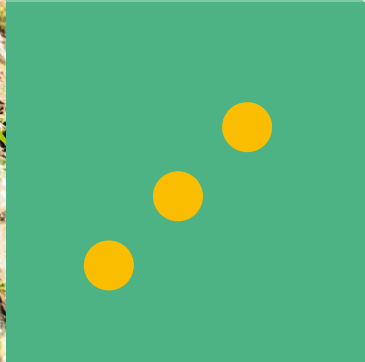




# Sahel Climate, Peace and Security Forum

Climate policy and financing  
for peace and security

## BAMAKO DECLARATION





## REGIONAL CLIMATE, PEACE AND SECURITY FORUM IN THE SAHEL

The Republic of Mali organized, with the support of the United Nations Development Program, the first regional forum “CLIMATE, PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE SAHEL” which was held in Bamako from November 9 to 11, 2023 in the presence of Ministers in charge of the Environment of Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and representatives of the ministries in charge of the environment of Guinea, Senegal, Chad as well as representatives of regional and sub-national organizations, namely the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region and the Liptako Gourma Authority. The forum served as a platform for strategic reflection between the Sahel countries on climate security which refers to insecurity and conflicts induced directly or indirectly by the influence of climate change, in combination with other vulnerability factors.

### Participants in this Forum:

1. **Note** with satisfaction the relevance of political and strategic exchanges on the linkage between “climate, peace and security” for sustainable development in the Sahel;
2. **Underline** that Africa, which only emits around 4% of greenhouse gases, suffers the greatest effects and damage and receives the lowest levels of funding dedicated to responding to the negative impacts of climate change;
3. **Recognize** the national, regional and international efforts undertaken to address the climate, peace and security issues, including those of the governments and peoples of the Sahel;
4. **Recognize** the potential of the Sahel region in human and natural resources, offering prospects for rapid and sustainable growth, nevertheless hampered by multifaceted crises due to climate change;
5. **Reaffirm** that the effects of climate change, conflicts and insecurity know no borders and will not be resolved exclusively through local or national solutions;
6. **Strongly warn** of the spiral of violence fueled by organized crime, struggles for access to natural resources, violent extremism and terrorism that persist in the Sahel region;
7. **Are concerned** by the increase in extreme weather and climate phenomena exacerbating insecurity and compromising peacebuilding efforts both at the national and regional level;

8. **Deplore** the harmful impact of these climate and security crises on women, girls, children and young people in the Sahel who remain under-represented in decision-making and responses related to adaptation to climate change and peacebuilding;

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9. **Affirm** that the climate, peace and security nexus is a priority to be integrated into national and regional socio-economic development policies and plans in the Sahel;

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10. **Underline** the need to have a climate, peace and security agenda specific to the Sahel to ensure that local communities, particularly in remote or cross-border areas, can benefit from coherent programs for development and peace.

At the end of this first forum on climate, peace and security in the Sahel, the participants agree on:

1. The commitment of the people and countries of the Sahel to regional and international collaboration in favor of climate security which recognizes and values the unique character and specificities of the Sahel region;

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2. The need to develop and operationalize inclusive national and regional strategies to strengthen climate resilience, peace and security in the Sahel;

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3. The Advocacy and the commitment in favor of financing and actions linked to the climate, peace and security nexus in the Sahel based on structuring investment mechanisms supported by Sahelian institutions based on national and regional priorities;

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4. The call for adaptation of the conditions of access to climate financing for countries requiring urgent support given fragilities and crises.

Together, we reaffirm our desire to transform the challenges of the Sahel into opportunities for a prosperous, peaceful and sustainable future.

This declaration will serve as a basis for advocacy for dialogue and negotiation to be carried out by the Governments and organizations of the Sahel countries, in favor of the nexus - climate, peace and security in the Sahel - at the level of appropriate mechanisms including financing mechanisms. national, regional and international.



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Burkina Faso



Chad



Guinea



Mali



Mauritania



Niger



Senegal