



Annual Report

2018

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President's Note

Dear Members,

So much has happened in the past year as we have established and grown the Environmental Peacebuilding Association. It is thrilling to reflect on how far we have come so quickly! This report reviews efforts to establish the Association and expand its activities over the past year, and I thought it would be worth reflecting a bit on the genesis of the Association.

The vision for an international network emerged from a series of developments. Starting in 2008, David Jensen, Mikiyasu Nakayama, Jon Unruh, and I led an initiative to take stock of lessons learned in post-conflict peacebuilding and natural resource management. Many of you contributed chapters to the series of six books that we produced (published by Routledge, 2012-2016).

The ad hoc network of authors, reviewers, partners, editors, and others that grew out of that effort generated both substantive and institutional lessons. Substantively, it was clear that many of the experiences we were analyzing were ongoing. There was still more to learn. Moreover, the post-conflict rubric within which we were working did not necessarily address conflict prevention, mitigating the effects of conflict, or resolving conflict—although there were often important linkages. Finally, while there were a number of well-established small communities of professionals and researchers working on certain issues—such as conflict minerals, environmental cooperation to build trust, and rebuilding livelihoods after conflict—there was no overarching conceptual or operational framework that bridged across resources, dynamics, or actors.

Institutionally, it quickly became clear that there was an abiding, widespread hunger for opportunities to learn from experiences of others working at the intersection of environment, conflict, and peace. Although there were some venues where people could share experiences, our issues were often on the periphery of the existing venues. As such, there was a need for a dedicated forum committed to bringing people together to share experiences and learning in this topic. Finally, it was clear that an approach that relies on grants and contracts was not sustainable; a more sustainable business model was needed.

I still remember when the idea for an Association first arose – in 2011. It seemed like a logical approach, but the time and energy necessary to stand up a new organization was intimidating.

In 2013, with the first three post-conflict books published, we converted our project website to a broader Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Platform (yes, folks, environmentalpeacebuilding.org was available back in 2013!). We converted the project listserv into a nascent Environmental

Peacebuilding Community of Practice. The knowledge platform and community of practice formally launched on November 6, 2013. Two months later, we published our first *Environmental Peacebuilding Update*. This biweekly electronic newsletter highlights recent publications, news articles, upcoming events, job opportunities, and other materials of interest to the Community of Practice.

Other initiatives followed: the annual Al-Moumin Award and Distinguished Lecture in Environmental Peacebuilding that recognizes thought leadership in the field, Environmental Peacebuilding Perspectives, Policy Briefs, and a massively massive open online course with 10,000 registrants.

Notwithstanding the many initiatives and positive responses, there was also a vulnerability. The initiatives were ad hoc, dependent on grants and substantial volunteer labor. There was no institutional framework to sustain the initiatives.

In 2016, as we were about to publish the final of the six books, Richard Matthew hosted a working meeting at the University of California, Irvine to scope out the objectives, structure, and activities of a new Association. [Curiously, one of the greatest challenges was finding a name for the Association that had a good acronym. EPA was deemed to be “too green”. Two years later, Philippe Le Billon offered “EnPAX” (Latin for “in peace”) to the Board’s delight and relief.]

The next two years were spent researching options for incorporation, building a Board, securing pro bono legal assistance from Beveridge & Diamond to develop and file the necessary documents to establish the Association, and working with the Board to draft those documents. Throughout this, we received substantial in-kind and moral support from the Environmental Law Institute, which would be designated as the EnPAX Secretariat in due course.

On April 22, 2018—Earth Day—we formally launched the Association with three overarching goals:

- 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.

With your help, the Environmental Peacebuilding Association has grown from an idea to a global network of practitioners, researchers, decisionmakers, and students passionate about environmental peacebuilding. We now have more than 180 individual members in 46 countries and 6 institutional members, and our reach continues to grow daily.

As this report outlines, the Association has expanded our services to include Interest Groups, webinars, and a biennial conference, with additional services under development. These are made possible through the collective efforts of the Founding Board, of a dedicated corps of volunteers, and of you – the Founding Members.

We are extremely grateful for the support of all of our members and hope that you will join us for the next year and into the future as we continue to develop the field of environmental peacebuilding. Already, individually and collectively, we have done much to make the environment a cause of peace, rather than conflict. This is only the start, though, and we need your vision, energy, and support as we build the evidence base, build awareness and capacity, and apply our learning.

