



SECRETARIAT NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is a bi-monthly update to share announcements, events, resources/tools, funding opportunities, reports and research, events, calls for engagement, and other information relevant to humanitarian organizations on climate and environment action.

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SECRETARIAT UPDATES

The Charter Secretariat is pleased to share the launch of two new resources to support Charter Signatories in advancing climate and environmental action:

1. **On target? Accelerating Humanitarian Climate and Environment Programming**
The Charter Secretariat published a [case study report](#), undertaken by ADAPT Initiative, examining how organizations are incorporating climate and environmental considerations into their humanitarian work, particularly through the setting of clear, actionable targets. Translation into French, Arabic, and Spanish will be published in the coming weeks.

The [report was launched in an online event](#) (recording online) at the Humanitarian Networks Partnership Week and provided an overview of key learnings from the report as well as insights from three case study organizations.

2. **Resources on Disaster Risk Reduction in Humanitarian Action**
Throughout 2025, the Charter Secretariat will publish a series of **thematic guidance pages** on its website to support capacity sharing on the commitments of the Charter. This platform aims to serve as a dynamic resource, providing easy access to tools, expertise, and case studies that help organizations integrate climate and environmental considerations into their programming. The DRR page is the first of these thematic pages, offering a collection of tools and resources, from signatories and partners, designed to support organizations in understanding and scaling up their efforts to help people adapt to the impacts of the climate and environmental crises. Translation into French, Arabic, and Spanish will be published in the coming weeks.

The DRR page was launched in our recent webinar, co-venued by UNDRR and the REAP Secretariat [Mainstreaming and Identifying Funding Sources for Climate and DRR in Humanitarian programmes](#) (recording online).

The [Charter Secretariat's work plan](#) has been revised with priorities for 2025. Due to recent USAID funding cuts, the Secretariat has made reductions to its work plan to ensure that essential activities to support signatories can be maintained until additional funding is secured. These essential activities have been informed by feedback from Charter signatories on their support needs and was approved by the Board in February 2025. Funding for maintaining activities in 2025 has been secured through the generous support of DG ECHO and SDC.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES and ANALYSIS

Innovation challenge: Resilience Innovation through Scaling Entrepreneurship (RISE) Urban Challenge, Global Resilience Partnership, Deadline: 11 April 2025

The RISE Urban Challenge provides customised support to maximise each initiative's potential for impact and aligns potential funders to these initiatives and drive attention to the urgent need for urban systems transformation. RISE is open to urban entrepreneurs, innovators, organisations or consortiums of organisations across the private sector (start-ups, SMEs), and civil society and grassroots organisations based in low- and middle-income countries. Proposals from youth-led and women-led organisations are welcome and encouraged.

Research grant: Climate Impact Awards: Unlocking urgent climate action by making the health effects of climate change visible, Wellcome (foundation), Deadline: 30 April 2025

The aim of this scheme is to make the impacts of climate change on physical and mental health visible to drive urgent climate policy action at scale. Wellcome will fund transdisciplinary teams to deliver short-term, high-impact projects that maximise policy outcomes by combining evidence generation with influencing and engagement strategies.

Funding analysis: Lives on the Line: The human impact of US foreign Aid Shifts, International Council for Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), March 2025

Six weeks after the U.S. administration issued a global aid freeze, humanitarian organisations are being forced to suspend lifesaving programs—cutting off food, healthcare, and shelter for the world's most vulnerable. Building on the ICVA survey, secondary data from the [United Nations OCHA](#), [Humentum](#), [Ground Truth Solutions](#), interviews and discussions with donors, UN agencies, and partners, the report highlights the catastrophic fallout.

Funding analysis: Estimating the impact on CVA volumes in humanitarian response, CALP Network, February 2025

This analysis is intended to help humanitarian stakeholders better understand the potential impacts of the current US funding freeze and likely reductions in foreign assistance on cash and voucher assistance.

