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Background

The climate crisis affects African countries both directly and indirectly, including through intensifying existing political, security, socio-economic and development challenges that especially affect vulnerable communities across the continent. Numerous risk analysis tools, early warning systems and resilience strategies are being implemented on the ground in Africa at the regional, sub-regional, national and even municipal levels. However, these initiatives are not adequately represented in either a regional or the global climate security discourse, limiting the opportunities for the climate security community to learn from and where relevant and replicate existing good practice from the African context. To ensure the conversation is *truly* global, in 2023, the Kenyan Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, German Federal Foreign Office and adelphi are organising the first ever African edition of BCSC in Nairobi, Kenya.

In the lead up to the Africa Climate Summit and continuing the momentum of Africa's common position and integration into international fora like COP28, BCSC-Nairobi will focus on sharing best practice examples from Africa, progress in multilateral engagement on climate security, and strengthening synergies between multilateral initiatives like Climate for Peace (C4P) and Climate Responses for Sustaining Peace (CRSP) to ensure climate, peace and security risks to Africa are a top priority on international agendas going into COP28.

Programme

Morning

Welcome and opening remarks

Taking stock of progress: Climate action and security in Africa (spotlight conversation)

Keynote conversation: Priorities for addressing climate security in Africa

Afternoon

Overcoming obstacles and strengthening synergies

- Risk analysis tools and early warning systems
- Sustainable finance and access to funds
- Food security and food systems

Africa's green future: The geopolitics of the energy transition

Coffee break

De-risking resilience: Best practices and lessons learnt to build sustainable peace (empty chair format)

- Humanitarian support and food assistance
- Peace and security coordination mechanisms
- Disaster risk reduction, governance and human mobility
- Environmental peacebuilding

Coffee break

Towards a common position on climate security for Africa: Principles and priorities for the Africa: Principles and priorities for the African Climate Action Summit and COP28

- Local
- Regional
- African Union
- COP28 and multilateral initiatives

Lunch break

Concluding remarks

Cocktail and dinner