



Annual Report

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Acronyms

COP27	Conference of the Parties (for Climate Change)
ELI	Environmental Law Institute
EnPAx	Environmental Peacebuilding Association
GPP	Geneva Peacebuilding Platform
IG	Interest Group (EnPAx)
IHEID	Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
ILC	International Law Commission (UN)
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
UN	United Nations
UNEP	UN Environment Programme
YPIG	Young Professionals Interest Group

President's Note

2022 was another big year for environmental peacebuilding!

We started off the year with the Second International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding (1-4 February). With a rise in the Omicron variant less than two months from the conference, we pivoted to a virtual conference. That only seemed to enhance participation: more than 2,100 people from 100+ countries participated in the 77 sessions, with 400 people participating remotely for three or four days. The attendance and engagement were incredible for a virtual conference!

Less than three weeks later, Russia invaded Ukraine. Throughout the conflict, the environmental impacts of the invasion have been a serious concern. There has been widespread damage to civilian industrial facilities and targeting of water infrastructure. The Chornobyl Nuclear Plant was occupied and used as a staging ground, mobilizing radioactive dust. The Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Plant was attacked, seized, and subsequently used to launch missile attacks. Residential areas suffered extensive artillery, missile, and bomb attacks, generating large amounts of asbestos-laden rubble. Protected areas burned. Agricultural lands flooded. Ukrainian government authorities, civil society, and international partners have undertaken an unprecedented real-time documentation of the environmental impacts of the war.

The invasion of Ukraine elevated the prominence of environmental peacebuilding. Governments and civil society organizations participating in numerous high-profile international environmental meetings – from the Stockholm+50 International Meeting to COP27 – emphasized the environmental damage of war and highlighted the importance of peace to environmental integrity and sustainable development.

In 2022, the International Law Commission completed its work on Principles on Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflict. The ILC formally adopted the principles together with commentaries, and the UN General Assembly endorsed them on 7 December 2022. Drawing upon international humanitarian law, international environmental law, international criminal law, international human rights law, and other bodies of law, these principles represent the most important international legal development in 45 years. Attention now turns to dissemination and implementation.

The past year also saw increasing knowledge and political attention focused on climate and security. Research is providing growing empirical evidence of the linkages between climate change, conflict, and violence. Moreover, there is growing awareness that responses to climate change can generate injustices that drive conflict. For example, the transition to a carbon-neutral economy would remove an important source of revenue for several countries that rely on oil and gas revenues for their development and functioning – generating concerns about a “just transition.” Moreover, the transition would require unprecedented extraction of minerals from lithium, cobalt, copper, and rare earth minerals, as well as land for solar power, wind power,

hydropower, and biofuel facilities—potentially generating a “green resource curse.” Research also highlights, though, that insecurity and conflict are not necessarily in our future. Much depends on how the stresses and opportunities are managed.

As we enter 2023, COVID-19 is still a concern. Too many people are dying every day. And new variants continue to emerge.

But our actions are no longer constrained by COVID as they have been for the past three years. We are resuming in-person meetings, even as we continue to rely on Zoom and other means to connect with friends, partners, and colleagues around the world. We are moving to a hybrid world that could – and should – be more inclusive.

Looking ahead, the Environmental Peacebuilding Association is preparing the first issues of Environment and Security – which will be the only peer-reviewed journal on the topic – to launch in September 2023. And beyond that, we are preparing for the Third International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding to be held in The Hague from 19-21 June 2024.

Sincerely,
Carl Bruch
President

Status of the Association

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

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors in 2022 included:

Carl Bruch, President
Erika Weinthal, Vice President
Richard Matthew, Vice President
Päivi Lujala, Treasurer
Alec Crawford, Director
Janet Edmond, Director
Becca Farnum, Director
Silja Halle, Director
Tobias Ide, Director
Lauren Risi, Director
Patrice Talla, Director
Kelly Bridges, Director (Young Professionals)
Miguel Alberto Londoño Gómez, Director (Latin America & Caribbean)
Munini Mutuku, Director (Africa)
Asim Zia, Director (Asia & Pacific)

In 2022, the Board met four times. During these meetings, the Board received updates on Association membership statistics, finances, Interest Group activities, plans, and other initiatives.