CALLS EXPERTS, COLLABORATIONS, and CONSULTATIONS

Call for Inputs: Key Messages on Cash for Loss and Damage, CALP/GiveDirectly, Deadline: March 24

You are invited to review the key messaging on cash that will be submitted to the Board of the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD), focusing on red lines and additional examples, by COB 24 March, in time for CALP/GiveDirectly to submit the paper to the FRLD Board, by 28 March. You can find some background on this piece on [CALP's event page](#) - a recording and notes from a recent webinar on this topic will be shared soon:

Call for Inputs: Human Rights in life cycle of Renewable Energy and Critical Minerals, Special Rapporteur on climate change, UNHCR, Deadline: 30 April 2025

This call for inputs aims at advancing understanding of the documented positive and negative impacts on human rights of different sources, scales and stages of renewable energy development as part of a just transition, including in relation to critical minerals, throughout their life cycle. Inputs are also expected to share good practices and lessons learned in regulating, monitoring and financing renewable energy development, including critical minerals, with a view to protecting all human rights, considering intersectionality and inter-generational equity (A/HR/56/46), and contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goals 13 (climate action) and 14 (life below water).

Call for Collaboration: Research on Climate, Food Insecurity & Conflict

A team of students from the Geneva Graduate Institute, working with United Nations University—Centre for Policy Research (UNU-CPR), are exploring how climate change-driven food insecurity exacerbates resource scarcity and conflict. Their research focuses on case studies in [Haiti](#), [Burkina Faso](#), [Bangladesh](#), and [Somalia](#), with the goal of developing a policy report with actionable recommendations for local communities, NGOs, governments, and UN agencies. To strengthen their analysis on climate security, environmental peacebuilding, and conflict prevention, they are seeking to interview experts, representatives from relevant organizations, and signatories of treaties or agreements related to climate security and conflict in these four countries. If you are interested in contributing, please reach out to stefania.plougarli@graduateinstitute.ch

GUIDANCE, TOOLS, and LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Reminder of the Climate and Environment Charter [Guidance Pages](#)

Across the humanitarian sector, organisations are developing capacity to take climate and environmental action. The Charter's guidance page offers two forms of support to organisations in their efforts to advance the Charter commitments.

- 1) **Guidance on Target Development:** This guidance on this page offers support to organisations as they develop targets and measure progress.
- 2) **Climate and Environment Charter Tools and Resources Platform:** This platform aims to serve as a dynamic resource, providing easy access to tools, expertise, and case studies that help organisations integrate climate and environmental considerations into their programming.

Thought Leadership Course – Synergizing Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation, United Nations System Staff College and UNDRR, Enroll by 31 December 2025

Through this free two-hour module, you will explore the adaptation aspects of harnessing disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA) synergies and the lessons learned by those who are at the forefront of comprehensive disaster and climate risk management.

Institutional fundraising, LocalLink Hub

E-learning course: The self-paced e-training aims to give you the competencies to be prepared for the right funding opportunities and the tools to develop and maintain a fundraising strategy. It's about being more efficient and effective in achieving your fundraising goals. The main training methodology is "action reflection learning." It involves taking action with the course content to address real challenges, observe, reflect, learn, document, and adapt. And repeat

Webinar on institutional fundraising: 03 April 2025, 10:00-11:15 CET

The aim of the webinar is to present to local partners the e-learning on fundraising, and to provide some practical, hand-on tips on how to identify key donors and partners. Covered topics include what is institutional fundraising and how local NGOs can identify key donors and partner

ADVOCACY UPDATES

First Letter from the COP30 President-Designate, Federative Republic of Brazil, March 2025

COP30 president André Correa do Lago laid out the initial vision for COP30. The 11-page document presents the Presidency's vision for the COP30 process and makes a call to all countries for joint work against climate change. Key elements of the COP30 vision and [noteworthy observations from 350.ORG](#) include:

- **2.1°C as a Key Benchmark:** The letter carefully avoids firm commitments, stating COP30 can be the moment for aligning finance and merging climate and digital transitions.
- **Forests as a Time-Saving Strategy:** Reversing deforestation is framed as a critical lever for immediate climate action.
- **NDCs and Climate Ambition:** Acknowledges the limitations of multilateral negotiations on NDCs but calls for a candid stocktake to identify obstacles to greater ambition.
- **Energy Transition Signals:** References global energy targets (tripling renewables, doubling efficiency, phasing out fossil fuels) but falls short on calling for direct inclusion in NDCs—leaving room for future negotiations.
- **Climate Finance Roadmap:** Mentions a "Baku to Belém Roadmap to 1.3T" but lacks substantive detail on implementation.
- **Indigenous Leadership:** Acknowledges Indigenous contributions but does not yet articulate a clear role for them in COP30's agenda.
- **Process Innovations:** "Circle of Presidencies": Plans to involve past COP leaders (COP21–COP29) along with CBD and UNCTAD presidencies for strategic guidance.
- **Global Ethical Stocktake (GES):** A new initiative to gather ethical perspectives on climate action from thinkers, scientists, artists, and Indigenous voices.

