

Fourth International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding

Working Agenda (20APR2026)

NOTES:

- This agenda is still in flux. **THE DAY AND TIME FOR ANY PARTICULAR SESSION IS NOT YET FINAL.**
- All times are EST.
- A few events indicate “[sign-up required]”; all others are open on a first-come-first-served basis. Sign-up for limited-access events will open very soon.
- Speakers listed in **yellow** have not yet completed registration. Speakers in **green** are in the process of paying.
- Simultaneous interpretation is planned for all sessions, using AI-generated subtitles.

Tuesday, June 9, 2026: Virtual Day

7:00 – 8:30 Breakout Session

Environmental Peacebuilding and Communities

Chair: Celestine Procter, King’s College London (United Kingdom)

“Future Imaginaries: Grassroots Environmental Peace in Post-Coup Myanmar,” Johanna Garnett, University of New England - Armidale (Australia)

“The Citizen Lab Initiative of the Prosperity and Peace Pathways Project,” Zainab Nuhu, Bayero University Kano (Nigeria)

“Closing the Loop: Community-Led Plastic Recovery and Social Peace on the Nile,” Farah El Dessouky, Independent (Egypt)

Water, Peace, and Conflict in the Sahel Region (IN FRENCH)

Chair: Mara Tignino, Geneva Water Hub/University of Geneva (Switzerland)

“Cartographier les Flux Normatifs: Pour un Renforcement Dynamique par l'Eau des Protections des Communautés Locales dans les Amériques”

Adriana Daza Camacho, Université de Montréal (Colombia)

François-Xavier Saluden, Université de Montréal (Canada)

“Crimes contre l'Eau: Quelle Protection Juridique en Période de Conflits Armés?,” Eloïse Pelletier, Independent (Switzerland)

“Le Lac de Guiers (Delta du Fleuve Sénégal), entre Inégalités et Iniquités entre Urbains et Ruraux”

Awa Ngiang Fall, University Cheikh Anta Diop (Senegal)

Coura Kane, University Alioune Diop of Bambey (Senegal)

Blue Diplomacy and Transboundary Coral Reef Conservation: Case Studies and Lessons Learned for Safeguarding an Ecosystem under Devastating Impact of Global Climate Change and Local Hazards

Chair: Rina Kedem, Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (Israel)

“Reefs of Hope: Science Diplomacy for the Protection of the Thermal Resilient Corals of the Gulf of Aqaba,” Maoz Fine, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)

“Success and Failure Factors for Transboundary Marine Conservation in the Gulf of Aqaba,” Suleiman Halasah, University of Oxford (Jordan)

“Policy Frameworks and Multi-sector Involvement for Transboundary Marine Conservation and the Creation of ‘Coral Refuges’,” Rina Kedem, Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (Israel)

“Lessons from Transboundary Coral Reef Conservation of the Mesoamerican Reef and the Healthy Reefs Initiative,” Melanie McField, Healthy Reefs for Healthy People (United States/Belize)

Mobility Dimensions of Climate Change, Land Grabbing, and Interventions

Chair: Tom Cavanagh, University of New South Wales (Australia)

“Climate-Related In-situ Displacement,” Adam Savelli, CGIAR Climate Security (Vietnam)
“Collective Memory, Migration, and Land Grabbing: Eco-Violence Escalating Conflict in Colombian Rural Communities of the San Juan Subregion,” Stephanye Zarama Alvarado, University of Bonn (Germany)
“Exploring the Contributions of Climate Action in Displacement Contexts to Humanitarian-Development-Peacebuilding Goals: A Resilience-Based Analysis of UN Interventions in Pakistan and Bangladesh,” Adam Savelli, CGIAR Climate Security (Vietnam)
“Climate Change, Policy Gaps, and Rural Mobility Pressures in Southern Europe: Insights from Greece,” Artemis Androni, Ghent University (Belgium/Greece)
“Bounded Agency and Uneven Mobility: Livelihood Practices, Displacement, and Environmental Peacebuilding in Mudug, Somalia,” Giuliana Nicolucci-Altman, International Rescue Committee (United States)

8:30 – 9:00 Break

9:00 – 10:30 Breakout Session

Pre-Emptive Peace and Planetary Commons: Antarctica as a Laboratory for Governance before Crisis

Chair: Linda Sheehan, Environment Now (United States)
Stephen Heintz, Rockefeller Brothers Fund (United States)
Indy Johar, Dark Matter Labs (United Kingdom)
Andrew Kelly, Impact Trust / Dark Matter Labs (Australia)

Frontiers in Environmental Peacebuilding

Chair: Octavio Carlos Peso Goio, Environmental Law Institute (Angola/United States)
“Impact of Natural Resources Management in Peacebuilding in the Central African Republic,” Estelle Manuela Nganlo Keguep, University of Cataluna (Central African Republic)
“More-than-Human Entanglements in Conflict and Peacebuilding: Implications for Justice in Colombia's Transitional Restorative Justice Process,” Aleithia Low (United States and Singapore)
“Theorizing Ecological Relationality in Post-conflict Peacebuilding,” Dahlia Simangan, Network for Education and Research on Peace and Sustainability, Hiroshima University (Japan)

Gendered Approaches to Environmental Peacebuilding

Chair: Madeleine Loll, Environmental Peacebuilding Association (United States)
“Drying Wetlands, Silenced Voices: Climate Conflict and Women's Rights in Wetland Ecosystems in Iran; Gaps and Opportunities Using the DPSIR Model,” Atieh Khatibi, University of Graz (Iran)
“Unveiling Gendered Mechanisms in Environmental Warfare: Towards an Integrated Feminist Framework,” Francesca Fassbender, Tel Aviv University (Germany)
“Gendered Impacts of SLAPP Suits: Women Environmental Defenders in Bosnia and Herzegovina,” Alma Mirvic-Kapic, Independent (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
“When Oppression Meets Vulnerability: The Gendered Dimensions of Climate-Induced Conflict,” Nnaemeka Phil Eke-okocha, University of Massachusetts Boston (United States)
“What Counts as Environmental Work? How Gender Regimes Shape Organizational Practice,” Ambreen Ben-Shmuel, University of Michigan (Israel)

Navigating Conversations across Identities, Cultures, and Narratives

Nour Sider, EcoPeace Middle East (Palestine)
Salome Zajbert, EcoPeace Middle East (Israel)
Zeyad Qodssyeh, EcoPeace Middle East (Jordan)

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30 Breakout Session

Crossing Borders with Environmental Peacebuilding: Challenges and Visions for West Africa

Chair: Sophia Stanger, Austrian Centre for Peace (Austria)

“Environmental Peacebuilding Lessons from Burkina Faso,” Paul Oumarou Koalaga, Institut de Strategie et de Relations Internationales (Burkina Faso)

“Environmental Peacebuilding Lessons from the Lake Chad Region,” Zara Binta Goni, World Bank (Nigeria)

“Environmental Peacebuilding Lessons from Niger and Mali,” Mohamed Dicko, BOYA for Strategic Governance and Human Security Advisory (Mali)

Water for Peace

Chair: Ekta Patel, Environmental Policy Innovation Center (United States)

“Transboundary River Cooperation and Peacebuilding: Revisiting the Indus Waters Treaty Between India and Pakistan,” Pintu Kumar Mahla, University of Arizona (India)

“Hydro-Peacebuilding in Palestine,” Jens Iverson, Leiden University (United States/Netherlands)

“Transboundary Water Governance Beyond EU Borders: Legal Integration, Nature-Based Solutions, and Policy Interactions in Shared River Basins,” Aline Telle, University of Geneva

“A Multiscalar Framework for Water Resilience and Peacebuilding in Transboundary Basins: Insights from Central Asia,” Eugénie Stoclet, Institut de Recherche Stratégique de l'Ecole Militaire/Université Paris-Saclay (France)

Reimaging Environmental Peacebuilding Roundtable: Youth Perspectives and Intergenerational Dialogue [*EnPAX Young Professionals Interest Group*]