In October 2022, the Elections Committee submitted a list of eligible candidates to the Board of Directors for 2023, and the members voted in October. The voting turnout for 2022 (approximately 55 voters) was higher than 2021 (around 32 voters). The following officers and directors were elected for the 2023-2025 cycle:

Vice-President (1 position): Larry Swatuk
Directors (3 positions): Silja Halle, Tobias Ide, Julia Gorricho
Young Professionals Director (1): Juliane Schillinger

Membership

As of December 9, 2022, the Environmental Peacebuilding Association has 393 individual members representing 65 countries. Over 2002, membership grew significantly in terms of numbers of individuals and countries represented. On April 1, 2022, the Environmental Peacebuilding Association had 286 individual members and 17 institutional members in good standing, representing 55 countries.

The Membership Committee worked throughout the year to increase outreach and visibility of the Association and its activities. The Membership Committee voted to propose to the Board of Directors and Management Committee to increase membership rates with the added Journal costs, accompanied by a sponsorship drive. The Board adopted the proposal to take effect in 2024.

Secretariat

The Environmental Law Institute (ELI) continued to serve as the 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 December 2022, the EnPAX Board of Directors approved the extension of the Secretariat contract with ELI to 2023.

The success of the daily operations of EnPAX is due to the many pro bono researchers, visiting scholars, visiting attorneys, law clerks, and interns who have dedicated their time, energy, and passion. The EnPAX Board is thankful to acknowledge the particular contributions of the environmental peacebuilding Coordinators and Administrators: Shehla Chowdhury, Emily Rockwell, Rachel Stern, Buket Altınçelep, Tori Rickman, and Joel Young.

In 2022, the EnPAX Board of Directors received pro bono legal support from Brooklyn Hildebrandt (through Sidley & Austin).

Financial Summary

Following is the income statement and balance sheet for the Association through December 31, 2022.

Balance Sheet

	<u>Dec 31, 22</u>	<u>Dec 31, 21</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
10000 · Eagle Bank	37,449.02	23,865.81	13,583.21	56.92%
10010 · Eagle Receiving Account	1,889.84	964.04	925.80	96.03%
10100 · Go Fund Me	0.00	2,265.00	-2,265.00	-100.0%
10200 · PayPal	<u>1,437.71</u>	<u>661.37</u>	<u>776.34</u>	<u>117.38%</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>40,776.57</u>	<u>27,756.22</u>	<u>13,020.35</u>	<u>46.91%</u>
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	<u>40,818.20</u>	<u>27,797.85</u>	<u>13,020.35</u>	<u>46.84%</u>
Other Assets				
13000 · Prepaid Expense	<u>389.37</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>389.37</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>389.37</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>389.37</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>41,207.57</u>	<u>27,797.85</u>	<u>13,409.72</u>	<u>48.24%</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Other Current Liabilities				
27000 · Deferred Revenue-Conference	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,765.00</u>	<u>-9,765.00</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,765.00</u>	<u>-9,765.00</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,765.00</u>	<u>-9,765.00</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,765.00</u>	<u>-9,765.00</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
Equity				
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	18,032.85	4,029.06	14,003.79	347.57%
Net Income	<u>23,174.72</u>	<u>14,003.79</u>	<u>9,170.93</u>	<u>65.49%</u>
Total Equity	<u>41,207.57</u>	<u>18,032.85</u>	<u>23,174.72</u>	<u>128.51%</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>41,207.57</u>	<u>27,797.85</u>	<u>13,409.72</u>	<u>48.24%</u>

