



Annual Report

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President's Note

Dear friends,

Do you remember January 1, 2021? We were so happy to have 2020 in the rear-view mirror. We were all exhausted, and hopeful for the new year. Vaccines seemed imminent. Change was in the air. I do not know how it is possible, but it seemed that 2021 was even longer, more intense than 2020. While 2020 seemed like a dumpster fire, 2021 was more akin to a roller coaster.

Through the ups, downs, and curves, the Environmental Peacebuilding Association and Community of Practice continued to grow, engage, and coalesce. The Road to Geneva brought together voices from around the world to address a range of environmental peacebuilding tools, experiences, and challenges. Planning for the Second International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding has overtaken the Road to Geneva, and we have more than 300 speakers confirmed (20% more than all the people that attended the First Conference). Notably, preparations for the Second Conference have included the development of several practical initiatives designed to improve the understanding and practice of environmental peacebuilding. These include, among others, an emerging toolkit on monitoring and evaluation of environmental peacebuilding, a white paper on the future of environmental peacebuilding, an environmental peacebuilding mentorship initiative, an environmental peacebuilding arts repository, and a flagship report on frontier technologies for environmental peacebuilding, among others. Stay tuned for more information on the launch of a peer-reviewed journal on *Environment & Security*.

The Association has continued to grow (now, with members in 70 countries), and we anticipate that the Conference will drive further growth. The Interest Groups are undertaking a range of activities from webinars and skills-building events to toolkits and flagship reports. In late 2021, we conveyed the Seventh AI Moumin Award for Environmental Peacebuilding on Patricia Gualinga, an inspiring environmental defender. The tally is all the more impressive when one considers that the Association has yet to celebrate our fourth anniversary.

As a field, environmental peacebuilding continues to evolve. Research, advocacy, and practice continue to diversify and deepen. Climate change is a major area of focus, but efforts on land, forests, water, mining, and other sectors continue to grow. Robust analysis of experiences and data is giving us a more complete understanding of the contexts, approaches, and effectiveness of those approaches.

There are causes for concern. The failure to date to effectively address climate change has brought us to a precipice where long-predicted conflicts may be driven by catastrophic changes to the ecosystems upon which we depend for food, water, energy, and livelihoods. Contestation over territory (often rich in resources, such as oil, water, and fisheries) has grown in Ukraine, the Himalayas, and the South China Sea, among others. The seemingly settled armed conflict in Colombia is destabilizing. Kazakhstan is erupting.

These ongoing dynamics mean that environmental peacebuilding remains as relevant as ever. Moreover, our understanding of the effectiveness of particular approaches is improving.

I expect that 2022 will continue to be a challenging time. I also expect that we will continue to develop ways to navigate in a world shaped by COVID, climate change, and conflict. We will also continue to build the Association, the Community of Practice, and the field to navigate these challenges and make the environment a cause for peace.

Carl Bruch
President
Environmental Peacebuilding Association

Status of the Association

The Environmental Peacebuilding Association was incorporated in Washington, D.C., and formally launched April 2018. The Association is in the process of seeking certification as a 501(c)3 non-profit professional organization (in the parlance of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, a 501(c)6)).

Board of Directors

The 2021 Board of Directors includes 14 people:

Carl Bruch, President
Erika Weinthal, Vice President
Richard Matthew, Vice President
Päivi Lujala, Treasurer
Becca Farnum, Director
Silja Halle, Director
Anne Hammill, Director
Tobias Ide, Director
David Jensen, Director
Lauren Risi, Director
Patrice Talla, Director
Kelly Bridges, Director (Young Professionals)
Miguel Alberto Londoño Gómez, Director (Latin America & Caribbean)
Munini Mutuku, Director (Africa)

In 2021, the Board met four times. During these meetings, the Board received updates on Association membership statistics, finances, Interest Group activities, plans, and other initiatives.

Membership

As of December 7, 2021, the Environmental Peacebuilding Association has 411 individual members and 23 institutional members, representing 66 countries. In 2021, the Association has grown by 92 members and 6 institutional members.

2021 EnPAx members are economically diverse. Approximately 22% have an annual income of less than \$20,000, 9% are between \$20,000 and \$40,000, 11% are between \$40,000 and \$75,000, and 14% are over \$75,000. An additional 19% of members are students.

The Association is also geographically diverse, with members from 66 countries on 6 continents. The countries represented include a range of economic development and a variety of experiences with conflict.

