

Environmental Peacebuilding Association

2024 Annual Report

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Acronyms

CoP	Conference of the Parties
ELI	Environmental Law Institute
EnPAx®	Environmental Peacebuilding Association®
FIG	Forest Interest Group
GIG	Gender Interest Group
ILC	International Law Commission
MENA	Middle East and North Africa
MOOC	massive open online course
TJ-IG	Transitional Justice Interest Group
UN	United Nations
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme

President's Note

2024 was another big year for environmental peacebuilding!

Environmental peacebuilding is more relevant than ever. Territory and natural resources drive conflict, the environment is a silent victim of conflict, and it provides opportunities for cooperation and peacebuilding. Climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts are starting to consider conflict dynamics and peace potential. International law continues to expand its protections for the environment during armed conflict and the linkages to humanitarian principles. The Conferences of the Parties (COPs) for climate change, biological diversity, and desertification all saw efforts and policies to integrate considerations of peace and conflict.

There is growing attention to localized approaches to environmental peacebuilding. Scholars and practitioners are actively exploring ways to decolonize environmental peacebuilding and engage Indigenous Peoples and other historically marginalized groups.

In 2024, the Environmental Peacebuilding Association® (EnPAx®) continued to grow and support the evolution of the field. In June, EnPAx and the Grotius Centre at Leiden University convened the Third International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding. The Conference was an amazing experience of connection, inspiration, and community-building. In addition to panels, roundtables, and posters, the Conference featured a series of flagship initiatives to advance environmental peacebuilding in concrete ways: an Oral History Project, major reports on digital technology and on migration, and the launch of an inclusive process to develop a glossary of environmental peacebuilding terms.

Since the conference, the Association held elections for the chairs of the Interest Groups and for the Board of Directors. As we enter 2025, the Association has new leadership. Erika Weinthal is the new President, joining Lauren Herzer Risi and Larry Swatuk as Vice Presidents and Païvi Lujala as the Treasurer. The Board has appointed Carl Bruch as Executive Director. With the new leadership, the Association is looking forward to:

- The Ninth Al-Moumin Award for Thought Leadership on Environmental Peacebuilding and accompanying Lecture;
- Development of the Glossary of Environmental Peacebuilding Terms;
- A range of events and activities undertaken by the EnPAx Interest Groups;
- Ongoing publication of the *Environment and Security* journal; and
- Starting preparations for the Fourth International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding for June 2026 in Ottawa, Canada.

We will be hosting numerous events in 2025. We welcome your ideas and engagement. Please consider helping to organize an event in-person, hybrid, or online. If you want this organization

to represent the best of us, please step up and play a role! If you are not already a member of the Association, we encourage you to join us to make the environment a cause for peace!

Erika Weinthal, President, Environmental Peacebuilding Association
Carl Bruch, Executive Director, Environmental Peacebuilding Association

Status of the Association

The Environmental Peacebuilding Association was incorporated in Washington, D.C., and formally launched April 2018. It is certified as a non-profit professional organization (in the parlance of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, a 501(c)(6). During 2024, the Board of Directors voted to change the status of EnPAx to a 501(c)(3).

Board of Directors

The Environmental Peacebuilding Association® (also known as EnPAx®) is guided by a Board comprising leading practitioners and researchers working at the intersection of environment, conflict, and peace. Each Board member is active in Association activities, with a dedicated portfolio of responsibilities. Board members serve three-year terms, which are staggered to ensure stability.

The Board of Directors in 2024 included:



Erika Weinthal
President



Lauren Risi
Vice-President



Larry Swatuk
Vice-President



Päivi Lujala
Treasurer



Ken Conca
Director



Alec Crawford
Director



Janet Edmond
Director



Julia Gorricho
Director



Silja Halle
Director



Tobias Ide
Director



Shanna N. McCain
Director



Juliane Schillinger
Director
(Young Professionals)



Paula Gutierrez Martinez
Director (Latin America & Caribbean)



Sarah Njeri
Director (Africa)



Asim Zia
Director
(Asia & Pacific)



Carl Bruch
Executive Director
(ex officio)

Membership

Since its founding in 2018, the Environmental Peacebuilding Association (EnPAx) has continued to mature, By the end of 2024, the Association includes 448 individual members from 76 countries on 6 continents, and 30 institutional members. The membership composition is 87% professional and 13% student. By the end of 2024, the Association had established twelve Interest Groups (on Africa; Data and Technologies; Climate Change, Disasters, and Resilience; Education; Forests; Gender; Law; Middle East and North Africa (MENA); Monitoring & Evaluation; Transitional Justice; Water; and Young Professionals), with an Interest Group focusing on urban environmental peacebuilding under development; the Interest Groups are undertaking a wide range of activities, as summarized below.

