

Climate Change and Security:

Unprecedented impacts, unpredictable risks

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Draft Agenda

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09:00-09:30 Registration and welcome coffee

09:30 - 09:45 Opening and Welcome

- **Ambassador Lamberto Zannier**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Ambassador Vuk Žugić**, Chairperson of the Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Serbia to the OSCE, 2015 OSCE Serbian Chairmanship

09:45 - 11:15 Session 1: Security implications of climate change

The security threats of climate change – such as challenges related to access to food, water, and energy, population displacement, social and political instability – are complex, interconnected and beyond the capacity of individual countries to address them single-handedly. Today, the security implications of climate change are increasingly acknowledged by both academic analysts and policymakers as “threat multipliers,” exacerbating existing threats to security, and many governments now consider climate change as a security threat, including it in their national security policy. However, this awareness is only beginning to be translated into a thorough analysis of anticipated impacts, how to respond to them, and how to integrate responses into the strategic planning of national security and defense agencies. In this session, various stakeholders will discuss the security implications of climate change and suggest ways to increase understanding and awareness of this challenge and of the need for regional and international co-operation to tackle these risks.

Moderator: **Mr. Francesco Femia**, Co-Founder and Director, Center for Climate and Security

Panelists:

- **Ambassador Philippe Lacoste**, Deputy Special Representative of the French Minister of Foreign Affairs for the 2015 Paris Climate Conference
- **Ms. Maia Bitadze**, Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection, Georgia
- **Ms. Dinara Kemelova**, First Deputy Foreign Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic
- **Dr. W. Chris King**, Dean of Academics, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College
- **Ms. Jen Maman**, Senior Peace Advisor, Greenpeace International

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:00 Special Address by H.E. Andrä Rupprechter, Federal Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria
moderated by Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yiğitgüden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

12:00 -13:30 Session 2: Climate diplomacy: an avenue for confidence-building and conflict prevention

Effectively addressing climate change requires co-operation across borders. Such co-operation can bring great benefits not only by improving resilience, but also by strengthening broader political relations and promoting peace. Climate diplomacy and joint adaptation and mitigation policies can be catalysts for co-operation, conflict prevention and confidence building. For example, co-ordinated management of water and other natural resources in adapting to climate change and the development and promotion of co-operative frameworks can alleviate potential disputes and foster broad co-operation. This session will focus on the benefits deriving from integrating security considerations into climate change adaptation and mitigation policies, highlighting good practices in the OSCE region.

Moderator: **Ms. Suzanne Goldenberg**, Environment Correspondent, The Guardian

Panelists:

- **Mr. Lukas Rüttinger**, Senior Project Manager, adelphi
- **Ms. Ganna Vronska**, Deputy Minister on EU Integration, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ukraine
- **Ambassador Thierry Béchet**, Permanent Representative of the European Union to the OSCE
- **Ms. Desiree Schweitzer**, Deputy Co-ordinator, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

13:30 – 15:00 Buffet lunch

15:00-16:00 A conversation with Prof. Jeffrey D. Sachs, Special Advisor to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the Millennium Development Goals
moderated by Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General

16:00 -16:15 Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:45 Session 3: Mobilizing joint action for climate change and security

Preserving peace and stability in the face of imminent risks posed by climate change requires urgent, targeted and joint action. The 2015 global processes, including COP21, provide a unique opportunity to jointly mobilize action on climate change at regional and international level, to strengthen countries' resilience and to contribute to maintaining peace and stability. Based on its comprehensive security mandate and on various political commitments in the economic and environmental dimension, the OSCE is engaged in addressing the security impacts of climate change, reinforcing the efforts of other organizations and actors. The priorities for further OSCE involvement in this field and its contribution to global efforts need to be specified and co-ordinated. This session will generate ideas and recommendations for co-operation and for conflict prevention and confidence-building steps that can help minimize the security risks of climate change, particularly in the light of the outcomes of the 2015 global processes. It will also discuss the options for financing climate change and security actions.

Moderator: **Ambassador Lamberto Zannier**, OSCE Secretary General

Panelists:

- **Mr. Goran Svilanović**, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council
- **Ms. Teresa Ribeiro**, Deputy Secretary General for Energy, Union for the Mediterranean
- **Mr. Halldór Thorgeirsson**, Director for Strategy, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
- **Ambassador Thomas H. Meister**, Head of Division, Climate and Environmental Foreign Policy, Sustainable Economy, the German Federal Foreign Office

17:45 -18:00 Concluding remarks

- **Ambassador Lamberto Zannier**, OSCE Secretary General