



CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Building Partnerships for Resilience in South Asia

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Background

Climate disruption in South Asia is increasing security threats – including food and water insecurity, displacement, migration, increased competition over natural resources, and conflicts – and these are predicted to grow in future years. Simultaneously, lack of awareness and limited access to financial and material resources for humanitarian intervention and capacity-building are further undermining adaptation efforts to cope with these impacts.

During the workshop, participants will consider ways to enhance their climate change resilience and adaptation capacities and establish integrated responses to climate-related security risks by strengthening collective resilience. Workshop participants will be senior military and Defense civilian officers from governments in South Asia and the United States.

Key themes of the workshop include: (1) Fostering water, food, energy, and infrastructure security - implications for militaries and the defense community; (2) Addressing climate-induced migrations through defense collaborations among sectors and across borders; and (3) Advancing border cooperation through enhanced military climate adaptation.

Intended Outcomes

- Share conceptual frameworks of climate change threats to peace and security
- Identify components of climate change vulnerability and resilience
- Highlight both specific country and sub-regional issues and challenges
- Prioritize areas for expanded collaboration
- Characterize policy requirements for expanding collaborative efforts

Methodology

Plenary presentations by senior subject matter experts will set up facilitated sessions where robust, candid discussion will develop responses to targeted framing questions. Using the findings discussed during the plenary sessions and the breakout groups, participants will synthesize and develop prioritized recommendations. To encourage open dialogue, the Daniel K. Inouye Center Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) employs a strict non-attribution policy on all comments made during the workshop. The workshop will be conducted entirely in English. To ensure a robust discussion beyond routine talking points, links to read-ahead materials will be shared with all participants in advance.

For Additional Information

If you have questions about the workshop's design, content, or participants, please contact Prof. Shyam Tekwani, academic lead for the workshop, at shyamsunder.r.tekwani.civ@mail.mil. For logistical support, please contact dsca.derussy.dki-apcss.mbx.apcss-events@mail.mil.

SUNDAY, 20 AUGUST 2023

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TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
AM/PM	Participant Arrivals	Hyatt Regency Kathmandu
1730-2030	Workshop Opening Reception & Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participant Registration• Presenter Introductions• Administrative Processes• Table-top Exercise Introduction/overview• Initial 'Pulse-Taking' Participant Polling	Regency Ballroom A & B, Atrium, 1 st Floor, Hyatt Kathmandu

MONDAY, 21 AUGUST 2023

(DRESS: BUSINESS CASUAL – OPEN COLLAR)

THEME: MILITARY ROLE IN BUILDING PEACE AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Climate Change and Security: This opening day will give definition to the imperative to “strengthen climate resilience.” After an opening overview of the value of cooperation in meeting climate disruption challenges, participants will consider the *status quo* of their countries’ climate resilience structures and climate adaptation processes from the perspective of national security. The day will conclude with the first small work-group session, during which participants will prepare findings with the aid of a set of framing questions related to regional cooperation to climate security.

Time	Event	Location
0900-0930	Opening Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome and Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Prof. Shyam Tekwani, Faculty, DKI APCSS - Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o GEN Prabhu Ram Sharma, Chief of Army Staff, Nepalese Army o Ambassador Dean Thompson, U.S. Ambassador to Nepal o RADM (ret) Pete Gumataotao, Director, DKI APCSS (recorded) o Mr. Carleton Cramer, Dean of the College of Security Studies, DKI APCSS 	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
0930-1000	Refreshment Break	Atrium
1000-1100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work Group Participants Introductions - Polling and opening dialog <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mr. Carleton Cramer, Dean of the College of Security Studies, DKI APCSS 	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
1100-1200	Climate Challenges: Cooperation as an Adaptation Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Dr. Ethan Allen, Faculty, DKI APCSS 	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
1200-1300	Lunch – Work Group Analyses 1 – Task clarification and strategies	Hall
1300-1430	Second and Third-order Effects of Climate Disruption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stressors on governance and the need for whole-of-society aligned efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Dr. Kira Vinke, Head of the Center for Climate and Foreign Policy, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) o Ms. Shiloh Fetzek, Associate Fellow, Conflict, Security and Development, The International Institute for Strategic Studies, IISS-Americas 	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
1430-1500	Group Photo and Refreshment/ Networking Break	Hotel Lobby/Atrium
1500-1615	Work Group Session I: Cooperation to Build Climate Security <i>Framing questions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How is climate disruption impact militaries/MoDs? - How can the military/defense community best engage other sectors in the systemic fostering of water, food, energy, and infrastructure security? - How can the military and defense community aid in establishing and implementing cooperation toward climate adaptation and resilience processes? 	Bhaktapur, Kirtipur and Nagarkot Breakout Rooms