Secretariat

The Environmental Law Institute (ELI) serves as the host for the Association's Secretariat. In 2024, the Board recognized the substantial contributions that ELI had made in establishing and building the Association.

Secretariat staff in 2024 included:

- Joel Young, Environmental Peacebuilding Coordinator
- Tori Rickman, Environmental Peacebuilding Coordinator
- Buket Altıncelep, Environmental Peacebuilding Coordinator
- Mara Pusic, Environmental Peacebuilding Coordinator

- Carrie Hanks, Conference Administrator
- Madeleine Loll, Gender Administrator
- Pauline Mahe, Interest Group Administrator
- Sarah Xu, Membership Administrator
- Leela Yadav, Interest Group Administrator
- Julie Yoon, Gender Administrator

- Inesaf Benzaki, Intern
- Maria Camilla Cadonici, Intern
- Jennah Colborn, Intern
- Annika Dengel, Intern
- Eneas Xavier de Oliveira Junior, Visiting Attorney
- Josh Dougherty, Intern
- Bryan Fok, Intern
- Ruby Gaafar, Intern
- Tristana Giunta, Visiting Attorney
- Elizabeth Hessami, Visiting Attorney
- Devika Manish Kumar, Intern
- Anna McDonald, Intern
- Nilisha Patel, Visiting Researcher
- Sophia Rockwell, Intern
- Sarah Shahabi, Law Clerk
- Aianna Siembab, Intern
- Tracy Stein, Visiting Attorney
- Major Stevens, Intern
- Avery Thau, Intern
- Audrey Thill, Intern
- Cecilia Thomsek, Intern
- Diego Toledo, Intern
- Milen Yishak, Visiting Researcher
- Rachel Stromsta, Intern
- Arabella Vallee, Intern
- Ruby Whelan, Intern

Financial Summary

Following is the income statement and balance sheet for the Association through December 31, 2024.

Income Statement

	Jan - Dec 24	Jan - Dec 23	Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
43400 · Direct Public Support			
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	300.00	509.50	-209.50
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	300.00	509.50	-209.50
47200 · Member Income - Dues			
47230 · Professional Membership	12,583.50	13,938.88	-1,355.38
47235 · Student/Retired Dues	1,779.25	2,141.75	-362.50
47240 · Institutional Member	8,826.75	11,772.50	-2,945.75
47200 · Member Income - Dues - Other	1,290.00	435.00	855.00
Total 47200 · Member Income - Dues	24,479.50	28,288.13	-3,808.63
48000 · Conference Income			
48100 · Conf Registration - Member	60,897.59	0.00	60,897.59
48200 · Conf Reg - non member	72,083.97	0.00	72,083.97
48300 · Conference Sponsor	14,000.00	0.00	14,000.00
48000 · Conference Income - Other	78.03	0.00	78.03
Total 48000 · Conference Income	147,059.59	0.00	147,059.59
Total Income	171,839.09	28,797.63	143,041.46
Gross Profit	171,839.09	28,797.63	143,041.46
Expense			
60900 · Business Expenses			
60920 · Business Registration Fees	0.00	80.00	-80.00
Total 60900 · Business Expenses	0.00	80.00	-80.00
62100 · Contract Services			
62110 · Administrative Services	37,219.01	1,007.43	36,211.58
62120 · Program Services	35,470.25	12,969.19	22,501.06
62150 · Web Contract	4,800.00	4,858.97	-58.97
Total 62100 · Contract Services	77,489.26	18,835.59	58,653.67
65000 · Operations			
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference	1,580.00	240.37	1,339.63
65030 · Printing and Copying	3,703.84	0.00	3,703.84
65040 · Supplies	894.66	411.01	483.65