Income Statement

	<u>Jan - Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 21</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
43400 • Direct Public Support				
43430 • Foundations & Grants	15,800.00	0.00	15,800.00	100.0%
43450 • Individ, Business Contributions	5,553.75	347.50	5,206.25	1,498%
Total 43400 • Direct Public Support	21,353.75	347.50	21,006.25	#####
47200 • Member Income - Dues				
47230 • Professional Membership	14,804.38	10,082.85	4,721.53	46.83%
47235 • Student/Retired Dues	2,275.00	1,515.01	759.99	50.16%
47240 • Institutional Member	7,691.25	6,872.29	818.96	11.92%
Total 47200 • Member Income - Dues	24,770.63	18,470.15	6,300.48	34.11%
Total Income	46,124.38	18,817.65	27,306.73	145.11%
Gross Profit	46,124.38	18,817.65	27,306.73	145.11%
Expense				
60900 • Business Expenses				
60920 • Business Registration Fees	0.00	339.23	-339.23	-100.0%
Total 60900 • Business Expenses	0.00	339.23	-339.23	-100.0%
62100 • Contract Services				
62110 • Administrative Services	3,710.82	1,597.58	2,113.24	132.28%
62120 • Program Services	6,270.52	2,220.45	4,050.07	182.4%
62150 • Web Contract	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	100.0%
Total 62100 • Contract Services	12,981.34	3,818.03	9,163.31	240.0%
65000 • Operations				
65060 • PayPal/Bank Fees	1,193.24	656.60	536.64	81.73%
Total 65000 • Operations	1,193.24	656.60	536.64	81.73%
68300 • Travel and Meetings				
68310 • Conference, Convention, Meeting	8,685.84	0.00	8,685.84	100.0%
68320 • Travel	89.24	0.00	89.24	100.0%
Total 68300 • Travel and Meetings	8,775.08	0.00	8,775.08	100.0%
Total Expense	22,949.66	4,813.86	18,135.80	376.74%
Net Ordinary Income	23,174.72	14,003.79	9,170.93	65.49%
Net Income	23,174.72	14,003.79	9,170.93	65.49%

Activities of the Association

Throughout 2022, 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
 - Expanding and maintaining an affiliated Knowledge Platform on Gender, Natural Resources, and Peace (in collaboration with the UN Joint Programme on Women, Natural Resources and Peace)
 - Building out micro-sites to address specific aspects of environmental peacebuilding, including those related to COVID-19, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), and frontier technologies
- **building capacity and awareness**
 - Delivering a massive open online course (MOOC) on Environmental Security and Sustaining Peace in a self-paced format
 - Delivering the Second International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding (in Geneva, Switzerland) and the Road to Geneva
 - Convening other webinars and other events, including the Al Moumin Award and Distinguished Lecture (mostly remote due to COVID-19)
- **strengthening relationships between scholars, practitioners, and decisionmakers**
 - Fostering new Interest Groups
 - Launching a Membership Directory
 - Developing profiles of members
 - Conducting outreach on social media

These activities are summarized below.

Second International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding

The Second International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding was held virtually from February 1-4, 2022. It was the culmination of two years of consultation, organizing, and funding efforts by the EnPAx Board and members, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), and other partners. Originally, the IHEID was set to host the conference in person in Geneva, Switzerland. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in December 2021, the Conference Organizing Committee and the EnPAx Board decided to transition to a fully virtual February 2022 conference.

The conference concluded the *Road to Geneva*, a series of events which stretched from August 2020 through November 2021. The *Road to Geneva* also incorporated several initiatives headed by EnPAx and partners. The five themes of the conference included climate change, rights and justice, business and markets, building the evidence base, and public health. Speakers brought a range of experience and perspectives to the dialogues, which encompassed a variety of disciplines within the field of environmental peacebuilding.

More than 385 experts, speakers, panelists, activists, and youth activists/students from 66 countries delivered content in the conference. The 76 sessions included panel discussions, roundtables, plenaries, an awards ceremony, breakout rooms, networking opportunities, and workshops. A poster session and art exhibit were also featured on the opening day of the conference. Over 2,100 individuals from 105 known countries attended Zoom sessions over the course of the four days. Registered participants and featured speakers alike reflected on the breadth and immense value of the conference sessions, presentations, dialogues and more. The audience was able to interact with the experts and speakers, as well as with each other, through the Zoom chat feature. Thanks to the diligent work of volunteers from EnPAx and IHEID, the conference succeeded in bringing participants together virtually.

Several Road to Geneva events culminated at the conference, including:

- 1 The EnPAx Young Professionals Interest Group (YPIG) **mentorship initiative for young environmental peacebuilders**. The program paired young professionals in the YPIG with established environmental peacebuilding professionals for one-on-one mentoring. Applications for mentors began April 2021 and mentorships lasted from May 2021 - May 2022.
- 2 With support from the U.S. Institute of Peace, the Environmental Law Institute (ELI), the EnPAx Monitoring & Evaluation Interest Group, and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) developed a **toolkit to improve monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of environmental peacebuilding**. The tool captures how to use monitoring and evaluation processes to report more accurately and fully on what this emerging field manages to accomplish. The draft toolkit was workshopped at the Second Conference and subsequently finalized taking into account feedback received.