Sophia Haber, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (United States)

Robin Fontaine, EnPAX Young Professionals Interest Group (Monaco)

Climate Change, Disasters, Conflict, and Peace

Chair: Kristin Weis, George Mason University (United States)

“Conflict, Climate Change, and Environmental Degradation in Syria: Soil, Livelihoods, and the Multiplication of Risk,” Safwan Alhaiek, General Commission for Agricultural Scientific Research (Syria)

“The Conflict-Sensitivity Gap: Evaluating Safeguards and Governance in Voluntary Carbon Markets through REDD+,” Buket Altincelep, University of Massachusetts – Boston (Turkey)

“Indigenous Knowledge and Risk Perception of Climate Change and Natural Disasters in the Hunza Valley, Pakistan,” Arifa Shafqat, Lahore College for Women University (Pakistan)

“Social Media and Disaster Management in Pakistan: Shaping Public Perceptions and Resilience,” Aleena Khan, Lahore University of Management Sciences (Pakistan)

12:30 – 1:00 Break

1:00 – 2:30 Breakout Session

Innovative Approaches for Environmental Peacebuilding

“Making Environmental Harm Visible: Open-Source Methodologies and the WISEN Framework for Conflict Accountability,” Lydia Millar, Queens University Belfast (Northern Ireland)

“Satellite-Based Mapping of Oil Refineries in Northeast Syria: Quantifying Conflict-Driven Pollution for Environmental Peacebuilding,” Agnes Berner, Lund University (Sweden)

“The Regional Dimensions of Tackling Illicit Minerals Trade: Lessons Learned from Over a Decade of Mineral Certification,” Armel Nganzi Kopialo, IMPACT TRANSFORM (Central African Republic/Democratic Republic of the Congo)

“From Aid to Investment: Bridging Business, Investment, and Locally-Led Environmental Peacebuilding,” Emily Sample, Alliance for Peacebuilding (United States)

Mining, Conflict, and Conflict Sensitivity

Chair: Susannah Dibble, Environmental Law Institute (United States)

“Critical Minerals in Africa: Navigating Project Uncertainties through Context-Sensitive Approaches”

Alexandra Maurtua Konstantinidi, The Livelihood Colab (South Africa)

Paige Kelly, The Livelihood Colab (South Africa)

Catherine Nichas, Lifezone Metals (United Kingdom)

“Potash Policies: Community Inclusion and Extractive Governance in Isaan, Thailand,”

Simon Kaack, University of Bath (Germany/United Kingdom)

Jirajade Wisetdonwail, Rainbow Journey Publishing House (Thailand)

“Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining and Conflict Management in Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger,”
Abdoul Aziz Idrissa, Ministry of Mines (Niger) (IN FRENCH)

“Resisting Green Colonialism: Sámi Legal Mobilisation and the Struggle for a Just Energy Transition,”
Mattia Frasca, Generation Climate Europe (Italy)

“Argentina in the Lithium Era between the Economic Crisis and Human Rights Claims,” Antonella Lemos,
George Washington University (Argentina)

Bridging Research and Practice of Climate Security in Somalia

Chair: Albert Martinez, European Institute of Peace (Spain)

Mohamud Khadar, European Institute of Peace (Somalia)

Arthur Brochen, United Nations Development Programme (France)

Teodora Traljic, IOM Somalia (Ireland)

Chris Hodder, United Nations Environment Programme (United Kingdom)

Arrilya Sugul, Berghof Foundation (Somalia)

Environmental Peacebuilding across Contexts, from Urban and Community Settings to Landscapes

Chair: Matti Lehtonen, United Nations Environment Programme/Climate Security Mechanism
(Finland/United States)

“Urbanity in Environmental Peacebuilding Research: Current Status and Possible Directions,” Aaron Clark-
Ginsberg, RAND (United States)

“Contesting Urbanization: Community Responses to Housing Development and Conservation in Santiago
de Cali, Colombia” Andres M. Urcuqui-Bustamante, University of Illinois Chicago (United States)

“After the Earthquake: Community-Led Humanitarian Response and Environmental Peacebuilding in
Kunar, Afghanistan,” Sayeda Qader, The Kalaam Project (United States)

“The Becoming of the Peace Engineer: From Technical Competence to Social Responsibility,” Venkat
Prakash Bakthavatchalam, Cardiff University (United Kingdom)

“Environmental Education as Peacebuilding: Integrating the WEF Nexus in High Mountain Ecosystems,”
Linda Atuesta, Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible (Colombia)

2:30 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 4:30 Breakout Session

Minerals Diplomacy: Can Extractive Industries Enable Peace in the Age of AI? (WORKSHOP)

Saleem Ali, University of Delaware (United States)

Thomas Hale, University of Delaware (United States)

Project Peace with Nature, Empowering Former Colombian Guerrilla Fighters, Social Leaders and Victims of the Conflict to Protect Biodiversity and Promote Environmental Peacebuilding (IN SPANISH)

Jaime Gongora, University of Sydney (Australia)

Jaime Erazo, Peace with Nature (Colombia)

Jolvi Padilla, Colombian Agency for the Reincorporation and Normalisation (Colombia)

Exploring Law, Power, and Decolonization of Environmental Peacebuilding

Chair: Veldon Coburn, McGill University (Canada)

“Decolonizing Environmental Peacebuilding: Lessons from Kashmir’s Conflict Landscapes,” Mir Wafa
Rasheeq, Jamia Millia Islamia (India)

“State-Mediated Green Accumulation and the Erasure of Indigenous Land Systems in Nepal,” Dhirendra
Nalbo, Open Institute for Social Science (Nepal)

“Towards a ‘Green Turn’ in Transitional Justice: The Contribution of the International Criminal Tribunal for
the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY), the Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL), and Colombia’s Special Jurisdiction
for Peace (JEP) in the Recognition of Environmental Crimes,” Camila Andrea Santamaría Chavarro
(France/Colombia) (IN FRENCH)

“Social Network Analysis of Environmental Peacebuilding Scholars: Insights for Future of the Sub-field,”
Jeremiah Asaka, Sam Houston State University (United States)

Militarism, Climate Justice, and Environmental Peacebuilding: Intersections and Imperatives

Patrick Hiller, War Prevention Initiative (United States)

Theresa (Isa) Arriola, Blue Ocean Institute (Guam)
Chung-Wha Hong, Grassroots International (United States)

Monday, June 15, 2026

9:00 – 5:00 Set up

Potential day-long trainings and meetings (e.g., funders)

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

7:30 – 8:00 EnPax Board Breakfast [*for members of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association Board of Directors*]

8:00 – 5:00 Registration

9:00 – 10:30 Training Sessions (part 1)

Experiential Peacebuilding in Nature - Essentials of a Reflective Approach (part 1) [*sign-up required*]

Flavio Bollag, Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding (United States)

Josephine Baran, Outward Bound Canada (Canada)

Environmental Peacebuilding and Environmental Reviews: Concepts, Approaches and Methods [*EnPax Climate, Disasters, and Resilience Interest Group*] (part 1) [*sign-up required*]

Charles Kelly (United States)

Designing Effective Survey Questions and Questionnaires: Overview (part 1) [*sign-up required*]

Päivi Lujala, University of Oulu (Finland)

Mindfulness for Trauma Management and Conflict Resolution (MTMCR): A Novel Approach to Environmental Peacebuilding (part 1) [*sign-up required*]

Kumanga Andrahennadi, Centre for the Advanced Learning of Mindfulness (Sri Lanka)

Daniel Weiner, University of Connecticut (United States)

Rana Qaimari, EcoPeace Middle East (Palestine)

Writing Workshop for Early Career Researchers in Environmental Peacebuilding [*EnPax Africa Interest Group*] (part 1) [*sign-up required*]

Sarah Njeri, African Leadership Centre and SOAS University of London (Kenya/United Kingdom)

Ken Conca, American University (United States)

Imagining Spaces of Care: A Story-Led Workshop of Displacement, Space, and Hope (part 1) [*sign-up required*]