This is a long journey, and I am honored to be traveling it with you.

Sincerely,
Carl Bruch
President

Status of the Association

The Environmental Peacebuilding Association (also known as EnPAX) was incorporated in Washington, D.C., and formally launched April 2018. The Association is in the process of seeking certification as a non-profit professional organization (in the parlance of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, a 501(c)6)).

EnPAX™ is the premiere global association dedicated to bringing together researchers, practitioners, and decision makers working on issues of environment, conflict, and peace. The Association is a multidisciplinary forum with three main aims. First, it seeks to identify promising research avenues and best policy practices, as well as foster exchange of knowledge and data. Second, it builds capacity and awareness among practitioners to advance the field and increase impact. Third, it fosters interactions among scholars, practitioners, decision makers, and others across disciplines, genders, geographical locations, and stages of professional development.

Board of Directors

The founding Board of Directors includes 11 people:



Carl Bruch *President* Erika Weinthal *Vice-President* Richard Matthew *Vice-President* Päivi Lujala *Treasurer* Janani Vivekananda Geoff Dabelko



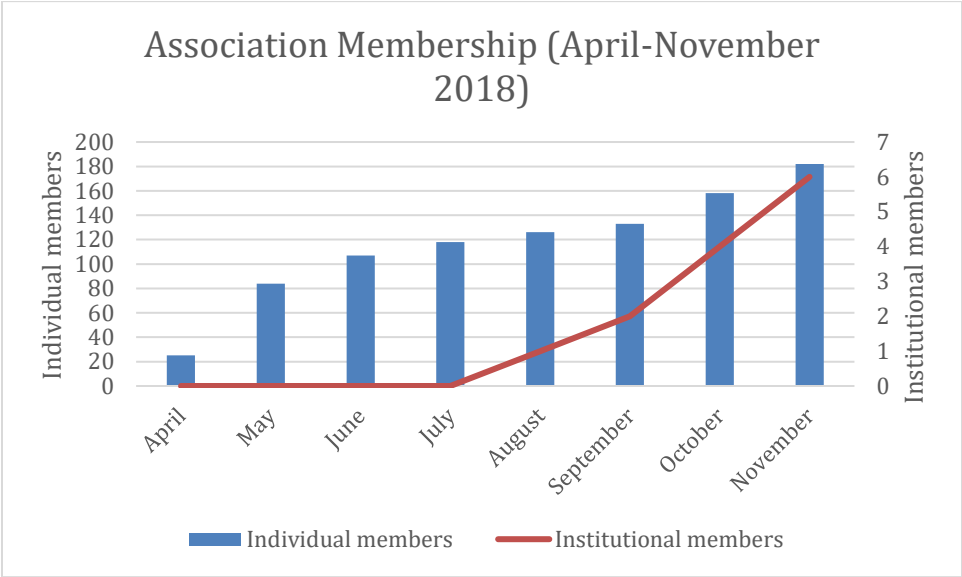
Britta Sjöstedt Katie Peters Philippe Le Billon David Jensen Anne Hammill

In 2018, the Board met seven times. Initially, the Board meetings were frequent and focused on making strategic decisions and developing the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and other key documents necessary to stand up the Association.

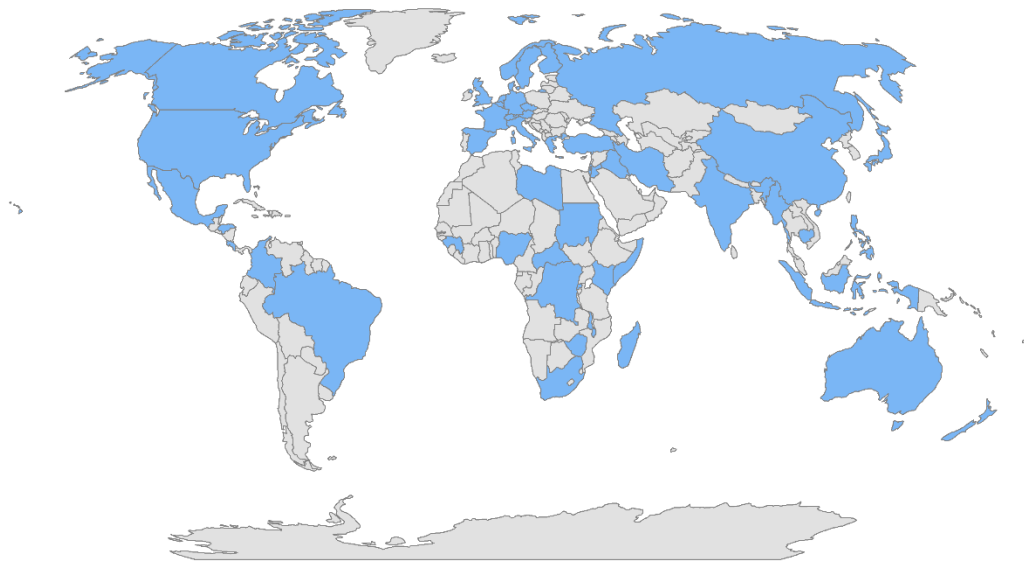
By July—with the Association established, the core institutional framework set (including formal designation of the Secretariat), and the membership growing—the Board decided to decentralize activities and shift to quarterly meetings.