Secretariat

The Environmental Law Institute (ELI) is serving as the inaugural host for the Association's Secretariat. The selection recognized the substantial contributions that ELI had made in establishing and building the Association. ELI's record of partnering with practitioners and researchers to establish and maintain the Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Platform, the Environmental Peacebuilding Community of Practice, convene the Al-Moumin Award and Distinguished Lecture in Environmental Peacebuilding, and coordinate a global research project on post-conflict peacebuilding and natural resource management, among other efforts, also make it well-suited to host the Secretariat.

In 2021, ELI Research Associates, Shehla Chowdhury, was invaluable in standing up the Association. In addition, 40 amazing volunteers (interns, law clerks, visiting researchers, visiting attorneys, and visiting scholars) supported the Association activities, including: Buket Altınçelep (Interest Group Administrator), Ally Amavisca, Rosabella Bojin, Amber Bosse, Ford Brodeur, Elen Bueno, Alex Caplan, Brendan Carr, Maya Cohen, Christina Day, Jordan Dieni (Coordinator, Interest Group Administrator), Claire Doyle (Conference Administrator), Rina El-Shanti, Hadeel Hamoud (Social Media Administrator), Bay Hanson (Membership Administrator), Desirée De Haven, Liz Hessami, Ellen Johnson, Avak Kahramanian, Anna Kazradze, Andrew Light, Dylan Mathewson, Marie Mavrikios, Charly McConaghy, Chau Minh Do, Rachel Mural, Eneas do Oliveira, Diana Quevedo, Tyler Rippel, Anna Rossi, Tracy Stein, Rachel Stern, Rachel Stromsta, Harriet Taberner, Yusraa Tadj, Diego Toledo, Tom Wilcox, Sarah Xu (Membership Administrator), Leela Yadav, and Joel Young (Coordinator). Most of the activities highlighted in this report would not have been possible without their substantial commitment of time and energy. Our two coordinators in particular warrant special mention: Joel Young (the long-time editor of the Environmental Peacebuilding Update, who has also provided essential support to the Board's operations) and Jorden Dieni (who has co-coordinated the volunteers for most of 2021, and provided core support to the Association).

Financial Summary

Following is the income statement and balance sheet for the Association through December 31, 2021. Most of the Association revenue comes from membership dues, which totaled \$18,470. In 2021, there were also in-kind donations totaled \$347.50.

In 2021, revenues are expected to increase from membership fees and from donations. The Association is seeking grants to support Association activities. Members interested in helping to build the financial security of the Association are encouraged to contact the Secretariat.

Balance Sheet

	<u>Dec 31, 21</u>	<u>Dec 31, 20</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
10000 · Bank	23,865.81	986.64	22,879.17	2,318.9%
10010 · Receiving Account	964.04	369.25	594.79	161.08%
10100 · Go Fund Me	2,265.00	0.00	2,265.00	100.0%
10200 · PayPal	<u>661.37</u>	<u>2,820.17</u>	<u>-2,158.80</u>	<u>-76.55%</u>
Total Checking/Savings	27,756.22	4,176.06	23,580.16	564.65%
Other Current Assets				
12500 · Transwise	<u>41.63</u>	<u>41.63</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>41.63</u>	<u>41.63</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Current Assets	27,797.85	4,217.69	23,580.16	559.08%
Other Assets				
13000 · Prepaid Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>162.25</u>	<u>-162.25</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>0.00</u>	<u>162.25</u>	<u>-162.25</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>27,797.85</u>	<u>4,379.94</u>	<u>23,417.91</u>	<u>534.66%</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
20000 · Accounts Payable	<u>0.00</u>	<u>350.88</u>	<u>-350.88</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
Total Accounts Payable	0.00	350.88	-350.88	-100.0%
Other Current Liabilities				
27000 · Deferred Revenue-Conference	<u>9,765.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,765.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	9,765.00	0.00	9,765.00	100.0%

Total Current Liabilities	9,765.00	350.88	9,414.12	2,683.0%
Total Liabilities	9,765.00	350.88	9,414.12	2,683.0%
Equity				
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	4,029.06	-9,743.26	13,772.32	141.35%
Net Income	14,003.79	13,772.32	231.47	1.68%
Total Equity	18,032.85	4,029.06	14,003.79	347.57%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	27,797.85	4,379.94	23,417.91	534.66%