- 3 **The White Paper on the Future of Environmental Peacebuilding** advanced a forward-looking, practical agenda for environmental peacebuilding. Published on the first day of the conference, February 1st, 2022, the white paper represented a collaborative effort, led by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform (GPP), together with the PeaceNexus Foundation, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and EnPAX. The process was designed to act as a vehicle through which stakeholders may collaborate and build cross-cutting relationships in order to craft a common vision for the future. It also recognizes the variety of perspectives and backgrounds present in the environment, climate, conservation, conflict, security, and peace fields. The White Paper is a policy-oriented document, developed through a reflective, consultative, multi-stakeholder process. It features a compendium with 50 contributions from more than 150 authors. The paper itself is broken into four major sections on environmental peacebuilding: global context, challenges, opportunities, and an agenda for the future of the field.
- 4 The EnPAX Education Interest Group developed an initiative titled **“Education for Peacebuilding - from Learning to Practice.”** The initiative included a four-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.

Stockholm+50

Road from Geneva

Following on the Second Conference, the *Road from Geneva* looked to Stockholm+50, the international meeting hosted by the UN General Assembly held on June 3 and 4, 2022. Stockholm+50 marked the 50th anniversary of the 1972 Stockholm Conference, which is recognized as the start of the environmental movement. EnPAX organized and hosted an associated event during the international meeting.

Planning for the Third Conference/Road to The Hague

Following on the success of the Second International EnPAX conference, the Leiden Law School in The Netherlands agreed to partner with EnPAX to host the Third International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding in The Hague, Netherlands, from June 19-21, 2024, with a pre-conference day of events on June 18. The conference format is planned to be primarily in person, with select presenters attending virtually. The Leiden Law School plans to host a “Path to The Hague” series of events, similar to the Road to Geneva, to formally launch in January 2023.

Planning for the Fourth Conference (Ottawa, Canada)

The Board also selected Ottawa, Canada as the venue for 4th Conference. The Board decided to select the host for the Fourth Conference in 2022 so the host for the Fourth Conference could participate in the preparation of the Third Conference.

Environment and Security Journal

In 2022, after more than two years of preparation, EnPAX entered into a contract with SAGE to jointly publish the journal *Environment and Security* in partnership with the top-tier publisher SAGE. The journal aims to be a prime forum for academic dialogue around the various intersections of environmental dynamics and security issues (both widely conceived). Via the Practitioner Insight article format, the journal also facilitates exchange between researchers, practitioners, and decisionmakers.

EnPAX membership includes a free subscription to *Environment and Security*. The journal is available via many university libraries globally. Ashok Swain is the inaugural Editor in Chief. Tobias Ide serves as the liaison between EnPAX (as a director) and *Environment and Security* (as an editor). Many other members of EnPAX have stepped up as editors, editorial board members, authors, and reviewers.

Environment and Security brings together disciplinary and interdisciplinary debates as well as practitioner perspectives on the intersections of environmental and security issues. The first issue will launch in September 2023. The homepage (<https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/environment-and-security/journal203773>) launched in 2022, including essential information (like aims and scope or the editorial board) and the submission system.

Aim and Scope

Environment and Security is open to a wide range of topics. We understand the environment to comprise (i) natural resources used by or (potentially) useful to humans, (ii) the ecosystem services sustaining these resources (e.g., nutrient and hydrological cycles), and (iii) the components of the earth system into which these resources and services are embedded (e.g., climate system, biosphere). We understand security in a wide sense, encompassing international security, national security, human security, ontological security, and securitization, among others, including a wide range of referent objects. The journal will address both violent/armed conflicts as well as social conflicts, incorporating concepts of both positive and negative peace. All contributions clearly speak to current theoretical and/or empirical debates about the environment-security nexus.

