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## SECRETARIAT NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is a bi-monthly update to share announcements, updates, calls for input and funding, tools, learning opportunities, reports and research, events, and other information will be relevant to humanitarian organizations on climate and environment action.

You can find out more about the Charter Secretariat, the role and support offered by the Charter Secretariat Team, and the Board, check out the [Charter Secretariat page](#).

## SECRETARIAT UPDATES

The Charter Secretariat Board held its inaugural meeting on Thursday, 12 September and unanimously adopted the Board Terms of Reference, Charter Secretariat Workplan, and Budget.



Last Monday, the Charter Secretariat hosted a webinar titled, **Tools and Resources for Climate and Environmental Action in the Humanitarian Sector**. The webinar presented an overview of existing expertise and support available in the sector, as part of an ongoing mapping effort of expertise by Groupe URD. The webinar then introduced one of these central tools, the Nexus Environmental Assessment Tool (NEAT+), presenting the tool itself and hearing from Charter Signatories on lessons learned in implementation.

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## CALLS EXPERTS, COLLABORATIONS, AND CONSULTATIONS

**Common Donor Principles on Greening: A Consultation with Charter Signatories, Joint Initiative, supported by the Secretariat for the Climate and Environment Charter, Session 1:** Wednesday, 09 October 2024, 15:00 - 16:30 CET.

In January 2024, a two-day Donor Retreat on the greening of humanitarian assistance was hosted by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) and organized by USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) in Brussels. This event gathered six humanitarian donor agencies to discuss making humanitarian operations and programs more equitable, climate-positive, and environmentally sustainable. These discussions align with donors' support of the [Climate and Environment Charter](#) and the [Humanitarian Aid Donors' Declaration](#) and the ambitions of many donors outlined in the report "[Operationalizing and Scaling-up Donors' Climate and Environmental Commitments](#)."

The retreat aimed to build donor cohesion on greening and explore the **feasibility of endorsing a set of common principles or standards on greening** that they and their humanitarian implementing partners would adhere to.

To help donors agree on and implement common principles on greening, input from the [400+ Charter Signatories](#) is crucial: their knowledge, operational experience, and technical expertise are extremely valuable in this process. Donors are inviting signatories to participate in two online meetings organized with support from the [Joint Initiative](#) and the Charter Secretariat on 09 October and 05 November 2024, to provide feedback on the draft principles

You can find more information regarding the consultation in the [concept note](#).

For those interested, please **register for the first event via this Teams link**. We encourage you to review the concept note to ensure the appropriate members of your organization join the conversation and bring in the relevant technical, operational, and strategic perspectives to these consultations.

### Call for Membership to the Santiago Network

The Santiago Network is receiving expressions of interest for membership to the network. Detailed information on membership is available in the [guidelines for the designation of organizations, bodies, networks and experts \(OBNE\) as members of the Santiago network](#).

The expression of interest form is available [online](#) and as a [downloadable.pdf](#). The downloadable form and all relevant supporting documents should be submitted by email to [members@santiago-network.org](mailto:members@santiago-network.org). Potential members should review the [detailed checklist](#) before completing the expression of interest form.

### Questionnaire for consultation on human mobility and climate change, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR). Deadline 20 September.

The IACHR is preparing a draft resolution on the link between human mobility, climate change and socio-environmental disasters in the Americas.

The IACHR invites to the national institutions on human rights, international organizations, civil society organizations and academic institutions, as well as human rights defenders and any other interested person, to submit in writing information that they consider relevant to the purpose of this resolution. On the understanding that the purpose of the resolution is about an agenda under construction, issues are provided as merely illustrative reference points to guide the formulation of inputs.