Income Statement

	Jan - Dec 21	Jan - Dec 20	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
43400 · Direct Public Support				
43440 · Gifts in Kind - Goods	0.00	2,250.00	-2,250.00	-100.0%
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	347.50	659.88	-312.38	-47.34%
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	347.50	2,909.88	-2,562.38	-88.06%
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	25.00	-25.00	-100.0%
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	0.00	25.00	-25.00	-100.0%
47200 · Member Income - Dues				
47230 · Professional Membership	10,082.85	11,285.03	-1,202.18	-10.65%
47235 · Student/Retired Dues	1,515.01	1,875.63	-360.62	-19.23%
47240 · Institutional Member	6,872.29	6,061.88	810.41	13.37%
47200 · Member Income - Dues - Other	0.00	125.00	-125.00	-100.0%
Total 47200 · Member Income - Dues	18,470.15	19,347.54	-877.39	-4.54%
Total Income	18,817.65	22,282.42	-3,464.77	-15.55%
Gross Profit	18,817.65	22,282.42	-3,464.77	-15.55%
Expense				
60900 · Business Expenses				
60920 · Business Registration Fees	339.23	412.25	-73.02	-17.71%
Total 60900 · Business Expenses	339.23	412.25	-73.02	-17.71%
62100 · Contract Services				
62110 · Administrative Services	1,597.58	4,041.44	-2,443.86	-60.47%
62120 · Program Services	2,220.45	841.54	1,378.91	163.86%
62150 · Web Contract	0.00	2,400.00	-2,400.00	-100.0%
Total 62100 · Contract Services	3,818.03	7,282.98	-3,464.95	-47.58%
65000 · Operations				
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference	0.00	56.84	-56.84	-100.0%
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	0.00	16.49	-16.49	-100.0%
65050 · Telephone, Telecommunications	0.00	34.03	-34.03	-100.0%

65060 · PayPal/Bank Fees	656.60	580.28	76.32	13.15%
Total 65000 · Operations	656.60	687.64	-31.04	-4.51%
68300 · Travel and Meetings				
68310 · Conference, Convention, Meeting	0.00	127.23	-127.23	-100.0%
Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings	0.00	127.23	-127.23	-100.0%
Total Expense	4,813.86	8,510.10	-3,696.24	-43.43%
Net Ordinary Income	14,003.79	13,772.32	231.47	1.68%
Net Income	14,003.79	13,772.32	231.47	1.68%

Activities of the Association

Throughout 2021, the Association developed new activities and expanded existing activities designed to foster knowledge development and exchange; build capacity and awareness; and strengthen relationships between scholars, practitioners, and decisionmakers working on issues related to environment, conflict, and peace. Noting that many activities advance more than one objective of the Association, these activities include:

- **fostering knowledge development and exchange**
 - Expanding and maintaining the Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Platform
 - Developing an affiliated Knowledge Platform on Gender, Natural Resources, and Peace (in collaboration with the UN Joint Programme on Women, Natural Resources and Peace)
- **building capacity and awareness**
 - Delivering a massive open online course (MOOC) on Environmental Security and Sustaining Peace
 - Developing the First International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding
 - Convening other events, including the Al Moumin Award and Distinguished Lecture
- **strengthening relationships between scholars, practitioners, and decisionmakers**
 - Creating Interest Groups
 - Launching a Membership Directory
 - Developing profiles of members
 - Conducting outreach on social media

These activities are briefly summarized below.

Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Platform

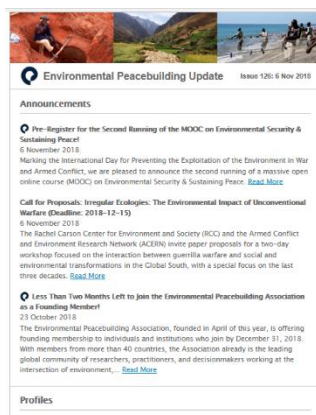
The Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Platform (www.environmentalpeacebuilding.org) is the leading website where people can find books, articles, media, events, jobs, and news about environment, conflict, and peace.

In 2021, the Platform added 451 publications to the Library, covering a wide range of topics and geographical locations. In addition, the Platform added 55 announcements, 122 events, 344 job opportunities, 515 news articles, and 288 blogs and opinion pieces. Many of these publications and other items were identified, coded with metadata, and posted by Secretariat staff, with a growing number shared by Association members.

As the Association grew, new webpages were added to the Knowledge Platform to support the Association, the Membership, and the Conference.



