally owned and supported.

PACJA, FES and SIPRI established the *Horn of Africa Climate Security Working Group* which has been focusing on the complexity of violent conflict and its relationship with climate change – how conflicts transcend borders and more broadly how the two issues relate to each other. The working group focused on various issues including; how climate change can be incorporated into ongoing peace agreements and processes; and how to improve regional mechanisms and global processes on climate security; identifying necessary, comprehensive and potentially supportive or complementary regional mechanisms on different levels to be able to better address climate-related security risks in the Horn of Africa as well as international efforts to regulate and end violent conflict in the region by addressing climate security risks. This work garnered a lot of interest across the African region, and it was important to have introspect of the climate security discourse in Africa.

The UN climate change summit in the Mexican city of Cancun in 2010 recognized the relationship between climate change and different forms of forced human mobility. Indeed, the global community is now beginning to fathom the challenges of people displaced by events such as floods, storms and sea level rise as well as climate change-induced conflict. These issues are not unique to the African region, and as a result the Inter-governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) has raised the topic of climate mobility in its latest two regional consultative processes. Decisions at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) summits advanced the agenda on an international level in subsequent years. The ninth edition of Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-IX) dedicated a session to discuss the nexus between mobility, displacements, conflict and climate change, clearly bringing the subject as central theme in African discourses on climate change. The 10th session of the Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-X) aims to launch a continent-wide debate on the actions required to bring about a transition that is truly just for Africa as well as how the continent can develop appropriate frameworks to prepare for the just transition. It is with the above rationale that Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and partners are organizing a Pre-CCDA X event on Climate, Peace and Security: Pathways for a Just Transition which will bring together experts to discuss to what extent climate-related security risks can be integrated in ongoing and future regional, continental and international efforts in addressing climate security risks.

PROGRAMME

TIME	ACTIVITY AND SPEAKERS
10 MINS	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mithika Mwenda, PACJA • James Murombedzi, UNECA
15 MINS	Expert Presentation: Situational Analysis: Climate, Peace and Security in Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Evans Kituyi

45 MINS	<p>Panel Discussion: <i>Collective/regional cooperation in addressing climate conflicts in the Africa</i></p> <p>Key Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does climate change mean for conflict regulation and prevention? • How would effective regional mechanisms in addressing climate conflicts and migration look like? • How would this regional cooperation contribute to regulation and prevention of climate conflicts? • How do we ensure effective mechanisms are put in place to prevent further conflict and forced migration as a result of climate change? • How can climate security be better approached and anchored in climate change negotiations? • In the context of Just Transition, how can climate related security risks be approached? • What role could the civil society play in regional climate conflicts and migration? <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Eskedar Awgichew Ergete, Environment and Natural Resources Law Center</i> • <i>Dr. Florian Krampe, SIPRI</i> • <i>Hafsa Maalim, African Union</i> • <i>Betty Abebe, IGAD</i> • <i>Prof. Shaddad Mauwia, SECS</i> <p><i>Moderator: Robert Muthami, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung</i></p>
40 MINS	<p>Plenary Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Moderator: Charles Mwangi, PACJA</i>
10 MINS	<p>Wrap up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Summary of Key issues – Dr. Nicholas Orago, University of Nairobi</i> <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mithika Mwenda, PACJA</i>