65060 · PayPal/Bank Fees	6,177.13	1,296.61	4,880.52
Total 65000 · Operations	12,355.63	1,947.99	10,407.64
68300 · Travel and Meetings			
68310 · Conference, Convention, Meeting	61,616.22	1,150.00	60,466.22
68320 · Travel	11,935.05	0.00	11,935.05
68300 · Travel and Meetings - Other	375.00	0.00	375.00
Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings	73,926.27	1,150.00	72,776.27
Total Expense	163,771.16	22,013.58	141,757.58
Net Ordinary Income	8,067.93	6,784.05	1,283.88
	8,067.93	**6,784.05**	**1,283.88**

Balance Sheet

	Dec 31, 24	Dec 31, 23	$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
10000 · Eagle Bank	45,869.18	44,817.95	1,051.23	2.35%
10010 · Eagle Receiving Account	6,217.43	1,970.34	4,247.09	215.55%
10200 · PayPal	1,980.07	10,926.23	-8,946.16	-81.88%
10300 · Square	1,951.24	0.00	1,951.24	100.0%
Total Checking/Savings	56,017.92	57,714.52	-1,696.60	-2.94%
Other Current Assets				
12500 · Transwise	41.63	41.63	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Current Assets	41.63	41.63	0.00	0.0%
Total Current Assets	56,059.55	57,756.15	-1,696.60	-2.94%
TOTAL ASSETS	**56,059.55**	**57,756.15**	**-1,696.60**	**-2.94%**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
20000 · Accounts Payable	0.00	2,904.53	-2,904.53	-100.0%
Total Accounts Payable	0.00	2,904.53	-2,904.53	-100.0%
Other Current Liabilities				
27000 · Deferred Revenue-Conference	0.00	6,860.00	-6,860.00	-100.0%
Total Other Current Liabilities	0.00	6,860.00	-6,860.00	-100.0%
Total Current Liabilities	0.00	9,764.53	-9,764.53	-100.0%
Total Liabilities	0.00	9,764.53	-9,764.53	-100.0%
Equity				
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	47,991.62	41,207.57	6,784.05	16.46%
Net Income	8,067.93	6,784.05	1,283.88	18.93%
Total Equity	56,059.55	47,991.62	8,067.93	16.81%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**56,059.55**	**57,756.15**	**-1,696.60**	**-2.94%**

Supporting Institutions

The Environmental Peacebuilding Association® (EnPAx®) benefits greatly from a growing number of institutions for their support in developing and maintaining the Association. EnPAx® is grateful to the following institutions for their in-kind and financial support:



In addition, many institutions provided support to the Third International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, as highlighted below.

Activities of the Association

Throughout 2024, the Association developed new activities and expanded existing activities designed to foster knowledge development and exchange; build capacity and awareness; and strengthen relationships between scholars, practitioners, and decisionmakers working on issues related to environment, conflict, and peace. Noting that many activities advance more than one objective of the Association, these activities include:

- **fostering knowledge development and exchange**
    - Expanding and maintaining the Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Platform

    - Expanding and maintaining an affiliated Knowledge Platform on Gender, Natural Resources, and Peace (in collaboration with the UN Joint Programme on Women, Natural Resources and Peace)
    - Expanding micro-sites that address specific aspects of environmental peacebuilding, including those related to frontier technologies
- **building capacity and awareness**
    - Delivering a massive open online course (MOOC) on Environmental Security and Sustaining Peace in a self-paced format
    - Convening the Third International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding (in The Hague, Netherlands) and the Path to The Hague
- **strengthening relationships between scholars, practitioners, and decisionmakers**
    - Creating new Interest Groups
    - Launching a Membership Directory
    - Developing profiles of members
    - Conducting outreach on social media

These activities are summarized below.

Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Platform

The Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Platform (www.environmentalpeacebuilding.org/), the leading global platform on issues related to natural resources, conflict, and peacebuilding, continues to grow. In 2024, we added 371 Library items, 32 Announcements, 68 Events, 216 Jobs, 580 International News articles, and 239 Blogs & Opinion pieces. At the end of the year, the Platform includes more than 6,600 Library items and 8,900 International News articles. In 2024, the Association continued to maintain and expand its dedicated microsites, including subsites on Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, monitoring and evaluation, gender, and data and technologies, among others.

