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# Planetary Security Initiative

Planetary Security Conference 2019: #Doable



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Climate change affects human security and can increase conflict risk. This issue gained prominence on high level international diplomatic and security policy agendas. Yet still more needs to be done to address risks on the ground. The Planetary Security Initiative (PSI) aims to catalyse action in affected contexts. PSI sets out best practice, strategic entry points and new approaches to reducing climate-related risks to conflict and stability, thus promoting sustainable peace in a changing climate.

## Planetary Security Initiative

The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs launched the PSI in 2015. Now operated by a consortium of leading think tanks, the objectives of the PSI are to:

- Enhance political involvement in climate-security
- Strengthen the knowledge-policy interface by consolidating a global, cross-sectoral and inter-disciplinary community of practice
- Develop and promote policies and good practice to support governments, the private sector and implementing agencies better securing peace in regions affected by climate change
- Operate as a permanent platform for international cooperation on planetary security

## Planetary Security Conference 2019

The 4th Planetary Security Conference (PSC) will take place in The Hague on 19 and 20 February, 2019. The previous editions were attended by over 300 representatives from governments, international organisations, think tanks, NGOs, academia and the private sector, from more than 70 countries. The conferences have successfully strengthened a community of practice around climate and security, bolstered knowledge, and forged an agenda for action over the successive years. This time the conference aims to make an impact with ideas for practical and pragmatic deliverables. These will feed into the UN Climate Summit in New York in September 2019.

## #Doable

PSC 2019 will focus on **what can be done** to successfully reduce security risks linked to climate change and other environmental stresses on the ground, through international diplomacy, in the planning of military operations and risk analysis.

### The conference aims to:

- Explore the climate-security linkage in specific issues and regions to identify entry points and actionable areas for policy and response
- Develop ideas that will help shape policies and implementation strategies for the next 15 to 20 years
- Continue to provide an opportunity for practitioners and high-level policy-makers on climate change and security to meet, exchange information and increase cooperation
- Generate deeper and broader awareness of the best ways to address climate-security issues

### PSC 2019 will:

- Put a “spotlight” on four areas where the climate-security relationship is pressing: **Iraq, Mali, Lake Chad** and the **Caribbean island states**
- Focus on the contribution of **land and climate policies** to peace, **urban risks and instability** and **geopolitics of the energy transition**
- Assess progress made on the objectives of the 2017 **The Hague Declaration on Planetary Security** and agree on a road map for 2019 onwards

### The annual conferences are supported by complementary activities:

- Strategic consultations at key international events and regional meetings
- Reports, policy briefs, videos, a newsletter and media outreach on planetary security issues and potential solutions

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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