Eiman Elbanhaway, University of Portsmouth (United Kingdom)

10:00 – 12:30 Site Visit: Paddle for Peace on the Rideau Canal [*sign-up required*]

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Training Sessions (part 2)

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12:30 – 1:30 Lunch (on your own)

EnPax Board Working Lunch (for Board of Directors)

12:30 – 3:00 Site Visit: Paddle for Peace on the Rideau Canal [*sign-up required*]

1:30 – 3:00 Workshops

Exploring the Appropriate Role of the Military in Environmental Peacebuilding: Identifying the Evidence, Gaps, Best Practices, and Priorities of Work (WORKSHOP)

Richard Marcantonio, University of Notre Dame (United States)

Investing in Actors, not Just Projects: How Strengthening Organisational Capacities for Conflict Sensitivity Can Help Advance Environmental Peacebuilding (WORKSHOP)

Chair: Héloïse Heyer, PeaceNexus Foundation (Switzerland)

With representatives from the African Wildlife Foundation, Global Green Growth Institute, Global Youth Biodiversity Network, WWF, Conservation International, and Snow Leopard Trust

Adapting Survivor-Centered Tools for Environmental Displacement: Workshopping Freedom Lifemap for Refugee Protection (WORKSHOP)

Angela Robinson, University of California Irvine (United States)

“Decolonization is Not a Metaphor”: Unsettling Environmental Peacebuilding through Anti-Colonial Approaches (WORKSHOP)

Chair: Sol Santos, Independent (Argentina/Switzerland)

Mohammad Khadim Habibzai, War Child Canada (Afghanistan)

Ahmednoor Bashir, The KESHO Alliance (Kenya)

Transformative Approaches to Environmental Diplomacy (WORKSHOP)

Laura Aumeer, Conciliation Resources (United Kingdom)

Ambika Vishwanath, Kubernein Initiative (India)

Irtaza Muhammad (Pakistan)

Care in Action: From the Interpersonal to the Political in Environmental Peacebuilding [*EnPax Gender Interest Group*] (WORKSHOP)

Maryruth Belsey Priebe, EnPax Gender Interest Group / axxelerate (Canada)

Natalia Jiménez Galindo, EnPax Gender Interest Group (Colombia)

Enhancing Our Environmental Peacebuilding Practice (WORKSHOP)

S. Ama Wray, University of California, Irvine (United States)

Stephanie Martinez, University of California, Irvine (United States)

3:30 – 4:30 EnPax Membership Meeting (Open to all)

4:30 – 6:00 EnPax Interest Group Meetings (Open to all)

6:00 – 7:30 EnPax Trax: Environmental Peacebuilding Songs “In the Round” (WORKSHOP)

Austin Willacy, 2024 EnPax Arts Initiative (United States)

Mawa Zacharia, Playing for Change (South Sudan/Uganda)

Jimmy Waltman, Trinity Laban Conservatoire (United States/United Kingdom)

Montreal Benesch, Trans Research in Linguistics Lab, UC Santa Barbara (United States)

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

9:00 – 10:15 Session 1: Environmental Peacebuilding in an Increasingly Turbulent and Uncertain World

Land Acknowledgment and Algonquin Protocol Ceremony

Claudette Commanda, University of Ottawa (Algonquin/Canada)

Erika Weinthal, Environmental Peacebuilding Association (United States)

Josh Ramisch, University of Ottawa (Canada)

Pamela Moore, Global Affairs Canada (Canada) (TBC)

Marcel Labelle, Mahigan (Algonquin and Métis Nations) (Canada)

Saila Ipirq-Procyk, EnPAX Conference Fellow (Canada)

10:15 – 10:30 Group photo

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Session 2 (Breakouts)

Reimagining Environmental Peacebuilding in Yemen: Insights from a Longitudinal Survey of Yemenis on Catalysts of Peace and Conflict

“Environmental Migration Hypothesis in Yemen: Are Climate Refugees More Likely to Support Peacebuilding Initiatives?,” Jeannine Valcour, Institute for Environmental Diplomacy and Security (United States)

“Prisms of Peace: Navigating Yemeni Perspectives on Water Security as a Pathway Toward Stability,” Lindsey Bouzan, Institute for Environmental Diplomacy and Security (United States)

“Does Environmental Change Catalyze Peace or Conflict? Opportunities for Peacebuilding Action Discovered from Latent Class Analysis of a Survey of Yemenis,” Asim Zia, Institute for Environmental Diplomacy and Security (United States)

From Environmental Stress to Instability: Using Tools to Identify Early Warning Signals for Peacebuilding

Chair: Penny Beames, Global Water Security Center, University of Alabama (Canada)

“Tracing Indirect Links from Water Disturbance to Conflict Using the Pathways to Instability Framework,” Penny Beames, Global Water Security Center, University of Alabama (Canada)

“Environmental Stress, Illicit Agriculture, and Peacebuilding Opportunities,” Penelope Mitchell, Global Water Security Center, University of Alabama (United States)

“Communicating Intervention Points through the Lens of Critical Minerals and Agricultural Livelihoods for Peacebuilding in the Congo River Basin,” Caily Schwartz, University of Alabama (United States)

Investing in Peace through Intersectional and Localised Approaches to Women’s Land Rights

“‘Women’s Land for Peace’ Supports Rural Women to Ensure Implementation of New Progressive Natural Governance Laws,” Anita Kargbo, Green Scenery (Sierra Leone)

“‘Sowing Economies of Peace’ Addresses Implementation Gaps in the 2016 Final Peace Agreement, Equipping Indigenous, Mestizo and Campesino Women and Youth Through Community Peacebuilding Schools, Seed Capital Funds, and Territorial Defence Observatories,” Nicolás Parra Sánchez, Climalab (Colombia)

“‘Rural Women as Catalysts for Sustainable Peace over Land’ Tackles the Systemic Exclusion of Women from Natural Resources Management,” Asha Kurien, Christian Aid (United Kingdom)

Environmental Peacebuilding in Myanmar

Chair: Carol Sivpey-Te, PeaceNexus Foundation (Myanmar)

"Building Peace from the Bottom up in the Salween Peace Park," Sheila Htoo, Karen Environmental Social Action Network (Myanmar)

"Just Energy Transitions and Environmental Peacebuilding amid Conflict and Rare Earth Mining in Kachin State," Zung Ting, Kachin Natural Resource Concern Group (Myanmar)

"New Dimensions in Environmental Peacebuilding in Revolutionary and High-Intensity Conflict Settings in Myanmar," Jack Jenkins Hill, University College London (United Kingdom)

From Conflict to Climate Resilience: Integrating Environmental Restoration in Peace Processes

Chair: Erin McCandless, University of Johannesburg (South Africa)

"Environmental Restoration in Peace Processes and Post-Conflict Recovery," Mary Hope Schwoebel, Nova Southeastern University / University of Johannesburg (United States)

"Community-Based Peace Agreements: Co-existence of Centering and Periphering Narratives on the Mokoyweet Tree in Post-Conflict Mt. Elgon, Kenya," Francis Onditi, University of Johannesburg (Kenya)

"Evaluating Environmental Perspectives in Community Peace Agreements in Kenya: A Case Study of Fifteen Community Peace Agreements," Munini Mutuku, National Cohesion and Integration Commission (Kenya)

"Environmental Provisions in Contemporary Peace Agreements," Erin McCandless, University of Johannesburg (South Africa)

Hail Marys and Strange Bedfellows: Risk-Taking and the Future of Environmental Peacebuilding

Chair: Tracy Hart, World Bank (United States)

Oli Brown, Chatham House (United Kingdom)

Richard Matthew, University of California, Irvine (United States)

Joanne Lebert, IMPACT (Canada)

Peter Schwartzstein (United States)

Growing the WISEN (Wartime Incidents to Environment Database) for Environmental Peacebuilding (WORKSHOP)

Eoghan Darbyshire, Conflict and Environment Observatory (United Kingdom)

Doug Weir, Conflict and Environment Observatory (United Kingdom)