The Environmental Peacebuilding Community of Practice added 195 members this year. The Community is now almost 4,400 people strong, with members from more than 150 countries.

Environmental Peacebuilding Update

In 2024, EnPAx celebrated ten years of publishing the *Environmental Peacebuilding Update*, the biweekly e-newsletter highlighting recent developments relating to environment, conflict, and

peace, with links to new publications, international news, commentary, upcoming conferences and events, and job openings. According to consultations with members of the Environmental Peacebuilding Community of Practice and of EnPAx, the audience consistently highlights the value of the *Update* and the website. The Board is deeply indebted to the editor, Joel Young, and the large team of volunteers in the EnPAx Secretariat who collect, code, and post materials, and then create the *Update* every two weeks. Under the leadership of Julie Yoon and Madeleine Loll, with guidance from Silja Halle and Marisa Ensor, EnPAx has also continued the monthly *Newsletter on Gender, Natural Resources, Climate, and Peace*.

Member Profiles

To share the stories, experiences, and learning of members who are doing interesting work, the Association has been profiling individual members. These profiles have spanned geographic regions, types of resources, and disciplinary approaches. In 2024, three profiles were completed circulated via the *Environmental Peacebuilding Update*, and posted online at https://www.environmentalpeacebuilding.org/news/profiles.

Environment and Security

The *Environment and Security* journal is a flagship initiative of EnPAx, featuring leading academic researchers from around the world. 2024 was the first full year of the journal *Environment and Security*, published by EnPAx and SAGE Publishing. *Environment and Security* is a quarterly journal that seeks to publish innovative research on the intersections between environmental and security issues, and to inspire debates by decisionmakers, practitioners, and researchers. 2024 featured the first special issues of the journal, including a special issue on "From Climate Conflicts to Environmental Peacebuilding" (volume 2, issue 1) and a special issue on "Decarbonization and Peace" (volume 2, issue 3). Access to *Environment and Security* is free-of-charge for all EnPAx members.

The website is https://journals.sagepub.com/home/eas and the landing page for the Journal on EnPAx website is: *https://www.environmentalpeacebuilding.org/association/environment-and-security/*

Events and Webinars

The Association held many webinars, consultations, and skills-building events. By the end of 2024, EnPAx had held 16 events including the Third Environmental Peacebuilding Conference.

Some of the featured events in 2024 include:

Third International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding /Path to The Hague

The Third International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding was held June 18-21, 2024, hosted by the Grotius Center for International Legal Studies at Leiden University at its campus in The Hague, Netherlands. The Path to the Hague served as a collaborative and consultative process to build on the success of the previous two Conferences and to build momentum and excitement for fostering exchange and learning in a dynamic, practical, and inclusive space. Associated events were held between May 2023 and March 2024.

Engaging virtual participants from around the globe, a fully virtual pre-conference day was held on 12 June 2024 for those not able to attend the Conference in person.

On June 18, 2024, the pre-Conference events included a series of meetings for EnPAx Interest Groups, trainings, workshops, and site visits. More than 400 people participated in the four days of in-person events, and another 300 participated in the virtual day. From June 19-22, simultaneous interpretation (English-Spanish-French-Ukrainian) was provided for a number of sessions. The Third Conference promoted two initiatives: an oral history and a glossary of terms for environmental peacebuilding.

The Third Conference featured five key themes:

- Climate change
- Water
- Peace, Justice, and Accountability
- Natural Resources and Conservation
- Data and Digital Technologies

In addition, an open theme encompassed other environmental peacebuilding submissions.