Environmental Peacebuilding Update



Every two weeks, the Association Secretariat compiled, edited, and produced the *Environmental Peacebuilding Update*. The *Update* includes a sampling of the key publications, news items, upcoming events, job openings, EnPax Member profiles, and other items posted on the Knowledge Platform in the previous two weeks.

The *Update* is circulated free of charge to almost 4,200 members of the Environmental Peacebuilding Community of Practice.

In 2021, the Association produced issues 183 – 208 of the *Environmental Peacebuilding Update*.

Gender Website

The Association continues to manage and grow the Gender, Natural Resources, Climate, and Peace platform. This platform is co-produced by the Environmental Peacebuilding Association and the Joint

Programme on Women, Natural Resources, and Peace of the UN Environment, UN Women, the UN Development Programme (UNDP), and the UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO).

Based on the model of the Environmental Peacebuilding platform, the Gender, Natural Resources, Climate, and Peace platform gathers academic pieces, international news, blogs and opinion, available jobs, and upcoming events from a variety of sources and geographic locations. Since February 2019, 784 library items, 530 international news, and 610 blogs and opinion pieces that focus on the intersection of gender and elements relevant to environmental peacebuilding have been uploaded.

The accompanying community of practice has grown to include 390 members. Since March 2019, they have received a monthly newsletter with a sampling of the latest publications added to the platform and opportunities in the field.

Environmental Peacebuilding Website

A number of changes were made to the Environmental Peacebuilding website in 2021. Some sections were reorganized for more streamlined navigation; technical personnel began updating the advanced search function; and work began to make the membership directory searchable and to update the Interest Group websites.

Furthermore, work began to develop several additional microsites housed within the Environmental Peacebuilding platform. These topics of these microsites include the nexus of environmental peacebuilding and COVID-19; Data and Technologies; Monitoring and Evaluation; and Law.

Second International Conference and the Road to Geneva

The Second International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding was originally scheduled for in person in Geneva in February 2022. Throughout 2021, EnPAX leaders and members planned for an in-person event. Due to rising rates of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the fall of 2021, the organizers decided to convert the hybrid conference with some in-person events in Geneva to an ostensibly all virtual conference. In December 2021, this difficult decision taken after careful consideration of the health, safety and welfare of all members involved.

In advance of the Conference, the Environmental Peacebuilding Association launched the Road to Geneva. The Road to Geneva included a consultative series of events and initiatives. The process was steered by the Road to Geneva Organizing Committee, which included the following members:

- Carl Bruch, President of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association
- Erika Weinthal, Professor at Duke University

- Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator at the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform
- Päivi Lujala, Professor at the University of Oulu
- Lauren Risi, Project Director at the Wilson Center

The Road to Geneva officially launched in July 2020 with the creation of a webpage on the Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Platform and the release of a Call for Applications. In 2021, we held 19 events organized by and with partners across the globe, including the Food and Agriculture Organization, the Conflict and Environmental Observatory, and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. These events covered a range of topics in environmental peacebuilding, from climate-related water conflicts to victim assistance for those affected by the toxic remnants of war. The events were held online and the majority were recorded, with the recordings available through our Road to Geneva “Associated Events” page.

On November 16, 2021, EnPAx and the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies launched the public call for registration for the Second International Conference. The agenda was designed to include 5 training sessions, and 65+ panels and roundtables, with 100+ experts from 50+ countries. In addition to traditional panels and a poster session, the conference planned to highlight a diversity of tools and approaches, with a photographic exhibition, networking lunches (for women and for mentors/mentees), a resume review workshop, and other dynamic sessions. Session topics throughout the four-day conference revolved around five main themes: Climate Change, Rights and Justice, Public Health, Business and Markets, and Building the Evidence Base.

In parallel with the regional and national events, the Association and partner organizations developed a series of flagship initiatives to showcase at the Second Conference. Each initiative offered a unique contribution to the Road to Geneva and to environmental peacebuilding more broadly.

