

# Climate change, Development and Security in the Central Sahel

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By-invitation online meeting with experts

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**The Sahel** is among the regions most affected by the **effects of climate change** worldwide. A more or less direct link is often established between global warming and the unstable situation in the area. However, it is not easy to **disentangle the role of climate change** in relation to the high levels of **food insecurity**, the proliferation of violence and **conflicts** and their relationship with **migration**. This closed event with prominent stakeholders on these issues aims to present the main results emerging from the case study of the central Sahel (Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso) in the framework of the H2020 **CASCADDES project**.

The research conducted examines the complex interaction between climate change, food security, conflict and mobility, highlighting key socio-political conditions in the region and how they could shape future vulnerability and resilience to the effects of global warming. In addition to reviewing the existing literature and analyzing publicly available data, this report presents the results from new research that includes expert interviews, a survey, and a scenario planning exercise with experts and stakeholders in the region, as well as a quantitative analysis of climate, socioeconomic and political data.

The research therefore aims to analyse the current dynamics around climate change and its effects with an eye to the future, with a view to improving the design and implementation of measures to address it. The event aims to present this new data and to invite a reflection in order to redefine public policies in the central Sahel at all levels.

15.30 **Welcome**  
**Pol Morillas**, Director, CIDOB

15.35 **Introduction and presentation of the main results**  
*Moderated by:* **Eckart Woertz**, Associate Senior Researcher, CIDOB; Director, GIGA Institute for Middle East Studies

**Sahel case study**  
**Oriol Puig**, Researcher, CIDOB

**Presentation of the video 'Climate emergency in the Central Sahel' made in collaboration with Revista 5W**

**Quantitative analysis and foresight exercise**  
**Adrien Detges**, Researcher, Adelphi

16.05 **Discussion by Sahel expert**  
*Collects impressions on the results of the report  
Proposes suggestions, questions and doubts*

16.15 **Q& A with all participants**

17.15 **Closure**

## **Invited institutions**

### **International actors**

- Mar DIEYE, **UN Special Coordinator for the Development in the Sahel**
- Ngozi M.T. AMU, **Team Leader, Senegambia Cluster and Research/Analysis, UNOWAS**
- Denisa-Elena IONETE, **EU Ambassador to Niger**
- Hind Aïssaoui Bennani, **expert on migration, environment and climate change, IOM**
- Louise BAKER, **Managing Director of the Global Mechanism, UNCCD**
- Pascal REYNTIENS, **Head of Mission, IOM Mali**
- Camille BALFROID, **Resilience Officer IOM Mali**
- Corey PATTISON, **Conflict Advisor, World Bank**
- Nora BERRAHMOUNI, **Senior Forestry Officer, FAO**
- Jo SCHEUER, **Resident Representative, UNDP Mali**
- Do Etienne TRAORÉ, **Focal Point Burkina Faso, UNFCCC**
- Mounkaila GOUMANDAKOYE, **Executive Secretary, OEDD**
- Julio HERRAIZ, **Ambassador of Spain on Special Mission for the Sahel**
- Hermann NICOLAI, **Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Niger**
- Jean-René CUZON, **Agriculture Project Team Leader, AFD**

### **Regional actors**

- Amadou SALL, **Radicalisation Prevention Cell Coordinator, G5 Sahel Executive Secretariat**
- Seydou TRAORÉ, **AGHRYMET (CILSS)**
- Atta SANOUSSI, **AGHRYMET (CILSS)**

### **National authorities**

- Mahamadou SEIDOU MAGAGI, **Director, CNESS Niger**
- Issaka OUEDRAOGO, **Executive Secretary, Green Climate Fund, Burkina Faso**
- Drissa DOUMBIA, **Climate Change Policy Analysis Expert, NDC Mali**
- Harouna Ramata ABBA KIARI, **Ministry of Environment, NDC Niger**

### **Think tanks and experts**

- Ainhoa MARÍN, **Senior Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute**
- Elsa AIMÉ, **Researcher, Head of Sub-Saharan Africa, Fundación Alternativas**
- Ulrich EBERLE, **Researcher, International Crisis Group (ICG)**
- Fahiraman KONE, **Researcher, International Security Studies (ISS)**
- Boubacar BA, **Researcher, Sahel Strategic Analysis Centre**
- Kalilou SIDIBÉ, **National Coordinator of the Just Future project in Mali**
- Drissa TRAORÉ, **AMDH, People's Coalition for the Sahel**
- Abakar Mahamat ZOUGOULOU, **Scientific and Technical Advisor, Pan-African Agency of the Great Green Wall**
- Sophie DESMIDT, **Policy Officer, ECDPM**
- Adrien DETGES, **Senior Advisor diplomacy and security, adelphi.**
- Eckart WOERTZ, **director of the Institute for Middle East Studies (IMES) & associate researcher at CIDOB**
- Oriol PUIG, **researcher Migration and Sustainable Development, CIDOB**

### **Civil society**

- Joseph Yaovi KOGBE, **Executive Director, Climate and Development Network**
- Blamah JALLOH, **Coordinator, Réseau Billital Maroobé**
- Cristina FERNÁNDEZ-DURAN, **Senior Advocacy Advisor EU Sahel, Oxfam**
- Jara HENAR, **EU Advocacy Advisor, Action Aid**

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