Urban Environmental Peacebuilding: Improving Policy, Practice, and Understanding for Safer and More Resilient Cities [*EnPAX Urban Interest Group*]

Chair: Silvia Danielak, George Mason University (United States)

"Shaping Safer and Resilient Cities: Launch of a Policy Brief on Urban Climate Peace and Security," Matti Lehtonen, United Nations Environment Programme/Climate Security Mechanism (Finland/United States)

Discussants:

Laura E.R. Peters, Oregon State University (United States)

Héctor Camilo Morales-Muñoz, adelphi (Colombia)

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch (provided)

1:30 – 3:00 Session 3 (Breakouts)

Water, the State, and Civil Society: Challenges and Prospects for Environmental Peacebuilding

Chair: Ashok Swain, Uppsala University (Sweden)

"The Weaponization of Water by State and Non-State Actors in Syria's Civil War," Jeannie Sowers, University of New Hampshire (United States)

"Framing Gaza's Water Crisis Through the Israeli Occupation: Political Violence, Livelihoods, and Everyday Resistance," Ghadir Salame, University of Ottawa (Canada)

"The Gendered Devastation of Pakistan's Floods: Impacts on Women and Children," Imtiaz Ali, University of Massachusetts-Boston (United States)

"Transboundary Water Governance as a Catalyst for Peace,"

Yana Abu Taleb, EcoPeace Middle East (Jordan)

Rana Qaimari, EcoPeace Middle East (Palestine)

Peace Support without Peace Processes: How Track 2 Contributes to Trust-Building and Cooperation through Environmental Dialogue

Chair: Albert Martinez, European Institute of Peace (Spain)
Nazanine Moshiri, Berghof Foundation (Iran)
Lina Hillert, HD Centre (Germany)
Hisham al-Omeisy, European Institute of Peace (Yemen)

Cross-Pollinating Peacebuilding and Climate Practice

Francis Onditi, University of Johannesburg (Kenya)

Daniel Mutegi Giti, National Cohesion and Integration Commission (Kenya)

“Fragility and Peace in Climate-Affected Borderlands,” Tasnia Prova, University of Toronto (Bangladesh/Canada)

“Minority Rights and Environmental Justice in Somalia,” Ibrahim Hassan Mohamed, Marginalized Communities Advocacy Network (Somalia)

“Gender Inclusion in Environmental Protection: Advancing the Rights of Women and Girls in Climate-Affected Borderlands,” Ikran Mohamed Hassan, Marginalized Communities Advocacy Network (Somalia)

Transitional Justice and Environmental Harms [*EnPax Transitional Justice Interest Group*]

Roger Duthie, International Centre for Transitional Justice (United States)
Munini Mutuku, National Cohesion and Integration Commission (Kenya)
Natalia Jiménez Galindo, EnPax Gender Interest Group (Colombia)

Conflict-Sensitive Conservation: WWF’s Journey from the Ground up

Chair: Hesta Groenewald, PeaceNexus Foundation (Switzerland)
Alison Harley, WWF International (United Kingdom)
Sandra Valenzuela, WWF Colombia (Colombia)
Micol Martini, WWF International (United States)
Sarah Glaser, WWF United States (United States)
Preston Whitt, WWF United States (United States)
Amy Maling, WWF Myanmar (Philippines)
Colleen Devlin, WWF United States (United States)
Natalia Chan, Saferworld (United Kingdom)
Amanda Woomer, Baobab Tree Consulting (United States)

From Environmental Peacebuilding Theory to Practice: Lessons Learned from World Bank Pilots in the Sahel

Chair: Michelle Rebosio, World Bank (United States)
“Defueling Conflict: Notes from the Field,” Phoebe Spencer, World Bank (United States)
“Operationalizing ‘Defueling Conflict: Notes from the Field’ in Three Sahelian Landscape Restoration Initiatives,” Elise Doumergue, World Bank (France)

Country-Level Conflict and Environmental Peacebuilding: Lessons and Opportunities (WORKSHOP)

Charles Kelly, Independent (United States)

Powering Development: Securing a Just Transition amid Critical Mineral Mining

Chair: Claire Doyle, Stimson Center (United States)
Jojo Nemh Singh, University of Sussex (United Kingdom)
Jesse Ovidia, University of Windsor (Canada)
Maria Ramos, Oxfam (United States)
Latoya Abulu, Mongabay (Canada)

3:00 – 3:30 Coffee Break

3:30 – 5:00 Session 4: Creativity in Environmental Peacebuilding

Chair: Richard Matthew, University of California, Irvine (United States)
Jake Groshong, Playing for Change (United States)
Stephanie Babij, EnPax Arts Fellow (Canada)
Petna Ndaliko, Yole! Africa (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
Talon Bazille, Wicahpi Olowan (United States)

5:00 – 5:40 Session 5: Keynote Address

Philippe LeBillon, University of British Columbia (Canada)

5:40 – 6:00 Connecting the Community

Facilitated by Annika Erickson-Pearson, ECCP Community of Practice (Switzerland)

6:30 – 9:00 Environmental Peacebuilding Gala

Awards

Thursday, June 18, 2026

9:00 – 10:30 Session 6: The Future of Environmental Peacebuilding

Chair: Carl Bruch, Environmental Law Institute (United States)

Ashok Swain, Uppsala University (Sweden)

Joanne Lebert, IMPACT (Canada)

Juliane Schillinger, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre (Netherlands)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Session 7 (Breakouts)

Mineral Extraction, Insecurity, and Conflict

Chair: Lauren Herzer Risi, Stimson Center (United States)

“Governing Lithium, Fracturing Territory: The Failure of Environmental Cooperation in the Salar de Atacama, in Northern Chile,” Ginno Martinez, University of Ottawa (Peru)

“Extraction as Inheritance: Longue Durée, Militarized Mineral Access, and State Choice in the Sahel,” Laura Kilbury, University of Massachusetts-Boston (United States)

“Green Minerals and Armed Conflict,” Päivi Lujala, University of Oulu (Finland)

“In the Name of ‘White Gold’, People in the Salar are Bleeding: Lithium Mining and Conflict in the Indigenous Territories of Argentina’s Puna,” Marta Furlan, Free the Slaves (Italy)

Does Climate Change Create Conflicts? Exploring Case Studies, Data Evidence, and Local Solutions to the Climate-Conflict-Governance Nexus in the Sahel and West Africa (WORKSHOP)

Frederic Deycard, The Carter Center (United States)

Boukary Sangare, The Carter Center (Mali)

Dan Sanaren, Science Po Paris (Slovenia)

Madeline Warman, The Carter Center (United States)

Amazonian Landscapes of Environment, Peace, and Security

Chair: Miguel Londoño, Global Green Growth Institute (Colombia/Zambia)

“Understanding Perspectives of Environmental Security in the Brazilian Amazon,” Alice Taberner, Universidade de São Paulo and King's College (Italy/Brazil)

“From Illegality to Rights: Environmental Governance and Peacebuilding in the Colombian Amazon,” Beth Sua Carvajal, WWF Colombia (Colombia)

“Coca, Cattle, and the Making of Post-Conflict Landscapes in the Colombian Amazon,” Maria Juliana Rubiano, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign (Colombia/United States)

Environmental Peacebuilding in Context: Law, Knowledge, and Interdisciplinary Approaches

Chair: Britta Sjöstedt, Lund University (Sweden)

Daniëlla Dam-de Jong, Leiden University (Netherlands)

Anne Dienelt, University of Hamburg (Germany)

Stavros Pantazopoulos, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece)

Andrea Nardi, Lund University (Sweden/Argentina)

Pinar Dinc, Lund University (Sweden/Turkey)

Karen Hulme, University of Essex (United Kingdom)
Doug Weir, Conflict and Environment Observatory (United Kingdom)
Barbara Magalhães Teixeira, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sweden)

Horizons in Environmental Peacebuilding

“Professionalization or Constriction? Embedded Assumptions in Environmental Peacebuilding Toolkits,”
Erin Czelusniak, Georgetown University (United States) and Ken Conca, American University (United States)
“The Missing Middle: Parataxonomists as a Foundation for Peace,” Natacha Merritt, Compound Eyes Foundation (France/United States)
“From Sovereignty to the Web of Life: Environmental Restorative Justice and Peacebuilding in the Antarctic Commons,” Felicity Tepper, Australian National University (Australia)
“Pathways for Post-Conflict Environmental Recovery in Ukraine through Sustainable Development Lenses,” Alexander Belyakov, Independent (Ukraine/Canada)

Artists at the Frontlines: Music as a Tool for Environmental Peacebuilding

Chair: Richard Matthew, UC Irvine Glasser Center for Music & Social Change (United States)
Saara-Maria Salonen, Sámi Cultural Center Sajos (Finland)
Talon Bazille, Wicahpi Olowan (United States)
Jimmy Waltman, Trinity Laban Conservatoire (United States/United Kingdom)
Mawa Zacharia, Playing for Change (South Sudan/Kenya)

Funding Environmental Peacebuilding: What Does It Take?