The Conference featured a gala on the evening of June 19, 2024. The Gala was hosted at the Mauritshuis, in The Hague. At the Gala, EnPAx honored the outstanding contributions of the following individuals and organizations:

Award for Lifetime Achievement in Environmental Peacebuilding
Sherri Goodman, Wilson Center (United States)
Award for Impactful Practice in Environmental Peacebuilding
Global Witness

Award for Enhancing the Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge

Elaine (Lan Yin) Hsiao, Kent State University (United States)

Award for Outstanding Early Career Contribution to Environmental Peacebuilding

Annika Erickson-Pearson, Professional Facilitator (Switzerland)

Katongo Seyuba, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Zambia)

Award for Best Student Paper on Environmental Peacebuilding

Ulrika Lundin Glans, Uppsala University (Sweden)

Award for Service

Joel Young, Environmental Peacebuilding Association (United States)

The conference was supported by a wide range of institutional and financial sponsors, including: Environmental Law Institute, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies at Leiden University, UN Environment Programme, World Bank Group, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, PeaceNexus Foundation, Nicholas School for the Environment at Duke University, U.S. Agency for International Development, Conservation International, Asser Institute, War Prevention Initiative, Nelson S. Talbott Foundation, European Institute of Peace, and The Hague.

Organizing Committee Members included Carl Bruch, Daniëlla Dam-de Jong, Christopher Huggins (the local host for the Fourth Conference in Ottawa), Païvi Lujala, Munini Mutuku, Lauren Risi, and Erika Weinthal.

Scientific Committee Members included Tegan Blaine, Tom Cavanagh, Ayman Cherkaoui, Geoff Dabelko, Suleiman Halasah, Silja Halle, Tracy Hart, Liliana Jauregui, Patricia Kameri-Mbote, Hector Camilo Morales Muñoz, Alberto Pallechi, Stavros Pantazopolous, Lena Salame, Mirali Shukla, Carsten Stahn, Louise van Schaik, Catherine Wong, and Wim Zwijenburg.

The Fourth International Conference will be held at the University of Ottawa from June 16-19, 2026.

MOOC: Environmental Security and Sustaining Peace

In 2024, EnPAx leaders and international experts delivered an updated version of the massive open online course (MOOC) on Environmental Security and Sustaining Peace, hosted on the SDG Academy platform This 8-week massive open online course provides an in-depth introduction to the multiple roles that natural resources and the environment play in the onset, escalation, resolution, and recovery from violent conflicts. Many of the considerations and approaches in this course are also relevant to understanding and addressing social conflicts around natural resources and the environment.

Alex Turgul served as the MOOC Coordinator. More than 500 people registered and completed the course.

Interest Groups

To strengthen relationships between scholars, practitioners, decisionmakers, and students—and to help foster knowledge development and exchange and build capacity and awareness—the Environmental Peacebuilding Association has developed 12 Interest Groups. This annual report features summaries of the interest groups and provides illustrative activities from the Forest Interest Group, Gender Interest Group, and Transitional Justice Interest Group activities in 2024.

Africa

The objective of the Africa Interest Group, which was launched in 2020, is to provide a platform for collaboration on areas of common interest relating to environment, conflict, peace, and security in Africa. It also aims to undertake activities at the African regional, sub-regional, national, and local levels. The Chair of the Interest Group is Octavio Goio.

Big Data and Frontier Technologies

The Big Data and Frontier Technologies Interest Group seeks to collect and share information on how to use big data and frontier technologies for environmental peacebuilding. With the UN Environment Programme, it produced a flagship report on frontier technologies for environmental peacebuilding, which was launched at the Third Conference. The Chair of the Interest Group is Ben Dills.

Climate, Disasters, and Resilience

The objective of this group is to engage a community of peers working and interested in the field of climate change, disasters, and resilience as related to environmental peacebuilding. The group aims to encourage member involvement through sharing work, expertise, and supporting professional development and knowledge sharing.

Education

The objective of the Education Interest Group, which was launched in 2020, is to provide resources for educators, practitioners, and students to advance their knowledge and the knowledge-based practice in environmental peacebuilding.

Forest

In order to pursue its objective of raising awareness of the environment and climate security risks as related to forests, the Forest Interest Group (FIG) aims to develop and maintain external relationships with other organizations and institutions concerned with the field; hold events and network with potential partners and other Interest Groups; and to support and engage with members through various media to support, track, and report developments, opportunities, and trends.

The Forest Interest Group comprises 31 members from diverse geographic regions, including Africa, the Americas, Australia, and Europe. The membership includes two representatives from the EnPAx Board. Of the members of the interest group, almost 50% are active members. The group represents a mix of sectors, with members from academia, non-governmental organisations, civil society, private enterprises, and government.