Questionnaire and more information in [English](#) / [Cuestionario en Español](#)

### Survey: Empowering people living in informality, UN Climate Change High Level Champion for COP29, H.E. Razan Al Mubarak

While efforts to engage and empower people living in informal settlements on climate action have been made, these are often ad hoc without a significant impact. This needs to change especially as about 1 billion people live in informal settlements and is set to double by 2050. The [UN Climate Change High Level Climate Champions](#) want to address this and to learn what actions non-state actors can take to empower people, especially women, living in informality in urban areas in developing countries. [This survey](#) is designed to support this by the collection of information on projects and actions that are supporting and engaging people living in informality, including small enterprises that deliver many of the services and goods people depend upon, to build their resilience to the impacts of climate change.

### Call for Engagement at the Climate, Peace and Transboundary Resilience Pavilion at COP29

This year's Blue Zone at COP29 will include a pavilion dedicated to building climate resilience in fragile and conflict settings. The 100m<sup>2</sup> space will host daily events on issues such as scaling up climate finance, and what meaningful climate adaptation looks like, in places affected by violence, fragile governance and armed conflict. If you are attending COP29 and would be interested to organise an event at the Climate, Peace and Transboundary Resilience Pavilion, please get in touch with [m.vazquez@odfi.org](mailto:m.vazquez@odfi.org)

## GUIDANCE, TOOLS, AND RESOURCES

### Localising climate projections guide and toolkit: How local actors can lead climate risk narrative processes, Global Network of Civil Society Organisation for Disaster Reduction (GNDR)

This guide highlights six key stages in localising climate projection processes. It aims to support civil society organisations and communities most at risk to access, use and analyse key climate risk information and knowledge to plan for future development, prevention, adaptation or contingency planning actions – and in doing so effectively, planning to reduce the impacts of future climate risks. This multipage resource is available to download in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#), and [Portuguese](#)

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### E-learning on the Labour Dimensions of Climate Change and Human Mobility: Rights-based Response to Climate-induced Mobility, International Training Centre of International Labour Organisation (ILO), 4 November to 13 December 2024.

Deadline for application 21 October 2024

This online course conducted in English will address the impact of climate change on migration and forced displacement trends and explore concrete strategies for ensuring labour market integration of people displaced due to natural disaster, environmental degradation and climate change. It will also consider the potentially adverse impacts of large, long-term displacement on the environment and natural resources of the area (country or region) of destination and how to mitigate them.

Interested candidates should register on-line through [THIS LINK](#). Selection will be based on Proven work experience in relevant field. Submission of a letter of sponsorship required to cover the total course fees.

## POLICY AND REPORTS

### Making climate finance work for all: Five tests for a robust New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG), Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance, September 2024.

This year, at the United Nations climate conference in Azerbaijan (COP29), countries are due to agree a new global finance goal to cut greenhouse gas emissions, boost resilience, help communities adapt to the impacts of climate change, and cover the costs of loss and damage. It is critical that this New Collective Quantified Goal, or NCQG, reflects the lessons learned over the last 15 years, restores trust in the multilateral process, and equips countries to respond to rapidly escalating challenges. This report sets out key principles and five tests that can help ensure the NCQG is robust, all of which are underpinned by a core principle of fairness.

### The Climate and Humanitarian Localisation Agendas: Entry Points to Enhance Climate Adaptation and Resilience Financing and Action, The British Redcross, July 2024

The Executive Summary of the brief provides a comprehensive analysis of barriers to accessing climate-related finance for local actors, across the climate and humanitarian systems, through the lens of locally-led approaches. It then proposes solutions to overcome these barriers and to enhance the role of local actors in climate adaptation and resilience efforts. The full policy brief will be released this autumn.

### The Role of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) in Disaster Risk Management in Fragile, Conflict and Violence-Affected Countries, World Bank August 2024.