Kelsey Coolidge, Jubitz Family Foundation (United States)
Héloïse Heyer, PeaceNexus Foundation (Switzerland)

Stakeholders and Environmental Peacebuilding: Activists and Environmental Defenders

Chair: Zuzia Danielski, IMPACT (Canada)
“From the Ground Up: Grassroots Approaches to Environmental Peacebuilding,” Martina Cocchi, University of Milan (Italy)
“On the Frontlines of Peace and the Planet: Protecting Women Environmental Peacebuilders under Threat,” Tamara Bah, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace, and Security (United States)
“Developing a Collective Research Agenda to Support Women Environmental Defenders in Latin America,” McKenzie Johnson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (United States)

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch (provided)

From Presence to Power: Women Environmental Peacebuilders Connect (Networking Lunch)
[EnPAX Gender Interest Group] [sign-up required]

2:00 – 3:30 Session 8 (Breakouts)

Seeking Justice in Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining

Chair: Mara Pusic, Environmental Law Institute (United States)
“The Impacts of ASM Formalization on Women: A Comparison between DRC and Rwanda,” Allison Furniss, Carleton University (South Africa)
“Her Security: Tackling Child Labor in ASM through a Gender Lens,” Joanne Lebert, IMPACT (Canada)
“Where is Care in Environmental Peacebuilding? Analyzing Gendered Dynamics of Care in Anti-extractivism,” Barbara Magalhães Teixeira, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sweden)
“The Green in the Black Market: How Informal Extractors Reimagine Environmental Responsibility,” Dengiyefa Angalapu, Niger Delta University (Nigeria)

Understanding the Peace and Security Dimensions of Human-Environment Relations in East Africa

Chair: Charly Facheux, African Wildlife Foundation (Kenya)
“Human-Wildlife Conflicts: The Case of Galana-Kulalu Ecosystem, Kenya,” Philip Manyi Omenge, Nyumba Foundation (Kenya)
“The Aftermath of Tigray’s Armed Conflict on Forested Ecosystems: Insights from Kafta Shiraro National Park, Northern Ethiopia,” Yayo Mengesha, Aksum University (Ethiopia)

- “Integrating Indigenous Knowledge into Environmental Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution in Northern Kenya,” Ali Ibrahim, Acacia Dialogue Center (Kenya)
- Advancing Environmental Peacebuilding through Ecocentric and Indigenous Conceptualizations
Chair: Karen Hulme, University of Essex (United Kingdom)
- “Relational Peace and More-Than-Human Agency: Rethinking Environmental Peacebuilding Guidelines and Training through the Transdisciplinary Project, EnviPeace,” Juliana Krohn, University of Graz and Austrian Center for Peace (Austria) and Astrid Holzinger, Austrian Center for Peace (Austria)
- “What Can Environmental Peacebuilding Learn from the Rights of Nature Movement?,” Stephanie Martinez, University of California – Irvine (United States)
- “What Does It Mean to be in Peace with Nature? Indigenous Relational Theory and Environmental Peacebuilding,” Lena Dedyukina, University of Ottawa (Canada)
- From Local to National to Nature: Environmental Peacebuilding in Colombia
Chair: Juha Siikamäki, IUCN (Finland/United States)
- “Local Lessons for Environmental Peacebuilding: Campesino–Conservation Conflicts in Colombia,” Beth Sua Carvajal, WWF Colombia (Colombia)
- “Environmental Peacebuilding Policy in Colombia: Why Coordination among Climate, Peace, Security, and Environmental Sectors is Essential at the National Level,” Héctor Camilo Morales-Muñoz, adelphi (Colombia)
- “Progress in Recognizing Nature, Park Rangers, Protected Areas, and Territories as Victims of Armed Conflict, with Guarantees of Reparation and Non-repetition: A Call for Reconciliation and Environmental Peace for All,” Gisela Paredes Leguizamón, National Natural Parks of Colombia (Colombia)
- Conflict-Sensitive Conservation in Practice: A New Learning Resource (WORKSHOP)
Hesta Groenewald, PeaceNexus Foundation (Switzerland)
- Dodo Tshidinda, African Wildlife Foundation (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
- Alec Crawford, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Canada)
- Taking Action into Their Own Hands: Lessons from Transboundary Community-Based Cooperation across the Middle East
Chair: Asaf Zohar, Trent University (Canada)
- Suleiman Halasah, University of Oxford (Jordan)
- Rina Kedem, Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (Israel)
- Peter Schwartzstein (United States)
- Mine-ing What’s Ours: Creative Peacebuilding Responses to Extractive Violence
Chair: Rami Khoucha, Association Cèdre pour la Protection de l’Environnement et le Développement Durable (Algeria)
- “What Belongs to All: Grassroots Protests as More-Than-Human Reconciliation,” Jesse Matas, University of Manitoba (Canada)
- “The Common Heritage of Mankind? Socioenvironmental Impacts of Deep Seabed Mining,” Becca Farnum, Queen Mary University of London (United Kingdom)
- “Mining, Protest, and Indigenous Political Processes in Sápmi, the Sámi Homeland in the Arctic Circle of Fennoscandia,” Saara-Maria Salonen, Sámi Cultural Centre Sajos (Finland)
- “The ‘Climate, Conflict, Corruption’ Game – Helping Communities Identify, Understand, and Protest Environmental Crimes,” Ria Das, Justice.in.Every.Celsius (India)
- Rethinking Green Foreign and Security Policy in an Age of Environmental and Political Crisis
Chair: Falguni Lalwani, Heinrich Böll Foundation Thessaloniki (India)
- “An Intersectionality Foreign Policy Toolkit: Operationalizing Intersectionality in Party Platforms for Greens & Progressives,” Falguni Lalwani, Heinrich Böll Foundation Thessaloniki (India)
- “Aligning Feminist Foreign Policy and Green Foreign and Security Policy,” Gunel Madadli, Heinrich Böll Foundation (Azerbaijan)
- “The Day After War: Environmental Reconstruction and Green Foreign Security Policy,” Francesca Fassbender, Tel Aviv University (Germany/Italy)

3:30 – 4:00 Coffee Break

4:00 – 5:30 Session 9 (Breakouts)

Aligning Peace and Climate Adaptation Efforts in Conflict-Affected Countries

Chair: Alec Crawford, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Canada)

Nazanine Moshiri, Berghof Foundation (Iran)

Sebastian Kratzer, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (Germany)

Resource Extraction and Vulnerable Communities

Chair: Bocar Thiam (Guinea/United States)

“Caring for Gold: Social Reproduction and the Gendering of Mining's Social Value,” Doris Buss, Carleton University (Canada)

“When Extraction Speaks, Others Stay Silent: The Politics of Environmental Attention in the Niger Delta,” Dengiyefa Angalapu, Niger Delta University (Nigeria)

“Post-Conflict Natural Resource Extraction in Liberia and Indonesia,” Leslie Dwyer, George Mason University (United States) and Agnieszka Paczynska, George Mason University (United States)