	- How can the broad-based internal and external collaborations needed for effective climate-adaptation governance efforts be productively promoted to political leadership?	
1615-1630	Day 1 Closing: Daily Synthesis and Takeaways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prof. Shyam Tekwani, Faculty, DKI APCSS 	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
	Evening at leisure	

Tuesday, 22 AUGUST 2023

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THEME: BUILDING COLLABORATION FOR REGIONAL SYNERGY

National and Trans-national Cooperation: Day 2 will be used by the participants to develop a shared understanding of critical focus areas where an exchange of best practices may improve collective resilience. The specifics of how cooperation and collaboration can be inaugurated and maintained, and of who should be involved in what ways will be explored. Following this foundational discussion, participants will consider regional trends in national planning and policies, and the central role of climate change governance in enhancing regional security, comprehensively defined. The day will conclude with considerations of questions around framing and developing both national and regional strategies to build climate resilience.

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0900-0915	Opening Remarks: Daily Overview and Administrative Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Ethan Allen, Faculty, DKI APCSS	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
0915-1030	Processes for Developing Adaptation and Resilience Strategies: Who and How? <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Why this requires a multi-stakeholder approach<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Aditi Jha, MIT Sloan Fellow, Global Environmental Security Governance (ESG) Advisor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)- Women, Peace, and Security: Women’s Critical Roles in Climate Adaptation Processes<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms. Taryn Ino, Climate Policy and Diplomacy Analyst, Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (CFE-DM)	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
1030-1100	Refreshment/ Networking Break	Atrium
1100-1230	Regional Perspectives Panel: Progress and Prospects for Improving Adaptive Climate Governance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms. Ruhee Neog, Director, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS)○ Dr. Vishwas Chitale, Senior Programme Lead - Climate Resilience at the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)○ Lt GEN (ret) Vinod Bhatia, Distinguished Fellow, CENJOWS○ <i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Monisa Qadiri, Islamic University of Science and Technology	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
1230-1330	Lunch – Work Group Analyses 2 – Collaboration strategies syntheses	Hall
1330-1430	Developing Frameworks for Climate Adaptation/Resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Key Processes in Developing & Refining Climate Action Plans<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Vishwas Chitale, Senior Programme Lead, Climate Resilience at the Council on Energy, Environment and Water- Collaboratively Creating a Framework for Developing a Climate Action Plan<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Kira Vinke: Head of the Center for Climate and Foreign Policy, German Council on Foreign Relations- Case study of Climate Action Plan Creation<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Lt GEN (ret) Vinod Bhatia, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS)	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
1430-1500	Refreshment/ Networking Break	Atrium

1500-1615	<p>Work Group Session 2: Fostering National and Trans-National Climate Action Plans</p> <p><i>Framing questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What gaps and/or opportunities exist in climate action plans that militaries can/should fill? - How can militaries' climate adaptation policies advance both national and transnational border cooperation? - How can these processes of advancing both national and transnational border cooperation be inaugurated? - What are key priorities and largest obstacles for such advancements? 	Bhaktapur, Kirtipur and Nagarkot Breakout Rooms
1615-1630	<p>Day 2 Closing: Daily Synthesis and Takeaways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Ethan Allen, Faculty, DKI APCSS 	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
	Evening at leisure	