In 2024, the Forest Interest Group undertook several key initiatives:

A) Extended Dialogue on Forests, Livelihoods, and Peace

Since October 2022, FIG hosted bi-monthly open discussion sessions (“Extended Dialogues”) on various sub-themes under the broad theme of "Forests, Livelihoods, and Peace.” More than 200 participants from across five continents, representing universities, NGOs, donors, and communities, had the opportunity to share their experiences, questions, problems, differences, and commonalities in working on these issues. Some of the Extended Dialogue Sessions were conducted in cooperation with partners, such as the World Bank, MBBI, and other stakeholders, while others began directly with discussion.

B) Session at the Third International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding

The group hosted a well-received session focusing on the role of forests in fostering sustainable peace and livelihoods, with participation from global experts in the field. In this session, the group presented a paper on the key findings across the Extended Dialogue to offer a picture of the current areas of forest-related environmental peacebuilding that most concern participants. It centered around common themes, lessons learned, and best practices identified during the sessions, addressing challenges and opportunities currently faced by those seeking to improve livelihoods by promoting peace in forest environments globally.

C) Regular Monthly Meetings

The group has maintained its commitment to monthly online meetings, providing a platform for members to exchange updates, share research, and coordinate ongoing initiatives. These meetings have proven popular among our members.

D) FIG – Mission Statement updated

After the Third Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, the members of FIG met and revised the FIG mission statement. The statement now reads:

> Forest Interest Group Mission Statement
> *The Forest Interest Group is dedicated to fostering a more equitable and just world by addressing the centrality of forests to local communities and global climate efforts. We provide a forum that bridges disciplines, cultures, and geographies to facilitate learning, discussion, and collaboration on conflicts related to forests globally. Additionally, we serve as an information and learning platform focused on environmental peacebuilding, leveraging our collective expertise to advance these issues within EnPAx and beyond.*

Looking ahead to 2025, the Forest Interest Group aims to:

- Collaborate on a potential publication in *Environment and Security,* consolidating and building on insights from the Extended Dialogue series.
- Update and enhance the group's webpage on the EnPAx website to better reflect ongoing projects, resources, and member contributions.
- Continue monthly meetings and explore opportunities for new webinars or workshops that align with emerging themes in forest governance and environmental peacebuilding.
- Organizes events (details to be decided) to intensify the exchange between members of the FIG and with external experts.

Gender

The Gender Interest Group (GIG) seeks to strengthen understanding of the gender dimensions of environmental peacebuilding; to advance research and learning on this topic; and to foster an inclusive and collaborative network that bridges existing communities of practice. The GIG follows the developments in international and national policies related to gender, security, and environment, including climate action; it also seeks to identify and document approaches that respond effectively to the challenges and opportunities presented by this nexus, including planning, monitoring, and learning practices and systems. Additionally, the GIG strives to coordinate advocacy and outreach on these topics.

During 2024, the group had 24 active members. The GIG leadership included:
Chair (January – July) Marisa O. Ensor
Co-Chair (August – ongoing) Maryruth Belsey Priebe
Co-Chair Natalia Jiménez Galindo (August – ongoing)

The GIG activities in 2024 included:

A) Newsletters and Outreach:
23 posts on Blogs & Opinions
9 library posts on Climate Change
2 library posts on Conflict Prevention, Mediation, & Resolution
3 library posts on Extractive Resources
12 library posts on Inclusive Governance
2 library posts on Land
0 posts on Protection & Access to Justice
5 library posts on Renewable Resources
31 Jobs posts on Announcements
5 posts on Upcoming Events 2025
40 events posted in Archived Events 2024

B) Spotlights
January: A Feminist Agenda to Tackle the World's Water Crisis - ENG
February: No Paris Agreement without the Ocean, and Neither without Women- ENG
April: Climate Change, Security, and Intersectionality at the 2024 UN Ocean Decade Conference - ENG
May: Do El Niño and La Niña Play a Role in Conflict and Peacebuilding? - ENG
June: Gendered Perspectives on Maritime Security: An Ocean of Opportunity for Caribbean Island States- ENG
July: Intersectional Perspectives on Environmental Peacebuilding- ENG
November: Addressing Maritime Environmental Crimes in the Coral Triangle: The Critical Role of Women and Gender Perspectives- ENG / ESP
December: Biodiversity Management at the Service of Gender Equity - ENG / ESP

