



Building Resilience through scaling up climate action in fragile and conflict-affected settings

Climate, Relief, Recovery and Peace Declaration: the post-COP28 agenda

Sunday, December 3rd, 2023, 15:30 – 17:00 | Lab 2 Al Jeer

Background

At Relief, Recovery and Peace Day on December 3rd, a Declaration on Climate, Relief, Recovery and Peace will be launched by the UAE. Several states, international financial institutions, development, humanitarian, and civil society actors are expected to endorse this declaration which calls for building resilience through accelerated climate action, supported by fit-for-purpose finance, in countries affected by fragility and conflict. Countries affected by these compounding risks continue to encounter barriers to accessing and utilizing finance and implementing climate action despite clear vulnerability to the impacts of climate change.

The declaration draws needed political attention to these challenges. It will require concrete commitments in order to surmount them and see progress. This event, led by group of Seven Plus (g7+), an inter-governmental organization of conflict-affected countries, and bringing together states and other key stakeholders, will both take stock of the declaration and aim to identify some avenues for next steps to ensure the momentum generated by the declaration continues, and leads to tangible progress.

Objectives:

- To share the perspective of conflict affected countries on building resilience through climate actions
- To identify how best to scale up climate actions in light of the declaration

Format: Panel discussions featuring representatives of countries affected by conflict and fragility.

Event host: g7+ Secretariat

Panel moderators: Dr. Catherine-Lune Grayson, Head of Policy, International Committee of the Red Cross and Dr. Arame Tall, Senior Adaptation and Resilience Specialist, World Bank Group.

Participants: Ministerial representatives from states affected by conflict and fragility and donor states, senior representatives of international financial institutions, development and humanitarian organizations

Run of show:

- **15:30 – 15:45: Opening Remarks** (High-level representatives from the UAE and invited HoS/HoG)
- **15:45-16:15: Panel One: Reflections on the declaration, obstacles it addresses, and progress so far** (Moderated by Dr. Catherine-Lune Grayson; panelists: 2 FCAS, 1 donor state, UNHCR)



- What are the declaration's key features that you look forward to seeing implemented through accelerated action on the ground?
- What are the main barriers that will need to be addressed to move forward?
- **16:15-16:45: Panel Two: Emerging practice to support accelerated climate action**
(Moderated by Dr. Arame Tall; panelists: 2/3 FCAS, IsDB)
 - What have been effective ways to accelerate climate adaptation and resilience and address compound risks in conflict-affected and fragile countries?
 - What can we learn from current responses in places affected by conflict and fragility?
- **16:45 – 17:00: Closing Remarks** (g7+ Secretariat, High-level representative from invited states)