



International Conference
“Enhancing Climate Diplomacy in a Changing Political Environment”
New Opportunities for Cooperation among International Organisations
on Climatic Threats to International, National, Human and Environmental Security
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Statements & Presentations

Session 1: Opening of the Conference

Introduction by Moderator: Mr Alexander Verbeek, Founder, Institute for Planetary Security / Associate, Stockholm Environment Institute / Former Strategic Policy Advisor, Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

Welcome by Mr Viwanou Gnassounou, Assistant Secretary General - Sustainable Economic Development and Trade, African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States



[Opening Remarks by Mr Jörgen Talkop](#), Counsellor for Environmental Affairs, Permanent Representation of Estonia to the EU



[Presentation by Ms Elina Bardram](#), Head of Unit, International and Inter-Institutional Relations, DG Climate Action, European Commission / Chief EU Negotiator, COP23



[Presentation by Mr Andrew Light](#), Distinguished Senior Fellow, Global Climate Program, World Resources Institute - WRI / Former Senior Adviser and India Counselor to the U.S. Special Envoy on Climate Change

Session 2: Assessing the Risks of Climate Change and Promoting Regional Cooperation for Peace in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific

Introduction by Moderator: Mr Wouter Veening, President, Institute for Environmental Security – IES

Statement on Africa by H.E. Johnson Weru, Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya to the EU / Chair, Sub-Committee for Sustainable Development, African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States -ACP



[Presentation on the Caribbean by Ms. Sharlene Shillingford- Mcklmon](#), Chargé d' Affaires, Embassies of the Eastern Caribbean States and Missions to the European Union

Presentation on the Pacific by Admiral Chris Barrie, AC, RAN (ret), Honorary Professor, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Coral Bell School of Asia-Pacific Affairs, Australian National University / Former Chief of the Defence Force (CDF), Australia

Session 3: Presentations of Featured International Initiatives

Introduction by Moderator: Ms Esra Buttanri, Head of Environmental Co-operation Unit, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe - OSCE



[Presentation on EU-UN Environment Action on Climate Security by Dr Asif Ali Zaidi](#), Senior Advisor, Post Conflict and Disaster Management Branch, UN Environment



[Presentation on the 3rd Planetary Security Initiative Conference: From Analysis to Action by Ms Carola van Rijnsoever](#), Director Inclusive Green Growth, Ambassador for Sustainable Development, Ambassador for the Arctic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands / Former Representative of the Netherlands to the EU Political and Security Committee -PSC



[Presentation previewing 'Resource Watch' by Ms Kitty van der Heijden](#), Director, Europe and Africa, World Resources Institute – WRI

Session 4: Enhancing the Role of International Organisations in Climate Diplomacy

Introduction by Moderator: Mr Alexander Verbeek, Founder, Institute for Planetary Security / Associate, Stockholm Environment Institute / Former Strategic Policy Advisor, Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands



[Presentation by Dr Niklas Bremberg](#), Research Fellow, Swedish Institute of International Affairs

Statement by Mr Ernst Peter Fischer, Deputy Director-General for Globalisation, Energy and Climate Policy, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Statement by Mr Jo Leinen, Member of the European Parliament, Germany / Member, GLOBE EU

Statement by Ms Kitty van der Heijden, Director, Europe and Africa, World Resources Institute – WRI

Session 5: Enhancing the Role of the Security Community in Climate Diplomacy

Introduction by Moderator: Mr Alexander Verbeek, Founder, Institute for Planetary Security / Associate, Stockholm Environment Institute / Former Strategic Policy Advisor, Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

Statement by Lieutenant General Tariq Waseem Ghazi (Ret), Former Defense Secretary, Government of Pakistan / Member, Global Military Advisory Council on Climate Change - GMACCC

Statement by Mr Marc Giacomini, Director, Deputy Managing Director Human Rights, Global and Multilateral Issues, European External Action Service – EEAS

Statement by Mr Jamie Shea, Deputy Assistant Secretary General, Emerging Security Challenges, NATO

Statement by Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe - OSCE

Session 6: Closing of the Conference

Conclusions and Closing Remarks by Mr Alexander Verbeek, Founder, Institute for Planetary Security / Associate, Stockholm Environment Institute / Former Strategic Policy Advisor, Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

Follow-up by the Brussels Dialogue on Climate Diplomacy by Mr Ronald A. Kingham, Director, Environment & Development Resource Centre - EDRC / Programme Coordinator, Institute for Planetary Security / Senior Advisor and Brussels Liaison, Institute for Environmental Security - IES