

## Summary of Global Resilience Partnership (GRP) Engagement at UNFCCC COP24

The 24th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP24) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) took place in Katowice, Poland from 2-14 December 2018. GRP played an active role in convening, facilitating, and co-organizing various COP24 events. This included:

- Being a hosting partner of the *Development & Climate Days*;
- Convening two thought leadership sessions: one on *Peace & Stability* and second on *Migration & Urbanisation* at the Development & Climate Days;
- Organising and hosting a high level *Roundtable on Resilience* under the Marrakesh Partnership for Global Climate Action (MP GCA);
- Organising and co-hosting an event on *Nature-based solutions* with Global Environmental Facility (GEF); and
- Participating in an Action Hub event on *Climate Resilience for the Most Vulnerable*

GRP's engagement in all these events was built around the central GRP narrative of *Leaving no-one behind*, within the context of a more volatile and uncertain climate. Outputs of these sessions were structured as far as possible to contribute tangible ideas and products towards the GRP Action Agendas on 1) Science & Knowledge; 2) Policy & Influence and 3) Practice & Innovation.

GRP along with its partners brought together relevant thought leaders, political figures, private sector actors, local and global NGOs, civil society leaders, voices from the global South, and indigenous representatives into interactive discourse. Each session focused on distilling knowledge, sharing innovative action on the ground, and encouraging clear commitments to scale up investment and bring community voices to the forefront of resilience building. The specificities of each COP 24 event are outlined below.

### Development and Climate (D&C) Days

Development and Climate (D&C) days are an annual event (since 2002) held during the middle weekend of the two negotiation weeks at UNFCCC COP. Traditionally it takes place outside of the official COP venue to make it accessible to a wider range of participants and provides an informal space for policymakers, scientists, community leaders and development practitioners to come together to explore collaboration and discuss common concerns. More information about the history of D&C days is available [here](#).

This days were organized by a partnership between [Global Resilience Partnership \(GRP\)](#), [Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre](#), [International Institute for Environment and Development \(IIED\)](#), [Environmental Finance Center West \(EFCWest\)](#), the [German Development Institute/Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik \(DIE\)](#), [Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery \(GFDRR\)](#), the [International Development Research Centre \(IDRC\)](#), and [International Fund for Agricultural Development \(IFAD\)](#).

The D&C Days took place on 8-9 December 2018. Around 350 stakeholders gathered at this year's D&C Days event to debate issues at the interface between development and climate change. The

2019 theme focused on “Global ambition. Local action. Climate resilience for all.” and aimed to influence the ‘Ambition Mechanism’ processes under the UNFCCC and to inform climate action at all levels, looking ahead to 2020.

GRP with its partners co-organized and facilitated two sessions, which specifically focused on bringing the voices and capturing the experiences from the South and the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) into the conversation. Detailed programme of the D&C days is available [here](#).

### **Session 2D: Conflict and shocks: how can we build resilience in the face of increasing fragility and vulnerability to conflict in a way that promotes stability and peace?**

Fragile and conflict affected states show the slowest progress towards the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, and therefore have the highest risk of ‘being left behind’. GRP co-organised this event together with partners, Wetlands International and Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre. The overall purpose of the session was to improve understanding of how building resilience to climate volatility and environmental degradation can promote peace and stability and help reduce the risk of slipping into a cascade of instability and conflict. This was the first event in the GRP Deep Dive Dialogue process, and was structured to deliver towards the GRP Action Agendas in 2019. The event e-flyer can be viewed [here](#).



The session featured six experts from a cross-section of science, policy and practice, including: Florian Krampe - Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Marine Braud - WWF France, Karounga Keita - Wetlands International Mali, Katie Peters - Overseas Development Institute (ODI), Lieutenant-Colonel Cyril Arnaud - Ecole de Guerre (French Military Academy), and Alima Arbudu - International Committee of the Red Cross. The session was moderated by Deon Nel.

The focus of the discussion revolved around three key elements:

- 1) Defining the most important science and knowledge needs;
- 2) Identifying policy and institutional needs and political opportunities; and

- 3) Emerging new innovative practices that show the most promise in this area.

The discussion was enriched by the use of interactive software tool *Pigeonhole*, whereby the audience was invited to note down their own inputs to each of the 3 respective questions (above).. The inputs can be used to follow up with relevant stakeholders (and their respective organisations) to work on synergies in the 2019 landscape of international and regional events.