Framing COP30 and the Petersberg Climate Dialogue: A Look ahead to Petersberg Climate Dialogue and the Road to Belém, International Climate Politics Hub (ICPH), 18 March 2025

The Petersberg Climate Dialogue, taking place in Berlin, Germany, 25-26 March 2025, is the first high-level moment in the 2025 climate calendar to advance the conversation around priority issues for COP30. This briefing lays out initial framing and expectations for COP30, taking place in Belém in November, and key messages that should serve as discussion points during the upcoming Petersberg Climate Dialogue.

Key Messages and Fact Sheet: Education: A Critical Pathway to Climate Resilience and Recovery, Geneva Global Hub for Education in Emergencies, March 2025

As a new climate fund takes shape, investing in education for all children and youth, including in climate-vulnerable and crisis-affected countries is key to building resilience and supporting recovery. The [Fact Sheet](#) and the [Letter](#) to the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) underscore the climate-related loss and damage in the education sector, spotlights the critical role of education in minimising and averting such impacts, and call for the prioritisation of education in the Fund's investment frameworks and allocations.

Towards COP30: Key Action Areas for Displacement in the Context of Climate Change, All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIMDI) and Platform for Disaster Displacement (PDD), February 2025

This issue of [Southasiadisasters.net](#), focuses on displacement as a reflection of the human cost of environmental challenges. It explores migration, planned relocation, and involuntary movements triggered by extreme weather events or slow-onset disasters such as rising sea levels. Addressing these challenges requires equitable climate finance, rights-based policies, and integrated planning to minimize impacts and build resilience.

Kuwait Declaration for Disaster Risk Reduction, February 2025

The [6th Arab Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction](#) held in Kuwait from 9-12 February 2025, concluded by Member States and stakeholder representatives adopting the Declaration which highlights the need for accelerated implementation of the Sendai Framework; enhanced DRR governance; more investment in resilient infrastructure; extended early warning system coverage; better data for evidence-based policymaking; and improved integration of science, technology and artificial intelligence in the Arab region.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

For those who may have missed our [updates email sent on 13 March](#) on up-coming events this month, please find a list of events where the Charter Secretariat is either Co-organising or speaking at the [Humanitarian Networks Partnership Week \(HNPW\) from 17 – 28 March 2025](#) below.

In addition, you can find compiled lists of relevant sessions for Charter Signatories at the HNPW on:

- [The Climate Crisis](#)
- [Humanitarian and Disaster Risk Reduction](#) (by UNDRR)
- [Environment and Humanitarian Action Network \(EHAN\)](#) (by JEU)
- [Early Warning and Early Action and climate related](#) (by REAP)
- [Anticipatory Action](#) (by Anticipatory Hub)
- [Humanitarian-Development Nexus](#) (by UNDP)

25 MAR, 14:00-15:30 CET

Loss and Damage Financing: Humanitarian Perspectives (hybrid)

Ahead of the next FRLD Board meeting and inaugural High-Level Dialogue on Loss and Damage, set to take place in April 2025, this event will provide an opportunity for a practical conversation on the emerging loss and damage funding architecture, including on the complementarity and coherence of emerging funding arrangements. This event is co-organised IASC, FAO, IFRC, WFP and the Secretariat for the Climate and Environment Charter

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26 MAR 2025, 15:00 - 17:30 CET

Humanitarians as Climate and Environment Champions (online)

The climate crisis is no longer a single challenge among others; it's now the predominant. Transforming humanitarian assistance to be locally led, nature-positive and climate-smart, requires upgrading humanitarian standards and enlightening organizational and operational norms and behaviours, to value biodiversity and nature as the foundation for achieving and protecting humanitarian and development outcomes. Panellists will facilitate a critical discussion challenging participants to reimagine humanitarian assistance and their respective roles, to enable this transformation.

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27 MAR 2025, 11:00 - 17:00

Environment and Humanitarian Action Network (EHAN) Annual Meeting at HNPW (hybrid)

The UNEP/OCHA Joint Environment Unit (JEU) will host this hybrid annual meeting at HNPW, will focus on environmental sustainability topics that are relevant to humanitarian actors. The themes 1) Environment and Conflict Nexus, 2) Localisation and accountability in EHA, and 3) The Charter Secretariat will moderate and present during the New Tools and Resources on EHA During the session.

