



## Climate Responses for Sustaining Peace (CRSP) COP27 Presidency Initiative

The confluence of conflict, climate change, natural disasters, and environmental degradation is a growing and pressing challenge, further exacerbating existing fragilities across the globe. The risks associated with climate change range from water and food insecurity, competition over scarce and diminishing natural resources to livelihood loss as well as climate-induced displacement.

While Africa is contributing the least to the climate crisis - with merely 4 percent of global carbon emissions, it is the most vulnerable to its devastating impacts, including droughts, floods, cyclones, rainfall variability and sea-level rise. These interrelated and cascading risks can have far-reaching implications on peace, security and development across the continent.

This is further aggravated by the continent's limited adaptive capacity and high exposure to climate impacts and other concurrent crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic and its socio-economic implications and the reverberations of global geopolitical tensions, as well as the ongoing food and energy crises.

At the same time, efforts remain fragmented and siloed as significant gaps persist between the global, regional and national endeavors to tackle the impacts of climate change and those to advance sustainable peace, particularly in fragile and conflict affected settings. In this regard, the 6th IPCC Report on Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability emphasized the urgency of building synergies between climate adaptation and peacebuilding to holistically address climate-related vulnerabilities as well as fragility and conflict risks.

### Objective

Against this background, an initiative titled: "Climate Responses for Sustaining Peace (CRSP)" was launched by COP 27 Presidency with the aim of ensuring that integrated climate responses contribute to sustainable peace and development in line with national ownership and context specificity.

The initiative aims to contribute to the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: the Africa We Want, as well as to the implementation of the Africa's Silencing the Guns initiative, and the African Climate Change and Resilient Development Strategy and Action Plan (2022-2032).

## Pillars

- Strengthening the Climate Adaptation and Peacebuilding Nexus
- Sustaining Peace through Climate- Resilient Food Systems
- Advancing Durable Solutions to the Climate- Displacement Nexus
- Accelerating Climate Finance for Sustaining Peace

## Points of Action

The initiative will be implemented through a wide range of activities on the policy, knowledge and operational fronts under each pillar, including:

- Building synergies across the climate, displacement, food and peacebuilding communities and connecting them through policy dialogues, network building and dedicated tools (such as guidebooks and strategies).
- Closing knowledge gaps through policy-oriented research, case studies; and the establishment of research-practice networks.
- Accelerating tailored climate finance through concrete measures to meet the needs of peacebuilding contexts;
- Strengthening African capacities - on the local, national and regional levels through targeted capacity-building.

Across all action points, particular attention will be paid to integrating the needs of women, youth and communities in vulnerable situations.

## Partnerships

The initiative will be implemented through activities on the policy, knowledge and operational fronts to strengthen resilience and address existing gaps in collaboration with a broad range of partners and stakeholders.

The initiative is being developed by the Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCPA) in its capacity as the Secretariat of the Aswan Forum for Sustainable Peace and Development -which addressed the climate, peace and development nexus during its 3rd edition held in June 2022- on behalf of the COP27 Presidency and with the support of the African Union Commission (AUC) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

## CRSP at COP27

The initiative was launched at COP27 on 12 November 2022, during Adaptation Day. The launch ceremony was kicked off by the COP27 President, and brought together ministers from African countries, ministers from development partners as well as high level officials from international and regional organizations, financial institutions and climate youth activists.

CRSP marks the first time ever that a COP presidency tables an initiative that tackles the interface between climate and peace.

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