### **Session 6B: Transformative trends: what novel approaches are needed to address climate risks and vulnerability in today's rapidly urbanising places?**

Given the complex relationship between rapidly urbanising spaces, acute nature of climate change impacts on urban residents, and the vulnerabilities it engenders, GRP co-led a second session with Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre at D&C days with focus on urban resilience. The overall purpose of the session was to explore the intersection of urbanisation and climate change through discussions of a few of today's key urban trends as well as to highlight examples of ongoing efforts to adapt to climate risks within towns and cities. This session brought in a variety of urban perspectives and actors, but also focused on highlighting the voices that are typically not heard in international fora - such as the informal settlement dwellers. The event e-flyer can be viewed [here](#).



The panel of speakers included Sheela Patel of Slum Dwellers International, Zinta Zommers of Mercy Corps, Shiraz Wajih of Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group, Eddi Jjemba of Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, Bijal Brahmhatt of Mahila Housing SEWA Trust, and Denia Syam of Mercy Corps Indonesia.

One of the panellists, Sheela Patel, was recently nominated as one of the 23 Commissioners of the [Global Center on Adaptation](#), which is comprised of a diverse cross section of global leaders working to oversee the Commission's effort to catalyse accelerated adaptation action. Aside from her involvement at D&C days, she was also a keynote speaker at *Roundtable on Resilience* and various side events during the second week of COP24, thus tying together the key messages from this session into the second week of COP24 and creating synergies across multiple stakeholder groups, themes, and events.

### Some immediate outputs of GRP engagement in D&C sessions, include:

- The main points of the session fed into D&C Days Key Message [document](#), which was made available during the second week of COP 24 so that the messages could be incorporated by the delegations into relevant events and meetings that were taking place during the week.
- A longer and more detailed D&C report with more granular messages will be produced shortly after the event and made publically available. It will contain some of the specificities captured in each session.
- Aspects of the Peace & Stability session were captured in a media article in the Guardian <https://goo.gl/fxoLgL>
- The Urban Resilience session (6B) has resulted in a news article available [here](#)
- More coverage generated around D&C days in general is available [here](#).

### Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action event: High Level Roundtable on Resilience

Resilience is one of the themes of the UN Secretary General's Climate Summit in September 2019. The urgency of action emerged throughout the Talanoa Dialogue and the Resilience Day held at the Global Climate Action Summit in California (September 2018). This urgency was further reinforced in the IPCC Special Report on 1.5 Degrees and the Global Commission on Adaptation was launched in October 2018 to raise the ambition on climate adaptation and resilience action.

Under Marrakesh Partnership for Global Climate Action, GRP chaired the Resilience Group<sup>1</sup> leading up to COP24, which organized a roundtable around *Scaling up investments in resilience to meet the needs of vulnerable people*. This roundtable took place at the main COP venue with the overall objective of driving forward concrete action agendas to build climate resilience. The discussion focused on the need for accelerating action and investment for resilience across and within sectors, with the focus on the most vulnerable. The event e-flyer is available [here](#).

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<sup>1</sup> The Climate Resilience group is an informal group of organizations and institutions working around a common agenda and narrative focused on building resilience to climate risks. Current members include: UN Climate Resilience Initiative (A2R), Global Resilience Partnership (GRP), Business for Social Responsibility (BSR), Climate Justice Resilience Fund (CJRF), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Global Adaptation and Resilience Investment (GARI) Working Group, Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), ICF, ICLEI, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Lightsmith Group, Munich Climate Insurance Initiative (MCII), NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Program, Red Cross Climate Centre, SwedBio at Stockholm Resilience Center, UN Environment, Wetlands International, Willis Towers Watson, World Bank, World Economic Forum.





The event brought together a range of representatives from high level ministers to CEOs of international business companies, to grass roots and indigenous voices to the same table (see full list of speakers in as Appendix I to this document). This was the only event within MP GCA with direct focus on resilience (and investment into resilience), and as such generated a lot of high level engagement:

- The only MP GCA event to have both High Level Political Climate Champions in attendance (Inia Seruiratu, High Level Climate Champion and Minister for Defence and National Security, Fiji, and Tomasz Chruszczow, COP24 Special Envoy for Climate Change, High Level Climate Champion Poland);
- The only MP GCA event to have had direct and proactive engagement from the office of the UNFCCC Executive Secretary in soliciting participation of Patricia Espinosa in the event;
- Eight (8) governments from 4 global regions were represented at Ministerial level, including the current LDC chair from Ethiopia and incoming LDC chair from Bhutan
- Involvement of multiple Commissioners of the recently launched Global Center on Adaptation, including the CEO himself (Patrick Verkooijen)

This proactive engagement was facilitated in part by the partnership, enabled cross-linkages to different actors across the various thematic streams. The discussion benefited from active use of interactive software tool *Mentimeter*, which was set up along 2 complementary questions: **(1) What are you doing to put communities at the heart of climate resilience actions and investment?;** and **(2) What are you doing to scale up investments into climate resilience to meet the needs of the most vulnerable people?** Over 117 individual entries were recorded (both from speakers at the table and the audience in the room). The successful use of this software enabled GRP and its partners to record rich entries from a wide range of participants, which are being analysed into an output document.