Relevant topics include, but are not limited to:

- Resource scarcity and environmental change as drivers of conflict
- Climate change, extreme events, and conflict
- Conflict financing through natural resources
- Environmental dimensions of peacekeeping, peacemaking, and peacebuilding
- Environmental conflict resolution and diplomacy
- Cooperative potential of shared environmental interests
- Environmental impacts of armed conflict
- Gender dimensions of environment-security intersections
- Role of the environment for economic development and human security
- Environmental justice, human security, and social conflicts
- Disasters, disaster risk reduction, peace and conflict
- Political ecologies of extraction and resource grabbing
- Environmental and climate-related migration
- Violence against environmental activists
- Environmental security discourses and securitization of the environment

Environment and Security is committed to theoretical and methodological diversity. It welcomes contributions from a wide range of disciplines like anthropology, environmental studies, economics, geography, law, political science, and sociology. The journal also seeks to enrich interdisciplinary fields like peace and conflict studies, development research, and gender studies, among others. It is open to quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-method research designs. We are open to studies using established as well as innovative methods and data sources.

Following are the editors and the members of the Editorial Board of *Environment and Security* as of 12 June 2022:

Editor-in-chief:

- Ashok Swain (Uppsala University, Sweden)

Associate editors:

- Carl Bruch (Environmental Law Institute, USA)
- Tobias Ide (Murdoch University, Australia)
- Päivi Lujala (University of Oulu, Finland)
- Richard Matthew (University of California, Irvine, USA)
- Erika Weinthal (Duke University, USA)

Editorial Board Members

In 2022, confirmed members of the editorial board were:

- Saleem Ali (University of Delaware, USA)
- Kaderi Noagah Bukari (University of Cape Coast, Ghana)
- Joshua W. Busby (University of Texas at Austin, USA)
- Geoffrey D. Dabelko (Ohio University, USA)
- Marwa Daoudy (Georgetown University, USA/Syria)

- Rosaleen Duffy (University of Sheffield, UK)
- Itay Fischhendler (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)
- Cullen Hendrix (University of Denver, USA)
- Mirza Huda (OECD Academy, Kyrgyzstan)
- Vally Koubi (ETH Zurich, Switzerland/Greece)
- Philippe Le Billon (University of British Columbia, Canada)
- Harry F. Lee (Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- Sethulego Matebesi (University of Free State, South Africa)
- Dahlia Simangan (Hiroshima University, Japan/Indonesia)
- Diana Vela Almeida (NTNU, Norway/Ecuador)
- Irene Velez-Torres (Universidad del Valle, Colombia)
- Wang Zhijian (Hopkins-Nanjing Center, China)
- Neda A. Zawahri (Cleveland State University, USA)

Planning for the AI Moumin Award 2023

In the fall of 2002, the Association issued a call for nominations for the AI Moumin Award. The Awards committee agreed to offer the AI Moumin Award and Lecture in non-conference years. The next lecture (i.e., 8th) will be in 2023.

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.

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.

Interest Groups

To strengthen relationships between scholars, practitioners, decisionmakers, and students—and to help foster knowledge development and exchange and build capacity and awareness—EnPAX has developed a number of Interest Groups. In 2022, the ten Interest Groups hosted many events and worked on collaborative IG projects. The IG Chairs and administrative team met quarterly to touch base about ongoing projects and the road leading to the third International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding (planned for June 2024).

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 Africa IG has been focusing on their mentorship program, in addition to a collaborative project with the Education IG on environmental peacebuilding educational programs in Africa. The Chair of the Interest Group is Octavio Goio.

Digital and Technological Applications (DATA)

Since its formation in the first EnPAX conference in 2019, the Digital and Technological Applications (DATA) interest group leadership decided to focus their efforts and energies on publishing a joint UNEP and EnPAX horizon scanning report on frontier digital technologies aimed at understanding and resolving environmental security challenges. Between 2019 and 2022, the DATA interest group met with varying frequency (weekly to monthly and quarterly meetings depending upon the development phase of this report). 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. The Chairs of the Interest Group are Charles Kelly and Kristin Weis.

Education

The objective of the Education Interest Group (EIG), 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 2022, this Interest Group focused on considering and planning an Oral History Project which was proposed by the President of EnPAX. The EIG held many meetings and generated a concept paper to document the intellectual journey of key thought leaders and the courageous efforts of front-line workers in Environmental Peacebuilding. The media the EIG considered included podcast, video or both with hardcopy reference. The EIG crowd-sourced ideas for thought leaders and frontline workers who should be priority interviewees, and the EIG welcomed members to offer to be part of teams to conduct interviews.

