

# ***Climate and Security: Emerging Trends and Adaptation Strategies***

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- Climate change acts as a threat multiplier with serious implication for peace and security across the globe.
- Over the last decade, insecurities induced by climate change have been part of shaping our understanding of climate change as an urgent global issue with real impacts beyond the realm of ecological degradation.
- Climate security has also cast a wider light on the causes and implications of challenges of particularly vulnerable countries, connecting climate with discussions about regional stability, state fragility, and forced displacement.
- Direct security impacts may include diminished access to fresh water, local food supply and coastal infrastructure damage.
- Climate Change presents special challenges to environmental and human security in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America and the Pacific.
- Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Islands States (SIDS) are especially vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. For atoll island nations, climate-related sea level rise is an existential threat.
- LDCs and SIDS should promote and exploit opportunities for regional collaboration to better manage mitigation, adaptation and response to climate change, and to develop and disseminate better knowledge in support of those activities;

### ***Introduction***



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### ***Climate and Security: An integral part of the EU's External Relations***



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### ***Climate change, Peace- building and Sustaining Peace***



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### ***Climate Change and Security in South Asia: Cooperation for Peace***



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### ***SIDS: Climate-Security Risks and Opportunities***



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