- **White Paper on the Future of Environmental Peacebuilding:** The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform (GPP), in collaboration with the PeaceNexus Foundation, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and EnPAx, is guiding a collective process with participants from the Geneva Dialogue on Environment, Climate, Conflict, and Peace (ECCP) to develop a White Paper on Environmental Peacebuilding. The White Paper will advance a forward-looking practical agenda based on the patterns of consent and disagreements on key ECCP questions. It is meant to support collaboration and strengthen cross-cutting relationships between stakeholders, bridging diverse perspectives on the environment, climate, conservation, conflict, security, and peace.
- **M&E Toolkit on Environmental Peacebuilding:** The Environmental Law Institute, in partnership with the EnPAx M&E Interest Group Chairs, secured funding through the U.S. Institute of Peace to develop a review paper and toolkit for how to undertake monitoring and evaluation for environmental peacebuilding. The aim will be to present the continuing development of the toolkit at the Second Conference.
- **Young Rapporteurs Programme:** The Young Rapporteurs Programme was officially launched in October 2020 as a means to both capture key insights from Road to Geneva events and /offer learning opportunities in environmental peacebuilding to university students, recent

graduates, and young people interested in the environment and conflict. Under this initiative, young rapporteurs attend Road to Geneva sessions related to their interests, take part in group debrief discussions about events, and participate in professional development training. More than 100 young rapporteurs have joined the program, representing some 40 countries.

- **Creative Accounts:** Artistic Takes on the Connection between Nature and Peace: The Organizing Committee for the Road to Geneva planned a creative component to accompany the Road to Geneva and the Second Conference. With the change to fully virtual, the organizers began working with the artists to craft an interactive virtual art exhibition.

- **Education for Peacebuilding - From Learning to Practice:** The EnPAx™ Education Interest Group developed an initiative titled “Education for Peacebuilding - from Learning to Practice.” The initiative includes a 4-part panel series organized around four different perspectives on educating for environmental peacebuilding, including educators in degree programs, students learning in degree programs, trainers or workshop leaders in conflict zones, and trainees or workshop participants in conflict zones. Findings from these panels will be synthesized into an article or visioning paper and will be highlighted during a panel discussion at the Second Conference.

- **Voices for Peace and Conservation (Podcast Series):** Environmental degradation, biodiversity loss and climate change affect us all, and are already making our societies more likely to experience conflict, violence, and hardship. Yet efforts to address environmental challenges, conserve biodiversity and respond to the challenges of the climate crisis are often divorced from work on resolving conflicts and promoting peace. For this reason, Conservation International, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), PeaceNexus Foundation and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Germany collaborated to create “Voices for Peace and Conservation,” a unique 7-episode podcast series that delves into these issues and presents examples of how to connect environment and peace issues in practice. The four organizations are committed to building bridges between the different communities working on conservation, environmental and climate challenges, and peace, and to explore opportunities for collaborating on environmental issues in ways that bring people together within and across societies. Hosted by Hesta Groenewald, the podcast features grassroots and international practitioners, researchers, and policymakers, including Vicky Tauli-Corpuz, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and Juan Manuel Santos, former president of Colombia and 2016 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. The first episode was posted on June 3, 2021, and subsequent episodes were published each week. Please see the following page to learn more about the podcast series: <http://bit.ly/peaceandconservation>

Journal Preparations

In 2021, the Association made substantial progress on securing a publisher for a new journal on Environment and Security. It is anticipated that a contract will be signed with a top-tier publisher in the coming year. This will be the only peer-reviewed journal on the market focusing on issues at the intersection of environment, conflict, and peace.

Events and Webinars

The Association held or co-sponsored 44 events in 2021. Due to the restrictions of COVID-19, only the first four events were offered as hybrid, in-person, and online seminars. The purely virtual events took a range of forms, from webinars and topic-specific consultations. To increase the potential reach and linguistic base, the Association began making use of simultaneous interpretation in some events, while others were held in French or Spanish. Finally, a themed virtual networking event was made possible using Remo, a platform that provides the opportunity for small-scale and more personal virtual interaction while also allowing for large numbers to come together in plenary.

There were eighteen events as part of the Road to Geneva. Involvement in these events took various forms, from providing panelists for a session of the EcoPeace Middle East to the organization of a joint webinar between the Association's Forest Interest Group and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Seizing such opportunities for collaboration increases the visibility of both the Association and of the upcoming Second Conference while also expanding and incorporating a broader range of voices in the Association's activities.

In addition to the Road to Geneva, the year's events also included three other series or topic arcs. There were two webinars comprising the third and fourth webinars in an ongoing series of discussions on environment, conflict, and peace in Afghanistan. There were four events as part of a skills-building series, largely sponsored by the Young Professionals Interest Group. Finally, there were three events as part of a Colombia arc. A complete list of events can be found at the end of this report.

More webinars and events are planned for 2022.

Interest Groups

To strengthen relationships between scholars, practitioners, decisionmakers, and students—and to help foster knowledge development and exchange and build capacity and awareness—the Environmental Peacebuilding Association has developed a number of Interest Groups.