B) Meetings
June 19, 2024 – Marisa served as a "table anchor" at the Women's Leadership Lunch at the EnPAx meetings at the Third International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding
June 21, 2024 - Meeting of the Gender Interest Group information for EnPAx members

Maryruth and Natalia are supporting an evaluation for the Global Environment Facility, led by ELI, on inclusion of vulnerable groups on their programming (women, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, youth, and persons with disabilities).

Law

The Law Interest Group seeks to enhance understanding of legal elements and implications of environmental peacebuilding, and to advance research and learning on this topic. This interest group explores ways of protecting the environment before, during, and after armed conflicts. In addition, the group explores emerging approaches to international law on environmental peacebuilding, for example how international law related to gender, climate change, environmental security, Indigenous Peoples, investment, trade, etc., can shape environmental peacebuilding. Finally, the group follows closely the work that is developing on this topic in different fora, including the International Law Commission, the International Law Association, and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The Monitoring and Evaluation Interest Group seeks to engage members in discussion and progressive debate on monitoring and evaluation practice within the field of environmental peacebuilding. The objective is for members to contribute to the development of good practice, an evidence base, and shared learning.

Transitional Justice

The idea to initiate a Transitional Justice Interest Group (TJ-IG) began in 2023 and was actualized in January 2024 with the inaugural zoom meeting held on 25 January 2024.

The Transitional Justice Interest Group (TJ-IG) of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association (Association) is a platform that assembles diverse professionals and researchers within the Association aimed at strengthening the case for the environment, ecosystems, and their biodiversity within the diverse pillars of: truth telling, justice, reparations, guarantees of non-recurrence, memory, and memorialization within transitional justice practice.

In alignment with the Association's purpose, the TJ-IG is multidisciplinary and nonpolitical in nature. Its operations encompass policy analysis, educational, and scientific goals as defined in the mission, purpose, and actions of the Association. The TJ-IG's action points consist of facilitating exchanges of information and dialogue; stimulating research and awareness; and promoting capacity building on matters the environment, ecosystems and their biodiversity in transitional justice. The TJ-IG envisions that transitional justice practice, processes, and institutions will progressively, through continuous evidence-based research, find it an opportune time for the thematic area of the environment, ecosystems, and biodiversity to be considered within the larger transitional justice framework, planning, and implementation processes.

The TJ-IG’s leadership constitutes of a Chair and Co-Chair and currently hosts 12 members.

A) TJ-IG Mandate

The mandate of the TJ-IG is to mobilize practitioners and researchers to support efforts at bridging the disconnect around environment and ecological issues in the transitional justice field.

B) Activities

From January to December 2024, the TJ-IG held three activities in addition to quarterly members meetings. It facilitated two webinar discussions and participated at the Third International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding in The Hague, the Netherlands.

Webinar on Lessons from the UN Compensation Commission for Environmental Reparations. The United Nations Compensation Commission was created in 1991 to handle compensation claims in reference to the Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait. The webinar sought to understand the work of the UNCC in reference to environment and especially ecological restoration. Amongst the issues discussed were: how environmental reparations are framed; the challenges of environmental reparations; how the monitoring and evaluation of environmental reparations in the aftermath of the UNCC was undertaken, amongst other aspects. This webinar was moderated by the Co-Chair. Its recording was published on YouTube and can be found via the following link: Post-Conflict Environmental Reparation: Insights from the United Nations Compensation Commission.

Webinar on Transitional Justice in Colombia: The Environment as and for Transitional Justice. This webinar consisted in two panels of three experts, who each gave a presentation and exchanged with each other. This event explored how environmental factors have been integrated into Colombia's transitional justice process. It focused the place of the environment in transitional justice in the case of Colombia's transitional justice process following the formal end to the conflict between the FARC and the Colombian government. It was moderated by a member of the TJ-IG, Drew Marcantonio.