“State, Mining Operators, and Local Populations in the Struggle for Control of Gold Mining in Manica, Mozambique,” Joao Colaco, Carleton University (Mozambique/Canada)

“Gold, God, and Governance: The Sacred Politics of Gold Frontiers,” Laura Kilbury, University of Massachusetts-Boston (United States)

Law for Environmental Peacebuilding [*EnPax Law Interest Group*]

“Legal Pluralism and Water Management in Afghanistan: Mirabs, Statutes, and the Islamic Emirate,” Elizabeth Hessami, Johns Hopkins University (United States)

“Accountability for Wartime Environmental Damage in Ukraine,” Stavros Pantazopoulos, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece) and **Nataliia Hendel, Institute of Information, Security and Law of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine (Ukraine)**

“Shaping Cooperation in Critical Raw Materials Governance through the Principle of Common Concern of Humankind,” Daniëlla Dam-de Jong, Leiden University (Netherlands)

Climate Change, Community Governance, and Environmental Justice in Syria: Insights from the 3-year ECO-Syria Project

Chair: Stacy D. VanDeveer, University of Massachusetts - Boston (United States)

“Justice from Below: Farmers' Perspectives on Environmental Justice in North and East Syria,” Pinar Dinc, Lund University (Sweden/Turkey)

“Climate Variability and Landscape Change in North and East Syria: Implications for Displacement and Resilience,” Purnendu Sardar, Lund University (India)

“Climate Variability, Rural Livelihoods, and Environmental Peacebuilding in North and East Syria,” Lovisa Rosenquist Ohlsson, Lund University (Sweden)

“Experiments in Democratic Confederalism: The Rojava Case,” Mo Hamza, Lund University (Sweden)

“Decolonial Peace and Agroecology in North and East Syria,” Maria Andrea Nardi, Lund University (Sweden/Argentina)

Wellbeing, Resilience, and Humanitarian Approaches to Environmental Peacebuilding

Chair: Ruth Rhoads Allen, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects (United States)

“Is Gaza Strip Resilient Enough? Adaptive Reuse and Community Innovation for Urban Futures of Post-War Zones,” Eiman Elbanhawy, University of Portsmouth (United Kingdom)

“The Humanitarian Reset: Challenges and Opportunities for Environmental Peacebuilding,” Charles Kelly, Independent (United States)

“Unpacking the Role of Stress, Trust, and Hope in Environmental Crises,” Sophie Bhalla, MG360 Groundwater Research Institute (Canada)

“Caring for the Caretakers: Staff Well-being as a Foundation for Environmental Peacebuilding,” Yana Abu Taleb, EcoPeace Middle East (Jordan)

Remembering the Gift: Birchbark Canoes and Equitable Exchange around Turtle Island

Chair: Jesse Matas, University of Manitoba (Canada)
Marcel Labelle, Mahigan (Algonquin and Métis Nations) (Canada)
Camille Ben Malek, Égides (Algeria/Canada)
Saila Ipirq-Procyk, EnPAX Conference Fellow (Canada)

Launching the Glossary of Environmental Peacebuilding Terms: Insights from Environmental Peacebuilding Champions

Chair: Rachel Weaver, Duke University (United States)
Alexander Belyakov, Independent (Ukraine/Canada)
Janet Edmond, Conservation International (United States)
Meryam El Bouhati, University of Lille (France)
Faith Kathambi Mutegi, Catholic University of Eastern Africa (Kenya)
Ann Le, UC Irvine (United States)
Liliana Pimentel (Brazil)

Negotiating Conservation in the Midst of Armed Conflict

Chair: Elaine (Lan Yin) Hsiao, Kent State University / IUCN CEESP Theme on Environment and Peace (United States)
Alison Harley, WWF International (Myanmar)
Eoghan Darbyshire, Conflict and Environment Observatory (United Kingdom)
Charles Karangwa, IUCN (Switzerland)

5:30 – 7:00 Poster Session and Arts Exhibition

Art Exhibition

"Environmental Peacebuilding through Our Eyes," 2026 EnPAX Conference Fellows
"Senegalese Hero," German Andino, Bidi Bidi Media Lab (Honduras)
"Refugee Archipelago," German Andino, Bidi Bidi Media Lab (Honduras), Richard Akim, Bidi Bidi Media Lab (Uganda/South Sudan), and Justin Kiersky, Interstitial Media (United States)
"Fourth International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding Mural," Stephanie Babij, 2026 EnPAX Arts Fellow (Canada)
"Mapping CARE: Community Alternatives to Resource Exploitation," Rospide Byabele, Emile Birindwa, Josué Kalegamire, Grace Lukogo, Justin Masimango, and Isaac Ntabala, Resili'Art (Democratic Republic of the Congo) with Becca Farnum, ArtPeace: Earth (United Kingdom)
"Hope is a Waking Dream," H. Sebnem Düzgün, Colorado School of Mines (United States)
"Nature Has No Borders: A Youth Lens on Environmental Peacebuilding," EcoPeace Middle East
"ECCP Visual Story Gallery," Environment, Climate, Conflict, and Peace Community of Practice
"Indigenous Trails and the Pinesi Paddle," Max Finkelstein, Kichi Sibi Trails (Canada)
"Fig & Ishka," Lynn Finnegan, Independent (Ireland)
"Birchbark Canoes," Marcel and Joanne Labelle, Mahigan (Algonquin and Métis Nations) (Canada)
"The Roots of Peace," Arthur Lukogo, Rospid Bulonza, Patrice Mumbere, Emile Ntwali, and Isaac Ntabala, Resili'Art (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
"Tamarock," Jesse Matas, University of Manitoba (Canada)
"Voices from the Pacific - UNEP Champions of the Earth Award for Climate Justice," Natalia Mroz, United Nations Environment Programme (Australia)
"Through Their Lens: Climate Change, Human Trafficking, and Community-Driven Documentation in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement, the Karamoja, and Kampala," curated by Angela Robinson, University of California Irvine (United States)
"Layers of Obscurity's 11 +1," Tammy Sands, Lightness of Being (United States) and Jimmy Waltman, Trinity Laban Conservatoire (United States/United Kingdom)
"Anthropause! Wait—Where am I Going with This One?," Ruhama Solomon, University of Denver (Ethiopia/United States)
"PeaceNotes," Austin Willacy with the ArtPeace: Earth community (Global)

Poster Session

"Mindfulness for Trauma Management and Conflict Resolution (MTMCR) in the Levant: A Pilot Study on a Novel Approach to Environmental Peacebuilding,"

Kumanga Andrahennadi, Centre for the Advanced Learning of Mindfulness (Sri Lanka)

Daniel Weiner, University of Connecticut (United States)

"Beyond Stabilization: The Environment as Key for Sustainable Peace in the Central African Republic," José Miguel Barbosa, Faculty of Economics, University of Coimbra (Portugal)

"Integrating Conflict Sensitivity and Peacebuilding into Climate Adaptation Project Design," Ariane Blouin, University of Ottawa (Canada)

"Environment and Conflict in Nigeria: Potential and Challenges," Godson Chukwuma Chikezie, De Best Gift and Agro Solutions Limited (Nigeria)

"Manufactured Doubt in Conflict Zones: Science Politicization and the Barriers to Environmental Peacebuilding," Jennifer da Rosa, Goucher College (United States)

"Gender, Peace, and Climate Change: Reviewing the WPS Agenda in an Era of Environmental Insecurity," Alonna Despain, UNC Chapel Hill (United States)

"L'eau comme levier de paix et de sécurité: enjeux juridiques et climatiques au Maroc," Halima Hatat, Université Moulay Ismail (Morocco)

"Policy and Practice on Peace and Security Dynamics of Climate-Related Urban Migration in the Horn of Africa," Caroline Katuma, Life & Peace Institute (Kenya) and Martha Bakwesegha, Life & Peace Institute (Kenya)

"From Local Tensions to National Lessons: Environmental Insecurity and Governance Challenges in Ethiopia," Erestu Legese Beyene, Federal University of Uberlandia (Ethiopia)

"Environmental Governance in Artisanal Cobalt Mining: Balancing Sustainability and Economic Development in the Democratic Republic of Congo," Faustin Luhungu, University of Ottawa (Canada)

6:15 – 7:30 Reception

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9:00 – 10:30 Session 10 (Breakouts)

High-Impact Tech: Tool or Threat for Environmental Peacebuilding?

