



## Improved Paths towards Environmental Peacebuilding

Inclusive principles of peace, negotiation and mediation, adapted to climate security issues – a grassroots approach

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Proposed date and location: online incubation phase followed by an in-person Impact Lab in Slovenia in October 2022 (TBC)

This project calls on traditional diplomats, experts, practitioners and civil society representatives to jointly analyse and address different types of conflicts that are linked to or induced by climate change. Instead of focusing (only) on the scientific or academic level, this Lab will follow a more practical approach to addressing these conflicts effectively by concentrating on prevention. The recent emergence of [A White Paper on the Future of Environmental Peacebuilding](#) and the [2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding](#) initiated by the [Environmental Peacebuilding Association \(EnPax\)](#), a network of researchers, practitioners, and decision makers dedicated to natural resource management in conflict-affected settings, reaffirms the need to further explore the interdisciplinary field of climate security. Therefore, this Lab will examine new pathways to integrate **peacebuilding and climate security from the perspective of interdisciplinary engagement, public diplomacy, civil society participation and proactive grassroots efforts.**

By focusing on the latest environmental peacebuilding discussion, GDL members will engage in a co-creation process. Together with external interlocutors they will work towards two key objectives: first, to identify and propel dynamic modes of collaboration between the scientific, policy making and advocacy spheres; and second, to map and adapt strategies, concepts and tools linked to peacebuilding/peace and conflict resolution, taking into account the specifics of climate change (adaptation and mitigation) and security.

Based on the idea of collective impact methodology, the Lab will focus on a) the delineation of the issue(s), b) the listing of objectives for this community of practice, c) the mapping of stakeholders, d) the concurrent unfolding of a work agenda, and e) the initiation of a supporting platform for exchange, co-creation and implementation. As such, there will be two simultaneous streams: the launching of a platform integrated into the GDL homepage (TBC) and a sequence of physical/online events. It will aim to ensure proactive and responsible engagement by all participants and to enhance and diversify participation by following a hybrid and regionalised approach.

In addition, a short guiding policy paper is to be produced with an agenda, mapping and recommendations to ensure the sustainability of this engagement.