Participation at the Third International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding. The TJ-IG participated in the Third Conference in The Hague. It held an in-person brainstorming meeting, which members attended. Various ideas were discussed on activities that the TJ-IG could undertake. Members also got an opportunity to meet each other and interact.

Water

The Interest Group on Water seeks to enhance the multidisciplinary knowledge, research, and practice on the use of water as an incentive for peace. Areas of interest include the protection of water infrastructure, migration, and rivers' rights. Members will discuss and examine the different scales of cooperation on shared water resources ranging from the global and regional to basin and local levels. The strengths and weaknesses of different models for water

management and protection will be considered with a view toward preventing and resolving water disputes, and to helping countries manage water to recover after conflict.

Young Professionals

The Young Professionals Interest Group provides a peer-led platform aiming to support young professionals entering or currently working in the field of environmental peacebuilding. Through connecting an active and diverse network of peers with broad academic and career interests in environmental peacebuilding, this group will create access to opportunities ranging from mentorship, knowledge sharing, networking, and engagement, while facilitating learning exchange through webinars and discussion forums tailored to the group's diverse interests.

Annex 1. Complete List of EnPAx Sponsored Events in 2024

Event and Location	**Date**
Launch of "Conflict-Sensitive Conservation: Lessons from the Global Environment Facility" Environmental Law Institute and the Independent Evaluation Office of the Global Environment Facility online	Jan. 17, 2024
Environmental Peacebuilding: The Year in Review and the Year Ahead Environmental Peacebuilding Association online	Jan. 30, 2024
Extended Dialogue on Forests, Livelihoods and Peace: COP 28 and the Declaration on Climate, Relief, Recovery and Peace (A Path to The Hague Initiative) EnPAx Forest & Young Professionals Interest Groups online	Feb. 21, 2024
Extended Dialogue on Forests, Livelihoods and Peace: COP 28 and the Declaration on Climate, Relief, Recovery and Peace (A Path to The Hague Initiative) EnPAx Forest & Young Professionals Interest Groups online	Feb. 28, 2024
Strengthening Practice to Address Conflict and Peace Issues in Conservation (A Path to The Hague Event) Conservation International, Environmental Peacebuilding Association, Environmental Law Institute, and PeaceNexus Foundation Environmental Law Institute, Washington DC	Mar. 6, 2024
Towards a Theoretical Framework for Conflict-Sensitive Climate Adaptation Governance (A Path to The Hague Event) CGIAR, International Institute for Sustainable Development, and National Adaptation Plan Global Network online	Mar. 14, 2024
Lessons from the UN Compensation Commission for Environmental Reparations EnPAx Transitional Justice Interest Group online	Mar. 20, 2024

Transitional Justice in Colombia: The Environment as and for Transitional Justice EnPAx Transitional Justice Interest Group Zoom	Apr. 9, 2024
Conversation About Competing Priorities and Emerging Conflict in the Arctic EnPAx Climate Change, Disasters, and Resilience Interest Group online	May 3, 2024
Roundtable Discussion on Ecosystem Restoration (Extended Dialogue on Forests, Livelihoods, and Peace) Forest Interest Group of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association online	May 8, 2024
Environmental Peacebuilding Extended Dialogue on Forests, Livelihoods and Peace: Ecosystem Restoration (A Path to The Hague Initiative) EnPAx Forest Interest Group online	May 8, 2024
Third International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding Environmental Peacebuilding Association and the Grotius Center for International Legal Studies at Leiden University The Hague, Netherlands and online	Jun. 18 - 21, 2024
Using Strata: A Geospatial Tool for Integrated Analysis and Environmental Peacebuilding UNEP, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and Environmental Peacebuilding Association online	Sep. 24, 2024
Consultation on Urban Environmental Peacebuilding Environmental Peacebuilding Association online	Sep. 26, 2024
The Knowledge and Practice of Decolonial and Indigenous Environmental Peacebuilding War Prevention Initiative of the Jubitz Family Foundation and the Environmental Peacebuilding Association online	Nov. 11, 2024
Progress on Peace and Climate at COP29? Looking Ahead to 2025 Environmental Peacebuilding Association online	Dec. 5, 2024

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