Wednesday, 23 August 2023

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THEME: CHALLENGES TO CLIMATE CHANGE GOVERNANCE

Integrating Climate and Conflict approaches for Resilience: Day 3 will be devoted to the topic of climate change governance challenges, focusing first on challenges to cooperative governance, and second on overcoming the co-mingled challenges of conflict and climate change. The day will conclude with a third small work group session, during which participants will prepare findings with the aid of a set of framing questions related to conflict-climate challenges.

Time	Event	Location
0900-0910	Opening Remarks: Daily Overview and Administrative Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Sam Mullins, Faculty, DKI APCSS	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
0910-1000	Climate Change Governance Challenges I: Climate Change, Political Instability, and Conflict <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Sam Mullins, Faculty, DKI APCSS	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
1000-1030	Refreshment/ Networking Break	Atrium
1030-1230	Table-Top Exercise / Simulation – ‘Choices’ engages participants in experimental decision-making, with the goal of producing regional knowledge on the intersection of climate change and security. <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms. Ruhee Neog, Director, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies○ Dr. Aditi Jha, MIT Sloan Fellow, Global Environmental Security Governance (ESG) Advisor○ Lt GEN (ret) Vinod Bhatia, Distinguished Fellow, CENJOWS	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
1230-1330	Lunch – Work Group Analyses 3 – Integration of climate and conflict strategies	Hall
1330-1430	Regional Perspectives: Challenges to Cooperative Climate Change Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Aditi Jha, MIT Sloan Fellow, Global Environmental Security Governance (ESG) Advisor	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
1430-1500	Refreshment/ Networking Break	Atrium
1500-1615	Work Group Session 3: Overcoming Climate and Conflict Resilience Challenges <i>Framing questions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What is the potential for climate contributions to political instability in your country? How can we cooperate to reduce or overcome these?- How can the potential for conflicts arising from climate-induced migration or other social disruption be identified and reduced?- How do such potential conflicts differ for internal (within-country) migration vs. for external migrants?- What agencies or institutions beyond the military/defense community could facilitate the processes of reducing the potential for conflicts?	Bhaktapur, Kirtipur and Nagarkot Breakout Rooms
1615-1630	Day 3 Closing: Daily Synthesis and Takeaways <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Sam Mullins, Faculty, DKI APCSS	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
	Evening at leisure	

Thursday, 24 August 2023

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THEME: PRESENTATION AND SYNTHESIS OF FINDINGS

Moving forward: This final workshop day will be used by the participants to finalize, present, and discuss their findings from the previous three days. The final plenary session will result in an agreed-upon set of workshop findings about how best to build regional cooperation and alignment toward climate resilience and adaptation.

Time	Event	Location
0900-0915	Opening Remarks: Daily Overview and Administrative Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Prof. Shyam Tekwani, Faculty, DKI APCSS	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
0915-1030	Work Group Session 4: Synthesis, action plans, and strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Synthesis of dialogs- Climate Action Plans- Collaboration Strategies	Bhaktapur, Kirtipur and Nagarkot Breakout Rooms
1030-1100	Refreshment/ Networking Break	Atrium
1100-1130	Polling	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
1130-1230	Panel: Synthesis Presentations: Discussion and Refinement of Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Presenters TBD by Each Work Group (10 min each)○ Ambassadors' responses to Work Groups' Presentations	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
1230-1245	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Prof. Shyam Tekwani, Faculty, DKI APCSS○ Mr. Carleton Cramer, Dean of the College of Security Studies, DKI APCSS	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
1245-1300	Workshop Evaluation Survey	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
1300-1315	Presentation of Certificates	Plenary: Regency Ballroom C
1315-1415	Lunch – Dialogs on Workshop Accomplishments – Challenges & Next Steps	Hall