"Unpacking the Justice Dimensions of High-Tech Trade Securitization: A Perspective on Integrating International Trade Justice with Just Energy Transition Imperatives," Pranusha Kulkarni, Goa Institute of Management (India)

"Localizing Environmental Peacebuilding: Leveraging the Power of Artistic Infrastructure for Digital Inclusion,"

Ann Le, University of California, Irvine (United States)

Jochen Schubert, University of California, Irvine (United States)

Operationalizing the Human Rights-Based Approach to Conservation and Its Links to Prevention and Peacebuilding

Chair: Sushil Raj, Wildlife Conservation Society

Sebastian Kratzer, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (Germany)

Edna Kaptoyo, Pawanka Fund

Ali Mohamed, Wayfinders Circle

Relations beyond Resources: Interspecies Peace and Intergenerational Justice

Chair: Breanna Riddick, Climates of Resistance (United States)

"Sounding Change: Whales, Environmental Activism, and Politics of Listening," Marie Comuzzo, Brandeis University (Italy)

"Environmental Peacebuilding through Territories of Life: Defense of Territory, Protected Zones, and Land Return," Elaine Lan Yin Hsiao, Kent State University (United States)

"Intergenerational Peace and Justice in the Marianas and Pacific," Kalāni Reyes, Main Marianas Media and Research Consulting (Northern Marianas Islands)

“Anthropause! Wait—Where am I Going with this One?” Ruhama Solomon, Josef Korbel School of Global and Public Affairs, University of Denver (Ethiopia/United States)

Land Ownership and Environmental Peacebuilding – Historical Roots and Present Opportunities from Kenya, India and the United Kingdom

Alan Channer, Global EverGreening Alliance (United Kingdom)

Daniel Mutegi Giti, National Cohesion and Integration Commission (Kenya)

Pia Sethi, Centre for Ecology, Development and Research (India)

James Wanyande, National Cohesion and Integration Commission (Kenya)

Teaching for Environmental Peacebuilding: Ways of Knowing and Acting [*EnPAX Education Interest Group*]

Chair: Nancy Boyer, University of Delaware (United States)

Philippe LeBillon, University of British Columbia (Canada)

Elaine Hsiao, Kent State University (United States)

Liliana Pimentel, EnPAX Water Interest Group (Brazil)

Tazhykan Shabdanova, Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (Kyrgyzstan)

Emerging Perspectives: Reflections from the 2026 Conference Fellows

Ria Das, Justice.in.Every.Celsius (India)

Maria Juliana Rubiano, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign (Colombia/United States)

Jean Rousselet Saint-Firmin, Haitian Youth Hub for Development (Haiti)

Maddison Schink, University of Denver (United States)

Rachel Weaver, Duke University (United States)

Saila Irpaq-Procyk, EnPAX Conference Fellow (Canada)

Faith Kathambi Mutegi, Catholic University of Eastern Africa (Kenya)

Rami Khoucha, Association Cèdre pour la Protection de l'Environnement et le Développement Durable (Algeria)

Stakeholders and Environmental Peacebuilding: Communities, Corporations, and Researchers

Chair: Okechukwu Daniel Ogonnaya, Global Green Growth Institute (Nigeria/Ethiopia)

“When Peace Means Business: Corporate Authority and Environmental Conflict in Nigeria’s Niger Delta,”

Nkasi Wodu, University of Massachusetts Boston (Nigeria)

“Meaningful Benefits or Divisive Outcomes? Local Perspectives from Peru, Kenya, and Thailand on Benefit Sharing in PES and Nature-Based Carbon Projects,” Dominique Schmid, University of Bern (Switzerland)

“Perceptions of Environmental Peacebuilding among Pakistani and Indian Scholars,” Bilal Aslam, University of Lahore (Pakistan)

Youth Catalyzing Youth: Youth-Led Spaces for Environmental Peacebuilding

Chair: Sudha Kottillil, Global Youth Biodiversity Network (India)

“Environmental Citizenship Training: An Opportunity for Youth Facing Socioecological Conflicts in Mexico,” Alan Valdes, Centro de Colaboracion Civica and EcoMaxei (Mexico)

“Living in Harmony with Nature: Youth as Catalysts for Peace and Resilience,” Shruthi Kottillil, Global Youth Biodiversity Network (India)

“Youth-Led Environmental Peacebuilding: Reflections from Organization of the Path to Ottawa and the Fourth Conference,” Karishma Goswami, Environmental Law Institute (United States)

“From Action to Lasting Peace: Reimagining Equity in Peace through Youth-Led Green and Circular Innovations in East Africa,” Emmanuel Sindikubwabo, We Do Green (Rwanda)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Session 11 (Breakouts)

Climate Change and Environmental Peacebuilding

Chair: Tom Deligiannis, Wilfrid Laurier University (Canada)

“Rebel Environmental Governance: Climate Adaptation, Authority, and Peacebuilding in Conflict-Affected Contexts,” Elisabeth Gilmore, Carleton University (Canada)

- “Conceptualizing Environmental Peacebuilding’s Response to Climate Change-Induced Loss and Damage,” Elsa Barron, Notre Dame University (United States)
- “Through their Lens: Climate Change, Human Trafficking, and Community-Driven Documentation in Bidibidi Refugee Camp, the Karamoja, and Kampala,” Angela R. Robinson, University of California Irvine (United States)
- “Climate-Driven Migration and Land Use Conflicts in Rural Liberia: Evidence from Grand Gedeh County,” Mohammed W. Bah, University of California Irvine (Liberia/United States)
- “Dispute Resolution as a Tool for Transboundary Adaptation,” Joseph Siegel, Haub School of Law at Pace University (United States)
- Embodying Environmental Justice: Collective Action and Community Resilience as Forms of Peacebuilding
Chair: Becca Farnum, Queen Mary University of London (United Kingdom)
- Austin Willacy, EnPAX Arts Initiative (United States)
- Jacob Yen Alier, Konybaai Education Initiative (South Sudan/Kenya)
- Anjali Vurden, FemWise-Africa (Mauritius)
- Breanna Riddick, Climates of Resistance (United States)
- A Humanitarian Exploration of Climate Security and Environmental Peacebuilding
Juliane Schillinger, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre (Netherlands)
- Sarah Gale, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre (Netherlands)**
- Natasha Westheimer, Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations (United States)
- Canadian Red Cross (Canada)**
- Humanity and Inclusion (France / global)**
- Oxfam (UK / global)**
- Zamzam (Somalia)**
- Leveraging AI-Augmented Digital Technologies for Environmental Peacebuilding and Security [*EnPAX Data and Technology Interest Group*] (ROUNDTABLE)
- Chair: Asim Zia, Institute for Environmental Diplomacy and Security (United States)
- Martyn Clark, United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health
- Hisham al-Omeisy, European Institute of Peace (Yemen)
- Jeannine Valcour, University of Vermont (United States)
- Susan Sgorbati, Bennington College (United States)**
- The Intersection between Humanitarian Mine Action and Environmental Peacebuilding
- “Basics of Humanitarian Mine Action and How It Intersects with Environmental Peacebuilding,” Anna McKean, Conflict and Environment Observatory (United Kingdom)
- “Mine Action Operator as Environmental Actor: Experience of Rolling Out Green Field Tool in Eight Countries,” Kristin Holme Obrestad, Norwegian People’s Aid (Norway)
- “Integrating Mine Action and Environmental Restoration in Conflict-Affected Landscapes,” Emily Chrystie, HALO Trust (United Kingdom)
- “Understanding the Long-Term Environmental Impacts of Mine Action, Land Use Change in Cambodia,” Elliot Ball, Mines Advisory Group (United Kingdom)
- The Rise and Fall of Militarization in Environmental Contexts around the World
Chair: Carrie Hanks, Environmental Peacebuilding Association (United States)
- “The Role of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in Fueling Violent Conflicts in ‘Galamsey’ Communities in Ghana,” Dominic Offei, University of Massachusetts-Boston (Ghana)
- “The Rise of Militarized Conservation in Corcovado National Park and La Amistad International Peace Park in Costa Rica: An Ecofeminist Perspective,” Emily Kenward (United States)
- “The Role of the Military in Environmental Security Operations and Environmental Peacebuilding,” Richard Marcantonio, University of Notre Dame (United States)
- “The Kenyan Environmental Soldier Program: Military Actors and Climate Mitigation,” Esther van ‘t Veen, Netherlands Defence Academy (Netherlands)