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18 MAR 2025

Recording: Voices from Frontline Communities - Leading in Climate Action in Agriculture and Food Security

Convened by FAO and the Charter Secretariat at HNPW, this session highlighted the experiences of local women leaders actively engaged in climate action within agrifood systems, including in fragile settings. The webinar explored how international actors can better support locally led adaptation and resilience efforts, fostering more inclusive and robust agrifood systems.

WATCH THE RECORDING

For an ongoing list of events to support humanitarian organisations advance climate and environmental action, visit the Charter [events page](#).

Organising an event that you would like published on the Charter website? Email us at secretariat@climate-charter.org

RESEARCH, POLICY, and REPORTS

"There's Just No More Land": Community-led Planned Relocation as Last-resort Adaptation to Sea Level Rise in Solomon Islands, Human Rights Watch, March 2025

This report describes the threats to human rights before, during and after planned relocations related to sea level rise and climate change impacts in Solomon Islands, through a detailed look at the experience of the small community of Walande. This report focuses on Walande to identify lessons that have significant implications for effective implementation of the Guidelines in future relocations, as well as addressing the protection gaps for communities that have already relocated. The issues explored apply to many communities in Solomon Islands and should be factored into international donor support that safeguards communities' rights and autonomy. Find the link to the [Report](#) and [Video](#).

Working paper: Exposed and Exploited: Climate Change, Migration, and Modern Slavery in Bangladesh Climate, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), February 2025

This research examines the links between climate change, migration and vulnerability to modern slavery. It looks at the drivers behind migration decisions and highlights how systemic gaps in social protection exacerbate vulnerabilities. By integrating quantitative and qualitative data from two climate-vulnerable regions of Bangladesh, the study provides actionable insights and recommendations aimed at breaking the cycle of distress migration and exploitation.

On the brink: Climate migrations in Colombia and Honduras - Christian Aid, January 2025.

This report presents findings from Christian Aid-funded research to identify the intersections between human rights, climate change, and gender in relation to the issue of climate migration in Honduras and Colombia.

Impacts of climate change on the sexual and reproductive health of women and girls in Yemen, Nabd Development and Environment Organizations (NDEO), January 2025

This is the first study of its kind in the country, shedding light on critical yet often overlooked intersections between climate change, health and impacts on women and girls.

Climate Change and Environmental Displacement: A Call for Comprehensive Action, Journal for Internal Displacement, Special Issue: Editorial, February 2025

As triggers for both voluntary and involuntary migration, the intersection of climate change and environmental displacement is rapidly emerging as one of the most pressing challenges of the 21st century. From small island nations grappling with rising sea levels to drought-stricken regions experiencing mass migrations, and as wildfires engulf the Pacific northwest, the impacts of a warming planet are increasingly forcing people from their homes. Despite growing global awareness, the response to climate change and environmental displacement situations remains fragmented and insufficient.

Climate Change and Internal Environmental Displacement in Somalia: Analyzing the Linkages Between Environmental Degradation, Conflict Dynamics, and Displacement Trends, Journal for Internal Displacement, February 2025

This research investigated the interconnections between climate change, environmental degradation, and internal displacement in Somalia, highlighting the impact of these conditions on conflict dynamics. This study examined how these environmental changes drive displacement trends and exacerbate conflict over resources, thereby influencing local security and stability. By analyzing case studies and displacement data, the research aimed to elucidate the causal relationships between environmental degradation and conflict and to assess current adaptation and resilience strategies. Findings are expected to provide insights into effective policy interventions for mitigating displacement and conflict arising from climate-related challenges.

Reflexiones sobre la relación entre cambio climático y movilidad: perspectivas de gobernanza, securitismo y justicia (Reflections and relationships between climate change and mobilities: Perspectives on Governance, Securitization and Justice), Centro Scalabriniano de Estudios Migratorios (Brasilii), February 2025 (in Spanish)

En los últimos años la cuestión de las movilidads climáticas ha sido objeto de considerable discusión, no solo en los escenarios internacionales de gobernanza climática, sino también en la academia y en el ámbito más amplio de la cooperación internacional. En ese sentido, este artículo se propone hacer una revisión narrativa de la literatura existente sobre el tema, a partir de la cual identificar algunos desafíos para la agenda de investigación futura, corre el riesgo de ceder al securitismo. Por el contrario, apostamos por hacer una reflexión política de este fenómeno, y por enfatizar en la justicia migrante y climática como ejes de acción futura.

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