Membership

As of December 31, 2018, the Association has 234 individual members and 10 institutional members from 51 countries. Following is a figure that shows the growth of the association by month:



The membership composition is 79% professional and 21% student. Approximately 31% of the Founding Members signed up as three-year members. As illustrated in the following map of the membership (current as of December 31, 2018), the Association is a geographically diverse community of practitioners, researchers, decisionmakers, and students.



Members hail from six of the seven continents, from areas representing a wide range of stages of economic development, and from countries in conflict, recently emerged from conflict, long emerged from conflict, and stable. They include people from diverse disciplines and perspectives, ensuring a rich exchange of learning.

In 2019, we expect the membership will continue to grow, driven by the biennial conference and other Association activities.

Secretariat

The Environmental Law Institute (ELI) is serving as the inaugural host for the Association's Secretariat. The selection recognized the substantial contributions that ELI had made in establishing and building the Association. ELI's record of partnering with practitioners and researchers to establish and maintain the Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Platform, the Environmental Peacebuilding Community of Practice, convene the Al-Moumin Award and Distinguished Lecture in Environmental Peacebuilding, and coordinate a global research project on post-conflict peacebuilding and natural resource management, among other efforts, also make it well-suited to host the Secretariat.

In 2018, two ELI Research Associates were invaluable in standing up the Association: Nora Moraga-Lewy and Sierra Killian. In addition, 30 amazing volunteers (interns, law clerks, visiting researchers, visiting attorneys, and visiting scholars) supported the Association activities, including: Sonia Ahmad, Kelly Bridges, Alex Caplan (MOOC Administrator), Charlotte Collins, Trevor Dolan, Scott Drinkall, Luis Pérez Espinosa, Andrea Folds, Liz Foster, Nina Hamilton (Interest Group Administrator), Liz Hessami, Jiameizi

Jia, Marlotte de Jong, Alyssa Kann, Jacqueline Kessler (Conference Administrator), Marcella Kim, Jessica Lis, Charmaine Mills, Sarita Ruiz Morata, Íris Moriyama, Isabelle Morley, Anya Raadam, Clementine Sraha, Rachel Stern (Coordinator), Tyler Thomas, Emma Tulley, Josephine van Zanten, Erin Wenk, Sidney Williams, Ann Williamson (Membership Administrator), and Joel Young (Coordinator). Most of the activities highlighted in this report would not have been possible without their substantial commitment of time and energy. Our two coordinators in particular warrant special mention: Joel Young (the long-time editor of the *Environmental Peacebuilding Update*, who has also provided essential support to the Board’s operations) and Rachel Stern (who has co-coordinated the volunteers for most of 2018 and provided core support to the Association).

Financial Summary

Following is the income statement and balance sheet for the Association through October 31, 2018. Most of the Association revenue comes from membership dues. In 2018, there were also donations from two foundations (the Talbott Family Foundation and the Martin Dickinson Charitable Fund), from Board members, and substantial in-kind contributions from ELI and from Beveridge & Diamond.

In 2019, revenues are expected to increase from membership fees and from donations. The Association is seeking grants to support Association activities. The conference may generate additional revenues for the Association. Members interested in helping to build the financial security of the Association are encouraged to contact the Secretariat.