Building Skills, Building Peace: Best Practices for Capacity Development in Environmental Peacebuilding [EnPAX Education Interest Group]

Chair: Diego Osorio, EnPAX Education Interest Group (Canada)

Robert Sakofski, ProPeace (Germany)

Amanda Woomer, Baobab Tree Consulting (United States)

Emmanuel Sindikubwabo, We Do Green (Rwanda)

Fola Thalya Deloris Therese, Youths in Climate Action (Cameroon)

Forests: Finances, Fighting, and Fragility [EnPAX Forest Interest Group]

Chair: Alice Taberner, Universidade de São Paulo and King's College (Italy/Brazil)

"Criminalization of Tree Cutting: A Climate-Friendly Policy that Increases Insecurity," Lina Aburas

Awadalla, University of Ottawa (Canada)

"Jurisdictional REDD+ as a Pathway to Low Emissions Development in Fragile, Conflict, and Violence-Affected States," Shaadee Ahmadnia, Conservation International (United States)

"Weapons, Forests, Land, and Rivers: How Armed Conflicts Drive Environmental Change in the Nigeria's Lake Chad Territory," Uche Okpara, University of Greenwich (United Kingdom)

"Greening the Sahel and Building Peace: The Peacebuilding Potential of the Great Green Wall Initiative," Chikaodili Orakwue, University of Johannesburg (Nigeria)

"Developing a Sustainable Forest Management Model for Bangsamoro Peacebuilding (Philippines)," Abdul-Jalil S. Umngan, Bangsamoro Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (Philippines)

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch (provided)

Lunch with Environmental Peacebuilding Authors: Celebrating Books on Environmental Peacebuilding Published since the Third Conference [sign-up required]

Essential Concepts of Environmental Peacebuilding: An A-Z Guide (Routledge 2026), ed. Carl Bruch, Rachel Weaver, Richard Matthew, Erika Weinthal, and Larry Swatuk

Peace Infrastructures: How UN Peacekeeping Operations Build Roads, Bridges, and Solar Farms in the Pursuit of Sustainability (MIT Press 2026), Silvia Danielak

Defueling Conflict: Notes From the Field (World Bank 2025), Elise Doumergue, Shaadee Ahmadnia, Tracy Hart, Phoebe Spencer, and Amanda Woomer

The Environment in Conflict: Implications and Pathways (Cambridge University Press 2026), Richard A. Marcantonio

The Heat and the Fury: On the Frontlines of Climate Violence (Island Press 2024), Peter Schwartzstein

Others TBC

2:00 – 3:30 Session 12 (Breakouts)

Reimagining Environmental Peacebuilding in Africa [EnPAX Africa Interest Group]

Chair: Sarah Njeri (Kenya/United Kingdom)

Larry Swatuk, Waterloo University (Canada)

"Mediating Inclusion in the (Un)just Energy Transition in Africa: A Case of South Africa's Green Hydrogen in Namaqualand and Kenya's Geothermal in Mt. Suswa," Daniel Salau Rogei, Stellenbosch University (South Africa)

"Transboundary Environment Peacebuilding in East Africa and Beyond,"

Claudia D'Andrea

William John Walwa, University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)

Law, Power, and Decolonization in Transboundary Water Conflict and Cooperation

"The Context and Design of Legal and Institutional Arrangements in Conflict and Cooperation over Transboundary Waters," Melissa McCracken, The Fletcher School at Tufts University (United States)

"The Role of Non-State Actors in Shaping Water Conflict and Cooperation in the Middle East," Alexandra Turgul, Oregon State University (United States)

“Facilitating Multiple Ways of Knowing in the Chewaucan Basin,” Henry Pitts, Oregon State University (United States)

The Language of Peace: Linguistic Justice as a Challenge and Tool for Environmental Peacebuilding

Chair: Montreal Benesch, Trans Research in Linguistics Lab, UC Santa Barbara (United States)

Marcel Labelle, Mahigan (Algonquin and Métis Nations) (Canada)

Rami Khoucha, Association Cèdre pour la Protection de l'Environnement et le Développement Durable (Algeria)

Kalâni Reyes, Main Marianas Media and Research Consulting (Northern Mariana Islands)

Sol Santos, Independent (Argentina/Switzerland)

Mercury and Conflict Economies: Illegality, Livelihoods, and Environmental Risk in Small-Scale Gold Mining

Kursad Avci, Colorado School of Mines (United States)

Sebnem Duzgun, Colorado School of Mines (United States)

Kady Seguin, IMPACT (Canada)

David Soud, IR Consilium (United States)

Oscar Katho, IMPACT (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Engaging Unnatural Disasters in Environmental Peacebuilding

Chair: Juliane Schillinger, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre (Netherlands)

“Disaster Risk Reduction through the Peacekeeper’s Lens,” Silvia Danielak, George Mason University

“The Peace Imperative for the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction,” Laura E.R. Peters, Oregon State University (United States)

“Environmental Degradation as a Risk Multiplier: Interlinking Hazards, Conflict, and Health,” Sarah Scales, University of Nebraska (United States)

“Gender-Responsive Disaster Risk Reduction in Nepal: Challenges and Opportunities for Environmental Peacebuilding,” Riyaz Karki, Hiroshima University (Japan)

Youth-Led Roundtable for Action on Biodiversity, Conflict, and Peacebuilding

Chair: Shruthi Kottillil, Global Youth Biodiversity Network (India)

Sudha Kottillil, Global Youth Biodiversity Network (India)

Alan Valdes, EcoMaxei (Mexico)

Dodo Tshidinda, African Wildlife Foundation (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Avoiding Fish Wars

Kate Anania, Institute for Accountable Ocean Governance/University of Ottawa (Canada)

Sarah Glaser, World Wildlife Fund US (United States)

Melissa Marschke, University of Ottawa (Canada)

Colleen Devlin, World Wildlife Fund US (United States)

Interrogating Environmental Peacebuilding Governance and Institutionalization

Chair: Dethie Soumare Ndiaye, Global Green Growth Institute (Burkina Faso)

“Environmental Peacebuilding Research and Practice in Governance ‘Frontiers’,” Stacy D. VanDeveer, University of Massachusetts - Boston (United States)

“Understanding Spillover Effects in Environmental Peacebuilding: Considering Lessons from Neofunctionalist Theory,” Rika Althoff, TU Dortmund University (Germany)

“Conflict-Sensitive Green Growth: The Journey for Mainstreaming Peace and Conflict into the Delivery of the Global Green Growth Institute,” Miguel Londoño, Global Green Growth Institute (Colombia/Zambia)

3:30 – 4:00 Coffee Break

4:00 – 5:30 Session 13: Carrying Environmental Peacebuilding Forward from Ottawa (to Nairobi and beyond) (Plenary)

Open Session, facilitated by Annika Erickson-Pearson, ECCP Community of Practice (Switzerland)

Music! With Jesse Matas and Austin Willacy

Lauren Herzer Risi, Environmental Peacebuilding Association (United States)
Chris Huggins, University of Ottawa (Canada)
Francis Onditi, University of Johannesburg (Kenya)