The Co-Chairs of the Interest Group are Nikola M. Zivovli and Nancy Boyer. Both co-chairs participated in the EnPAX activities at the Stockholm+50 conference which led to further ideas for creating great resources for teaching and learning for the frontiers of environmental

peacebuilding. The EIG also continued to consider other core projects, namely to expand on the EnPAx databases of educational programs, curricula, syllabi, and funding sources for graduate and undergraduate study. The EIG also was asked to help identify professors in the various fields of environmental peacebuilding who welcomed graduate or post-graduate students.

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.

On Wednesday, October 12, 2022, the IG launched the “Extended Dialogue on Framing Forests, Livelihoods and Peace” webinar, which included four panelists from three different continents and a variety of organizations represented. All participants were invited to take an active part in the discussion with the aim to offer a wide audience a platform to exchange experiences, ask questions, discuss problems, celebrate successes and ultimately create a robust, knowledge-sharing network. The Chair of the Interest Group is Bernd Unger.

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. The Gender IG is currently working on a research project involving the intersection of gender, conflict and security using case studies from five countries. The Chair of the Gender IG is 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. In 2002, IG planned to organize a series of webinars around the legal framework pertaining to the ILC principles as well as ecocide. The Chair of the Law Interest Group is Stavros Pantazopoulos.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) 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. During 2022, the M&E IG focused on the project funded by the U.S. Institute for Peace on improving approaches to M&E of environmental peacebuilding. The Chairs of the Interest Group are Amanda Woomer and Juha Uitto.

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 of the Interest Group is Lena Salame.

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 creates 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. During 2022, the group collaborated on an interactive map where members add themselves and their nearest city to encourage personal collaboration, a colloquium to give members a platform to speak about their work, and a writing group in which members meet once a week and work collectively on (group or individual) writing projects. The IG also planned a panel with other organizations at the COP 27 children and youth pavilion and is now planning for the reestablishment of their mentorship initiative in 2023. The Chairs of the Interest Group are Else Baron and Mirali Shukla.

Member 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. The profiles are included in the Environmental Peacebuilding Update and posted at <https://www.environmentalpeacebuilding.org/news/profiles/>.

Annex 1. List of EnPAX-Sponsored Events in 2022

Event and Location	Date
Prosecuting Ecocide: Can we Fill the Accountability Gap for Environmental Harm? online The virtual Roundtable was hosted by the ActInCourts Network (University of British Columbia), the Toxic Crimes Project (Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights, University of Helsinki), and the Law Interest Group of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association.	19 January 2022
Second International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding online EnPAX and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID)	1– 4 February 2022
Environmental Impacts of Ukraine Invasion online Environmental Law Institute, Environmental Peacebuilding Association, and the Conflict and Environment Observatory	20 April 2022
Healthy Forests and Sustainable Livelihoods: Case Studies from the Environmental Peacebuilding Association online and Coex, Seoul, South Korea Environmental Peacebuilding Association, Gum Arabic Institute of Poverty Alleviation, Sarangani Energy Cooperation / Alsons Power Group, Talent Upgrade Global Concept Projects, and AHT GROUP	4 May 2022
Conducting M&E in the COVID-19 Pandemic (M& Peer Learning Workshop #5) online Environmental Law Institute and EnPAX Monitoring & Evaluation Interest Group	11 May 2022
Stockholm+50 Symposium on the Law for Security and Sustainable Development Stockholm, Sweden and online Stockholm Environmental Law and Policy Centre, Stockholm University, Lund University, Environmental Law Institute, and Environmental Peacebuilding Association	30 May 2022
Geneva Peace Week 2022 Geneva, Switzerland and online Geneva Peacebuilding Platform	31 Oct 2022 – 4 Nov 2022
Interactive Dialogue: Welcoming a New Legal Framework on Armed Conflict and the Environment New York, NY Conflict and Environment Observatory, Environmental Peacebuilding Association, IUCN-WCEL Specialist Group on Environmental Security and Conflict Law, University of Essex, and University of Helsinki	25 October 2022

EnPAx at COP27 Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt Environmental Peacebuilding Association's Young Professionals Interest Group The Young Professionals Interest Group (YPIG) of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association (EnPAx) participated at the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP27) of the UN Conference on Climate Change.	November 2022
Forestry, Livelihoods, and Peace: Webinar Launch of “Extended Dialogue and Peer Learning Workshop Series” Pt 2, online Environmental Peacebuilding Association's Forest Interest Group	9 November 2022

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