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Preventing and Managing Climate Change-related insecurity: Lessons from the Lake Chad region

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**African Union Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations
305 East 47th Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10017**

Aims & Objective

The lives and livelihoods of local communities in the borderlands of the Lake Chad region are disrupted by both climate change and conflict, which are mutually reinforcing. Conflict undermines social cohesion and public trust and degrade the ability of communities to adapt to the effects of climate change. At the same time, climate change adds additional stress on food, land and water security that reinforce the political and socioeconomic conditions that drive the armed conflict.

Through a [Regional Strategy for Stabilisation, Resilience and Recovery](#), Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria and Chad, alongside multilateral organisations made a concerted holistic effort to respond to the Boko Haram related insurgency in the region. The strategy represents an innovative example of peacebuilding partnership that involves stakeholders from the local to global level - including civil society, traditional leaders, local authorities, state governors, national governments, regional organisations and international organisations and partners – joining efforts across the humanitarian-development and peace nexus to generate impact on stabilisation, resilience and recovery,

Anchored in [recent research](#) led by NUI and supported by through the Cross-border Evidence Policy and Trends Programme ([XCEPT](#)) this UN Peacebuilding Week event will explore how these efforts and partnerships have contributed to prevent and manage climate change related insecurity in the region.

The roundtable discussion will bring together peacebuilding and climate, peace and security focal points and experts from permanent missions to the UN, UN staff dealing with peacebuilding and climate, peace and security, as well as the research, think tank and Civil Society community. Together they will consider what lessons can be drawn

from the Lake Chad experience for efforts to prevent and manage climate change related insecurity elsewhere.

Agenda

1. Welcome remarks by H.E. Mr. Salem Matug, Chargé d’Affaires Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations in New York
2. Opening remarks by H.E. Helen King, UK Ambassador to the Economic, and Social Council
3. Facilitated discussion moderated by Alexandra Fong, Chief for Policy and Guidance, Policy and Mediation Division, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, United Nations:
 - Dr. Cedric de Coning, Research Professor, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) and Principal Investigator for the XCEPT research project on the Lake Chad Region
 - Dr. Philip Attuquayefio, African Union Advisor, Climate, Peace and Security
 - Ms. Manre Chirtau, Programme and Localisation Advisor, Regional Strategy for Stabilisation, Recovery and Resilience (RS-SRR), Lake Chad Basin Commission
 - Catherine Wong, Team Leader, Climate and Security Risk, UNDP
 - Dr. Elvis Paul Tangem, UNDP Climate Security Adviser to the Lake Chad Basin Commission
4. Q&A
5. Closing remarks by a representative from the Permanent Mission of Nigeria