

Vienna Dialogue on Climate and Security

Programme, Wednesday 20 October 2021, at Ballsaal, Grand Hotel

08.30 **Welcome coffee**

09.00 **Welcoming remarks**

Claudia Crawford, Head, Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation Multilateral Dialogue, Vienna

Helga Maria Schmid, Secretary General, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

09.15 **Keynote speech**

Professor Johann Georg Goldammer, Senior scientist at the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry and Head of the Global Fire Monitoring Center

Topic: Wildfire Crises, Environmental and Human Security: Towards creating fire-resilient landscapes and societies?

09.30 **Panel 1: Climate change as a driver for innovation**

Climate change can be a chance to change societal and industrial behavior. The development of coping mechanisms will mitigate the risks inherent to this environmental situation. Identified economic efficiencies, supported by research findings, will help achieving a careful approach to a sustainable use of natural resources.

Every crisis provides an opportunity to re-think established procedures, structures and modalities. Since the climate crisis is a border-crossing phenomenon, it is also likely to be more sustainable when identifying these opportunities internationally. How can research findings support this endeavor? Which lessons can be learnt from the private sector? What are the limits of individual states to cope with the crisis and where is (more) cooperation needed? Are epidemic situations becoming the new normal?

Speakers:

Ambassador Gesa Bräutigam, Head of the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the OSCE

Leyla Daskin, Researcher, Security Policy Analyst, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management/ National Defence Academy Austria

Dr. Barbora Sedova, Co-Leader, FutureLab – Security, Ethnic Conflicts and Migration, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)

Malte Duis, Regional Security Manager Europe, CIS and Sub-Saharan Africa, Shell

Moderator:

Dr. Nadejda Komendantova, Research Group Leader/Senior Research Scholar
Cooperation and Transformative Governance Research Group - Advancing Systems
Analysis Program at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 **Panel 2: How can science support political action?**

Research findings are the basis for rational action. With political and economical interests often being strong partners, both require international security and stability. Boosting co-operation between all three – private sector, governments and research institutions – can result in cross-effects that contribute to international security.

Several states and international organizations have been working on the prevention of climate change. Which experienced have they made in dealing with climate-induced conflicts and catastrophes, and the prevention of the same? What are realistically the immediate and long-term effects of changing weather conditions on peaceful coexistence? Which coping mechanisms can be developed that address both, the individual security of each citizen and the political and economic interest of states? And in which areas is more research needed to come up with evidence-based conclusions?

Speakers:

Christoph Bierwirth and **Sophie Hofbauer**, UNHCR Liaison Office to the OSCE and Vienna-based UN Agencies

Barbara Busch, Advocacy Advisor Operations and International Cooperation at the Austrian Red Cross Headquarters

Dr. Shira Efron, Visiting Research Fellow, Institute for National Security Studies, Israel

Moderator:

Dr. Dirk Buschle, Deputy Director, Energy Community Secretariat, Vienna

13.00 Lunch

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