### **Main outputs:**

- A detailed document analysing the messages delivered by speakers as well as those in the audience (via Mentimeter) is currently being compiled and will publically available to inform the processes of GRP, its partners and wider audience in 2019;
- A 2-page document will be submitted to UNFCCC GCA team by 19 December 2018 to be included as part of official UNFCCC COP 24 documentation and will be publically available;
- Multiple announcements on specific action agendas for 2019 and commitments to investing into resilience were made at the Roundtable. GRP, as the current chair of the Resilience Group, will be well placed to follow up on these announcements via its network to build further momentum for specific actions in 2019 and for catalysing stakeholders to the 2019 UN Climate Summit;

### **GRP-GEF Event on Nature-Based Solutions**

GRP and the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) partnered to organise a side event in GEF pavilion, *Taking Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) to Scale for Resilience*. The event emphasised the critical role of nature-based solutions (NBS) for resilience and the need for development partners to think of practical, new, and joint action to scale them. The speakers included high-level representatives of the donor community, global South, private sector and providers of catalytic funding for resilience. The event e-flyer is available [here](#).

This side event took place on 12 December, after both D&C days and the Roundtable on Resilience. As such, it was able to pull through the message from the previous events and capitalise on GRP's involvement at these events.

## Appendix I: List of Speakers

### Speakers for Peace & Stability Session:

**Moderator: Deon Nel**, CEO, GRP

**Florian Krampe**, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

**Marine Braud**, WWF France

**Karounga Keita**, Wetlands International Mali

**Katie Peters**, Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

**Lieutenant-Colonel Cyril Arnaud**, Ecole de Guerre

**Alima Arbudu**, International Committee of the Red Cross

### Speakers for Urban Resilience Session:

**Sheela Patel**, Society for Promotion of Area Resource Centres and Slum Dwellers International

**Zinta Zommers**, Mercy Corps and Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance

**Shiraz Wajih**, Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group

**Eddi Jjemba**, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre

**Bijal Brahmbhatt**, Mahila Housing SEWA Trust

**Denia Syam**, Mercy Corps Indonesia.

### Speakers Resilience Roundtable:

Moderator: **Laurie Goering**, Thomson Reuters Foundation

**H.E. Minister Inia Seruiratu**, High Level Climate Champion, Fiji

**Dr. Hon Jerome Walcott**, Foreign Minister, Barbados

**Sheela Patel**, Director of the Society for Promotion of Area Resource Centres, Chair of Slum Dwellers international

**Patricia Espinosa**, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC

**H.E. Dr. Mary Goretti Kitutu Kimono**, State Minister for the Environment, Uganda

**H.E. Yeshey Dorji**, Minister of Agriculture and Forests, Bhutan and incoming chair of LDC group

**Jagan Chapagain**, Under Secretary General, IFRC

**Kevin Rabinovitch**, the Global Vice President for Sustainability, Mars

**Bijal Brahmbhatt**, Director of Mahila Housing SEWA Trust, India

**Deon Nel**, CEO, GRP

**Tarcila Rivera Zea**, Director of CHIRAPAQ, Centro de Culturas Indigenas del Peru

**Ekhosuehi Iyehen**, Secretary General, Insurance Development Forum

**Naoko Ishii**, CEO, Global Environmental Facility & GCA commissioner

**H.E. Minister Lina Pohl**, El Salvador, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Laura Tuck

**Aron Cramer**, CEO, BSR

**Maria Flachsbarth**, Parliamentary State Secretary, Germany

**Andreas Ahrens**, Head of Climate, Inter IKEA Group

**Abyd Karmali**, Managing Director, Climate Finance, Bank of America Merrill Lynch

**Patrick Verkooijen**, CEO, Global Centre on Adaptation

**Beth de Hamel**, Chief Financial Officer, Mercy Corps

**Jay Koh**, co-founder and Managing Director of the Lightsmith Group

**Jane Madgwick**, CEO, Wetlands International

**Vositha Wijenayake**, a member of Sri Lankan delegation

**Nick Bridge**, Special Representative for Climate Change, UK

**Ashok Sridharan**, Mayor of Bonn, President of ICLEI, Marrakech Partnership leadership network

**Tomasz Chruszczow**, COP24 Special Envoy for Climate Change, High Level Climate Champion Poland

Speakers for the GRP-GEF Nature-Based Solutions event:

Moderator: **Tracy C. Kajumba**, Regional Senior Climate Change and Development Advisor, Irish Aid

**Naoko Ishii**, CEO, Global Environmental Facility & GCA commissioner

**H.E. Mame Thierno Dieng**, Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development, Senegal

**Emma Howard Boyd**, Chair of UK Environment Agency, and GCA commissioner

**Chip Cunliffe**, Director, Sustainable Development AXA XL

**Deon Nel**, CEO, GRP

**Karounga Keita**, National Coordinator, Wetlands International, Mali

**Tom Okurut**, Executive Director, National Environment Management Authority, Uganda



## Appendix II: E-Flyers of GRP events at COP 24

### Development and Climate (D&C) Days



Development and  
Climate Days

Global ambition  
Local action  
Climate resilience for all  
#DCdays18



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Join us for an interactive session at the  
Development and Climate (D&C) days.

# Conflict and Shocks:

## How can we build resilience in the face of increasing fragility and vulnerability?

**Panelists:**  
**Florian Krampe**, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute  
**Marine Braud**, WWF France  
**Karounga Keita**, Wetlands International, Mali  
**Katie Peters**, Overseas Development Institute  
**Lieutenant-Colonel Cyril Arnaud**, Ecole de Guerre  
**Alima Arbudu**, International Committee of the Red Cross  
**Moderated by Deon Nel**, Global Resilience Partnership

**The discussions will center around three questions:**

1. What do we need to know to be able to act more effectively in fragile and conflict susceptible areas?
2. What are the policies and institutions that we should be targeting?
3. What are some of the creative solutions that are emerging in this area?



 **Saturday 8 December 2018, 11:30-13:00**

 **Salon Room (at Hotel Diament Arsenal)**







Global ambition  
Local action  
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## Transformative Trends:

What novel approaches are needed to address climate risks and vulnerability in today's rapidly urbanising places?

Sunday 9 December 2018, 11:30-13:00  
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## Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action event: High Level Roundtable on Resilience



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### Scaling up investments in climate resilience to meet the needs of vulnerable people

 Monday 10 December 2018, 13:15-14:45  Climate Action Room 2

Join the resilience roundtable of the COP24 Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action for a diverse dialogue on successful actions across sectors and scales, focused on putting communities at the heart of public-private investments into climate resilience for and with the most vulnerable.

#### Featuring

- H.E. Minister Inia Seruiratu, High Level Climate Champion, Fiji
- Dr. Hon Jerome Walcott, Foreign Minister, Barbados
- Sheela Patel, Director of the Society for Promotion of Area Resource Centres, Chair of Slum Dwellers International
- Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC
- Tomasz Chruszczow, COP24 Special Envoy for Climate Change, High Level Climate Champion Poland

and many others!

Organised by The Climate Resilience Group which include the UN Climate Resilience Initiative (AZR), Global Resilience Partnership (GRP), Business for Social Responsibility (BSR), Climate Justice Resilience Fund (CJRF), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Global Adaptation and Resilience Investment (GARI) Working Group, Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), ICF, ICLEI – Local governments for sustainability, International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Lightsmith Group, Munich Climate Insurance Initiative (MCII), NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Program, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, SwedBio at Stockholm Resilience Center, Wetlands International, Willis Towers Watson, and World Bank.

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## GRP-GEF Event on Nature-Based Solutions



Please join us for a  
**GRP-GEF**  
partnership event on  
**Taking Nature-Based  
Solutions (NBS) to Scale  
for Resilience**

**When: 12 December, 10:00 - 11:30 am**  
**Where: GEF Partnership Pavilion (H #2)**

Given the critical role of nature-based solutions (NBS) for resilience, development partners must think of practical, new, and joint actions to scale them up. At this novel GRP-GEF event, high-level representatives of the donor community, global South, private sector and providers of catalytic funding for resilience will share their thinking and efforts underway to scale up NBS.

**Speakers:**

**Ms. Naoko Ishii**, CEO, GEF and GCA commissioner

**H. E. Mr. Mame Thierno Dieng**, Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development, Senegal

**Ms. Emma Howard Boyd**, Chair of UK Environment Agency, and GCA commissioner

**Mr. Chip Cunliffe**, Director, Sustainable Development, AXA XL

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