EnPAx Interest Groups are spaces for collaborative work, networking, mentoring, and sharing knowledge and expertise. Although specific activities vary depending on the Interest Group, activities include organizing panels, webinars, and other events; preparing technical papers and other publications; selecting and maintaining a group of experts that can be contacted for information by individuals and groups outside the Association; and organizing sessions at the First International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding in October 2019. Interest Groups are encouraged to focus on assessing

what we know about particular issues within that topic, taking stock of the evidence base, and developing an agenda for further research and action.

The Association currently has ten [Interest Groups](#):

Africa

The objective of the Africa Interest Group, which was launched in 2020, is to provide a platform for collaboration on areas of common interest relating to environment, conflict, peace, and security in Africa. It also aims to undertake activities at the African regional, sub-regional, national, and local levels. The Chair of the Interest Group is Octavio Goia.

Big Data and Frontier Technologies

The Big Data and Frontier Technologies Interest Group seeks to collect and share information on how to use big data and frontier technologies for environmental peacebuilding. With the UN Environment Programme, it is in the process of producing a flagship report on frontier technologies for environmental peacebuilding. The Interest Group is open to all Association members interested in big data and frontier technologies. The Chair of the Interest Group is Ben Dills.

Disasters and Resilience

The objective of this group is to engage a community of peers working and interested in the field of Disasters and Resilience as related to Environmental Peacebuilding. The Group aims to encourage member involvement through sharing work, expertise, and supporting professional development and knowledge sharing. In 2021 the Group held multiple member meetings; a webinar on COVID-19 and Environmental Peacebuilding; held discussions on the potential for other COVID-19 related events; and initiated planning for a series of workshops in 2021 on COVID-19 and field research. The Chairs of the Interest Group are Charles Kelly and Kristen Weis.

Education

The objective of the Education Interest Group, which was launched in 2020, is to provide resources for educators, practitioners, and students to advance their knowledge and the knowledge-based practice in Environmental Peacebuilding. In 2021 the Group held several internal Group meetings to plan activities and engage members.

In 2021, the Interest Group continued to work on developing a toolkit index for environmental peacebuilding educators. The Group also collaborated with other EnPAX Interest Groups on events and to explore options for participating in the Second International Conference. The Chairs of the Interest Group are Nancy Boyer and Dr. Nikola Zivkovic.

Forest

In order to pursue its objective of raising awareness of the environment and climate security risks as related to forests, the Forest Interest Group aims to develop and maintain external relationships with other organizations and institutions concerned with the field; hold events and network with potential partners and other Interest Groups; and to support and engage with members through various media to support, track, and report developments, opportunities, and trends.

The Group's 2021 activities included monthly virtual meetings for members; work on a number of other side projects related to the World Forest Congress (currently postponed to 2022) and the potential for collaboration with the Global Green Growth Initiative. The Chair of the Interest Group is Bernd Ungar.

Gender

The Gender Interest Group, which was re-launched under new leadership in late 2020, seeks to strengthen understanding of the gender dimensions of environmental peacebuilding; to advance research and learning on this topic; and to foster an inclusive and collaborative network that bridges existing communities of practice. The GIG follows the developments in international and national policies related to gender, security and environment, including climate action; it will also seek to identify and document approaches that respond effectively to the challenges and opportunities presented by this nexus, including planning, monitoring and learning practices and systems. Additionally, the GIG will strive to coordinate advocacy and outreach on these topics.

After the relaunch, the Gender Interest Group held an initial meeting with new and old members and began collaborating to identify particular member interests and to coordinate on developing new projects in 2021. Among such potential projects are paper proposals for various journals; hosting events to showcase member activities; and delivering skills-based seminars related to gender and conflict. The Chair of the Interest Group is Dr. Marisa Ensor.

Law

The Law Interest Group seeks to enhance understanding of legal elements and implications of environmental peacebuilding, and to advance research and learning on this topic. This Interest Group explores ways of protecting the environment before, during, and after armed conflicts. In addition, the Group explores emerging approaches to international law on environmental peacebuilding, for example how international law related to gender, climate change, environmental security, indigenous peoples, investment, trade etc., can shape environmental peacebuilding. Finally, the Group follows closely the work that is developing on this topic in different fora, including the International Law Commission, the International Law Association and the International Committee of the Red Cross. The Chair of the Interest Group is Dr. Stavros Pantazopoulos.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The Monitoring and Evaluation Interest Group seeks to engage members in discussion and progressive debate on monitoring and evaluation practice within the field of environmental peacebuilding. The objective is for members to contribute to the development of good practice, an evidence base, and shared learning.