The World Bank (WB) estimates that, by 2030, up to two-thirds of the global extreme poor will be living in fragile and conflict-affected situations. Of the top 20 countries most vulnerable to climate change, 14 are considered by the WB as fragile and conflict-affected. NbS is an umbrella term for a set of interventions that seek to protect, manage, and/or restore natural systems, while addressing multiple development goals such as climate and disaster risk resilience, economic and social prosperity, food security and biodiversity conservation. By providing targeted support and expertise, the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) is instrumental in overcoming the unique challenges of FCV contexts, ensuring that NbS interventions are not only feasible but also effective in building resilience and stability in these vulnerable regions.

### Impact of loss and damage from the adverse effects of climate change on the full enjoyment of human rights, exploring equity-based approaches and solutions to addressing the same, Report of the UN Secretary-General, August 2024.

This report contains an exploration of the interlinkages between human rights and loss and damage from climate change. The report includes the identification of legal and policy frameworks relevant to ensuring effective remedies for loss and damage, a description of human rights- and equity-based approaches and solutions and a series of recommendations.

[Available in English](#); soon in all UN languages [here](#).

### Reports on Hunger-Climate-Conflict Nexus, Action Against Hunger

Action Against Hunger has conducted a study on the hunger-climate-conflict nexus in cooperation with the Overseas Development Institute and with funding from the German Federal Foreign Office. As a result, the first report "[Lived experiences relating to food and nutrition security in Mali, South Sudan and Somalia](#)" details the impacts of successive climate and conflict-related shocks on affected communities and their food and nutrition situation, and the context-specific interactions between extreme weather, conflict and hunger. The second report "[Analysis of existing practitioner and organisational experience in Mali, Somalia and South Sudan](#)" presents effective approaches and opportunities for improvement in humanitarian aid for a more adequate response to the interlinkages between the climate crisis and conflict. The results of the two phases are summarised in the [Synthesis Report](#). You can access all [research products](#), including country-specific policy briefs, fact sheets and infographics, [via this link](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Charter Secretariat Events

**3 OCT 2024, 14:00-15:30 CET**

**Towards COP29: Peace-Climate-Humanitarian Collective Action**

This webinar will raise awareness among the Charter Signatories and the humanitarian sector on the various initiatives that are taking place at the [29th Conference of Parties \(COP29\)](#) in November in Baku, Azerbaijan. It will also focus on our collective strengths and roles, including opportunities in advocating for and bringing solutions to the climate and environmental crisis across the humanitarian, climate, and peacebuilding sectors.

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**13 DEC 2024**

**Mainstreaming Climate and Environmental Action in Humanitarian Contexts: Workshop for Signatories in the Asia/Pacific Region**

The Secretariat of the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations, Community World Services Asia and ADAPT are organising a workshop for Charter Signatories to provide an interactive opportunity for **signatories** of the Climate and Environment Charter **based in Asia-Pacific** to unpack how they are **systematically taking** into consideration the commitments of the Charter into design, planning, implementing, monitoring, evaluation and learning cycles of humanitarian programming.

Find out more information on the workshop, eligibility criteria and how to apply :

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## Network Events

**25-26 SEPTEMBER**

**Climate Mobility Summit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition**

The Climate Mobility Summit brings together global leaders, policymakers, experts, and representatives of affected communities to discuss evidence, policies, and actions needed to enable positive adaptation journeys for people and communities at the frontlines of the climate crisis. Summit Concept Note: [HERE](#)

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**VARIOUS**

**Pre-COP Events and News Bulletin**

The [Global Risks and Resilience](#) team at think tank ODI, as part of the Coordination Mechanism for the Climate, Relief, Recovery and Peace Declaration have collated a Pre-COP news bulletin. You can find the first edition of the bulletin [HERE](#). In addition to publishing research, the bulletin also includes a series of relevant events.

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**24 SEPTEMBER**

**Moving Forward with the Donor Declaration**

The USA and EU will host an event to discuss progress towards the commitments laid out in the [Donor Declaration on Climate and Environment](#). Mihir Bhatt, Director of the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIMI) will be speaking at the event to represent the Climate and Environment Charter Secretariat as a Board Member.

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