



Stakeholders' Workshop

Climate Change, Peace, and Security Nexus: Integrating Conflict Analysis in Local Adaptation Plans

Ngong Hills Hotel, Nairobi; 6 September 2023

Background

The challenges posed by climate-related security risks are currently heightening the complexities of conflict prevention and resolution in the African region. These risks, despite their intricate and interconnected nature, are predicted to exacerbate existing vulnerabilities in human security, potentially leading to violent conflicts in critical areas. Consequently, the trend of involuntary migration and displacement in Africa is likely to persist well into the foreseeable future.

It is imperative to promptly adopt more transformative strategies to enhance adaptive capacity, foster resilience, and mitigate vulnerabilities to climate change. These approaches should not only prioritize justice and equity but should also align with nationally and locally defined development priorities (as outlined in Decision 18/CP.27). This emphasizes the importance of both National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and their sub-national counterparts as strategic tools to bolster community and ecosystem adaptive capacity, reinforce resilience, and reduce susceptibilities to climate change impacts in these sensitive areas. A key aspect of achieving this involves incorporating conflict analyses into adaptation plans.

The concept of climate security is relatively new and notably absent from Kenya's previous National Climate Change Adaptation Plans (NCCAP 1&2). However, there appears to be a shift in this regard, as ongoing efforts are being directed towards integrating Climate Security considerations into the upcoming NCCAP-3. Meanwhile, Kenya's county governments have been engaged in formulating their own climate action plans subsequent to participatory climate risk assessments conducted under the FLOCCA program. Nevertheless, it remains uncertain to what extent the decentralized units, particularly those located in regions prone to insecurity, have integrated peacebuilding and conflict analyses into their local climate action plans.

PACJA's Africa Climate Security Initiative (ClimSec-Africa) and its KPCG partners, with support from the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) are convening a national workshop to advance conversations on the theme.

Objective/Strategy

Recent evaluations have analyzed novel adaptation measures for climate security at the community level within the Horn of Africa region. Many of these approaches, if taken up and expanded in relevant areas, have the potential to significantly enhance the resilience of communities. This event will concentrate on counties situated in regions susceptible to climate-related insecurity, both within their borders and at shared points with neighboring Horn of Africa countries. Its primary objective is to illuminate the techniques and plans for amplifying the implementation of successful resilience-building practices found in Community Climate Action Plans (CCAPs) within these critical zones.

Specifically, the event aims to achieve the following:

- a) Gain insights into the reasons behind integrating climate security considerations into local climate action plans, identify obstacles to the widespread adoption of feasible community climate security innovations,
- b) Assess the current enabling environment for the effective integration and execution of the proposed measures, acknowledging the interconnectedness of regions across counties and borders, and
- c) Propose strategies and approaches for the effective integration of peacebuilding and conflict management interventions into County CCAPs, taking into account factors such as cross-border and inter-county relationships and realities.

Proposed Agenda

Time	Activity	Facilitator
Moderator: Dr. Evans Kituyi Rapporteur: Joanne Nelima		
8:30am – 9:00am	Arrival & Registration	FES Kenya
9:00am – 9:30am	Welcome & Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PACJA (ClimSec-Africa/KPCG)• Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Kenya• Representative from CoG	
9:30am – 9:45am	Integrating Peacebuilding and Conflict Management in National and County Climate Action Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background, relevance, and importance (<i>Keynote presentation</i>)	Dr. Evans Kituyi
9:45am – 10:30am	Panel Discussion <p>Integrating conflict and peacebuilding in NAPs: What we are learning from international experiences. Dr Karen Meijer, Senior Researcher, SIPRI</p> <p>Integrating Climate Security in Kenya's NCCAP-3 Dr Benson Kenduiwo, Senior Research Fellow, AfB-CIAT</p> <p>Cross-border concerns for County peacebuilding and conflict management: How to treat these Dr Kemoli Sagala, MoFA, Kenya</p>	Dr. Elvin Nyukuri

	<p>What innovations for peacebuilding and conflict management in the Horn of Africa? Stephen Kirimi, Life & Peace Institute Q&A</p>	
10:30am – 11:00am	Tea/Coffee Break	
11.00am – 1:00pm	<p>Roundtable discussions Where are the barriers to the effective mainstreaming of climate security interventions in the CCAPs? What are the root causes?</p> <p>NDMA Representative—Discussant Plenary feedback</p>	Moderator
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Lunch Break	
2:00pm – 4:00pm	<p>World Café Roundtables Enabling environment for integrating and implementing climate-sensitive peacebuilding and conflict management innovations (. (a.) Data needs/requirements (b.) Institutional capacities (c.) Governance/finance (d.) Inter-County/Cross-border considerations Plenary Feedback and validation</p>	Moderator
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Closing remarks	Victor Orindi
4:30pm	End of Workshop	