In 2021, the Group continued to work on a project launched with the United States Institute of Peace to develop a monitoring and evaluation toolkit for environmental peacebuilding. The Group began to consult on organizing one or more sessions for the Second International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding. The Chairs of the Interest Group are Dr. Juha Uitto and Dr. Amanda Woomer.

Water

The Interest Group on Water seeks to enhance the multidisciplinary knowledge, research, and practice on the use of water as an incentive for peace. Areas of interest include the protection of water infrastructure, migration, and rivers' rights. Members will discuss and examine the different scales of cooperation on shared water resources ranging from the global and regional to basin and local levels. The strengths and weaknesses of different models for water management and protection will be considered with a view toward preventing and resolving water disputes, and to helping countries manage water to recover after conflict. The Chair for the Interest Group is Dr. Léna Salamé.

Young Professionals

The Young Professionals Interest Group provides a peer-led platform aiming to support young professionals entering or currently working in the field of environmental peacebuilding. Through connecting an active and diverse network of peers with broad academic and career interests in environmental peacebuilding, this group will create access to opportunities ranging from mentorship, knowledge sharing, networking, and engagement at the Second Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, while facilitating learning exchange through webinars and discussion forums tailored to the groups' diverse interests.

In 2021, the Group focused on developing and executing a mentorship program leading up to the Second International Conference in 2022. They also continued to host quarterly meetings and co-sponsor ongoing activities that highlight our focal points and group objectives, and plan to seek collaboration with other Interest Groups. The Chairs for the Interest Group are Elsa Barron and Mirali Shukla.

Membership

Profiles

To help introduce members who are doing interesting work, the Association has been profiling individual members. These profiles have spanned geographic regions, types of resources, and disciplinary approaches.

To date, profiles of members have highlighted researchers, practitioners, and decisionmakers working in fields. They work on topics from cooperation over water and other renewable resources to forestry management and environmental defenders in indigenous communities to resolution over resources as a way to promote peace in diverse places such as Sudan, Colombia, the Philippines, the Lake Chad Basin, and Israel and Palestine.

In 2021 the Association produced 12 profiles highlighting Ousseyni Kalilou, Dhanasree Jayaram, Khalif H. Dalmar, Nada Majdalani, Kelly Bridges, Mishkat Al Moumin, Lauren Risi, Alma Segoviano, Lalanath de Silva, Sherri Goodman, Patrice Talla Takoukam, and Mohammed Abdulmawjood. The profiles were included in the *Environmental Peacebuilding Update* and have been archived at <https://environmentalpeacebuilding.org/news/profiles/>.

Social Media

In 2021, the Association continued to have a significant profile on Facebook (@environmentalpeacebuilding), Twitter (@EnvPeacebuild) and Linked In (Environmental Peacebuilding.) Analytics for each platform are not available for this reporting period.

In 2002, the Association will consider formalizing a Social Media Strategy and process of collecting appropriate metrics.

Annex 1. Complete List of EnPAx Sponsored Events in 2021

Event – Please see Archived Events page at https://www.environmentalpeacebuilding.org/events/?EventFilter=Archive	Date
Environmental Peacebuilding - The Year in Review and the Year Ahead	13 Jan
Environmental Degradation, Climate Change, and Mass Violence: Intersections with Indigenous Issues (A Road to Geneva Event)	14 Jan
Environmental Degradation, Climate Change, and Mass Violence: Ecocide and Law (A Road to Geneva Event)	26 Jan
Indigenous Perspectives on Conflict and Conservation: Māori and Ni'Van Communities (A Road to Geneva Event)	7 Feb
Indigenous Perspectives on Conflict and Conservation: Sámi and Ainu Communities (A Road to Geneva Event)	8 Feb.
Environmental Degradation, Climate Change, and Mass Violence: Intersections with Gender (A Road to Geneva Event)	10 Feb
Care for Creation as a Common Denominator: Interfaith Approaches to Environmental Peacebuilding (A Road to Geneva Event)	11 Feb
Junior Scholars in Conversation: Comparative Dimensions of Environmental Peace Building (A Road to Geneva Event, Colombia Arc)	18 Feb
The Impacts of COVID-19 on the Field Research of PhD Candidates and Postdocs	18 Feb
Decolonizing the Land: Christian Grassroots Approaches to Environmental Peacebuilding (A Road to Geneva Event)	18 Feb

Environment, Peace, and Conflict: Opportunities and Risks for the New Administration	24 Feb
Practicing What We Preach: Dialogue and Futurism in Environmental Peacebuilding (A Road to Geneva Event)	25 Feb
Forests & Peace Social Hour	2 March
Frontier Minerals and the Environment: Moving from Conflict to Peacebuilding? (A Road to Geneva Event)	31 March
EnPAx Consultative Meeting on the Second International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding	8 April
EnPAx™ Webinar: The Past and Future of Energy Developments in East Africa	22 April
Securitizing Youth: Young People's Roles in the Global Peace & Security Agenda	29 April
Environment, Peacebuilding, and Transitional Justice (A Road to Geneva Series)	18 May
Do No Harm Approach as a Tool for Tailoring M&E Frameworks in Environmental Peacebuilding Interventions	26 May
"Environment and Peacebuilding in Africa", Session 2 of Environment, Peacebuilding, and Transitional Justice (A Road to Geneva Series)	26 May
Protecting the Environment Is Protecting Civilians: The Humanitarian Dimensions of the Environment, Peace and Security Agenda	26 May
"Environment, Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice: An African Perspective." Session 3 of Environment, Peacebuilding, and Transitional Justice (A Road to Geneva Series)	27 May
Securing Clean Water in Transboundary Indus, Jordan, Mekong and Amazon Basins through Science and Environmental Diplomacy (A Road to Geneva Event)	16 - 30 June

Environment, Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice: Southern Africa	30 June
Environment, Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice: Central Africa	7 July
Environment, Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice: Western Africa	14 July
Environment, Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice: Eastern Africa	21 July
The Role of Local Environmental Civil Society Organizations in Building Social Trust in Bosnia and Herzegovina (A Road to Geneva Event)	23 July
Saving the Red Sea from a “Floating Bomb” - The decaying FSO SAFER Oil Tanker (A Road to Geneva Event)	27 July
Environment, Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice: IGAD and COMESA Regions	7 Sept
Environment, Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice: Northern Africa, Sahel and Saharan Region	14 Sept
Monitoring and Evaluation for Climate Security Interventions (Part of the Berlin Climate Security Conference)	30 Sept
Education for Peacebuilding - From Learning to Practice (A Road to Geneva Event Series)	6 - 27 Oct
Addressing Transparency and Confidentiality Concerns in M&E (Environmental Peacebuilding Peer-Learning Workshop Series)	6 Oct
Education for Environmental Peacebuilding: From Learning to Practice ~ Beyond-the-Textbook: Effective Options for Teaching Environmental Peacebuilding	13 Oct
Education for Environmental Peacebuilding: From Learning to Practice ~ Identifying and Teaching Required Skills	20 Oct

Designing and Undertaking Programmatic Evaluations of Environmental Peacebuilding Initiatives (M&E Peer Learning Workshop #3)	26 Oct
Education for Environmental Peacebuilding: From Learning to Practice ~ Tips for Teaching Environmental Peacebuilding Classes Remotely	27 Oct
Conflict-Sensitive M&E (M&E Peer Learning Workshop #4)	9 Nov
Environmental Peacebuilding: Prospects for the Asia-Pacific Region	17 - 18 Nov
Climate Change Effects, Security Risks, and Actions in Africa & Networking Opportunities	18 Nov
Seventh Al-Moumin Award and Distinguished Lecture in Environmental Peacebuilding -- Patricia Gualinga	30 Nov
Validation Workshop for Draft Guidelines on Transitional Justice and Environmental Peacebuilding in Africa (A Road to Geneva Event)	7 Dec
Annual Members Meeting for the Environmental Peacebuilding Association	17 Dec

The Environmental Peacebuilding Association (also known as EnPAx) is the premiere global association dedicated to bringing together researchers, practitioners, and decision makers working on issues of environment, conflict, and peace. Founded in 2018, the Association is a multidisciplinary forum with three main aims. First, it seeks to identify promising research avenues and best policy practices, as well as foster exchange of knowledge and data. Second, it builds capacity and awareness among practitioners to advance the field and increase impact. Third, it fosters interactions among scholars, practitioners, decision makers, and others across disciplines, genders, geographical locations, and stages of professional development.

EnPAx™ is governed by a Board of Directors, comprising leaders in the field. The Environmental Law Institute serves as the Secretariat for the Association. Questions about the Association may be addressed to info@environmentalpeacebuilding.org.