Balance Sheet

	<u>Dec 31, 18</u>	<u>Dec 31, 17</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and Cash equivalents	8,137.74			
Total Current Assets	8,137.74	0.00	8,137.74	100.0%
Other Assets				
Prepaid Expense	198.55	0.00	198.55	100.0%
Total Other Assets	198.55	0.00	198.55	100.0%
TOTAL ASSETS	8,336.29	0.00	8,336.29	100.0%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				

Long Term Liabilities				
Deferred Revenue	<u>2,227.71</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,227.71</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>2,227.71</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,227.71</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Liabilities	2,227.71	0.00	2,227.71	100.0%
Equity				
Net Income	<u>6,108.58</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,108.58</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Equity	<u>6,108.58</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,108.58</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>8,336.29</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,336.29</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Income Statement

	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributions	537.10
Member Dues	<u>16,909.79</u>
Total Income	<u>17,446.89</u>
Expense	
Business Registration Fees	198.55
Administrative Services	8,913.36
Web Contract	1,500.00
PayPal Fees	<u>726.40</u>
Total Expense	<u>11,338.31</u>
Net Income	<u>6,108.58</u>

Activities of the Association

Throughout 2018, 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
 - Developing an affiliated Knowledge Platform on Gender, Natural Resources, and Peace (in collaboration with the UN Joint Programme on Women, Natural Resources and Peace)
- **Building capacity and awareness**
 - Delivering a massive open online course (MOOC) on Environmental Security and Sustaining Peace
 - Developing the First International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding
 - Convening other events, including the Al Moumin Award and Distinguished Lecture
- **Strengthening relationships between scholars, practitioners, and decisionmakers**
 - Creating Interest Groups
 - Launching a Membership Directory
 - Developing profiles of members
 - Conducting outreach on social media

These activities are briefly summarized below.

Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Platform

The Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Platform (www.environmentalpeacebuilding.org) is the leading website where people can find books, articles, media, events, jobs, and news about environment, conflict, and peace.

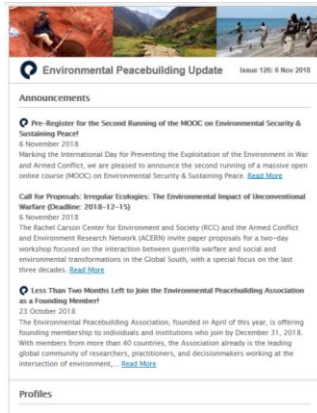
In 2018, the Platform added 649 publications to the Library, covering a wide range of topics and geographical locations. In addition, the Platform added 63 announcements, 85 events, 344 job opportunities, 999 news articles, and 171 blogs and opinion pieces. Many of these publications and other items were identified, coded with metadata, and posted by Secretariat staff, with a growing number shared by Association members.



A more detailed summary of the Knowledge Platform for 2018—including the most-downloaded publications and top news articles—will be produced in January 2019.

As the Association grew, new webpages were added to the Knowledge Platform to support the Association, the Membership, and the Conference.

Environmental Peacebuilding Update



Every two weeks, the Association Secretariat compiled, edited, and produced the *Environmental Peacebuilding Update*. The *Update* includes a sampling of the key publications, news items, upcoming events, job openings, and other items posted on the Knowledge Platform in the previous two weeks.

The *Update* is circulated free of charge to more than 3,300 members of the Environmental Peacebuilding Community of Practice.

In 2018, the Association produced issues 104 – 129 of the *Environmental Peacebuilding Update*.

Gender Website

Recognizing the sustained effect of the Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Platform, *Update*, and Community of Practice, the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and UN Environment approached EnPAX and the ELI to develop a similar knowledge platform, newsletter, and community of practice focusing on gender, natural resources, and peace.

In partnership with UN Environment, UNDP, and ELI, the Association is developing a knowledge platform dedicated to the intersection between gender, natural resources, climate change, and peace. Anticipated to go live in February 2019, the website draws on the structure and existing database of the Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Platform. Like the existing knowledge platform, the gender website will provide links to relevant publications, news, events, and jobs, with an additional level of curation.

This website will provide a much-needed resource for those interested in the gender dimensions of environmental peacebuilding. It is also expected to engage an audience that is focused more broadly on gender issues (especially as they relate to conflict or environment) than on the particular context of environmental peacebuilding.

Additional functionality is expected to be added in 2019, including a monthly newsletter; a community of practice on gender, natural resources, and peace; and a Gender Interest Group hosted by the EnPAX.

Massive Online Course (MOOC) on Environmental Security and Sustaining Peace

More than 10,000 people from 170 countries enrolled in the massive open online course (MOOC) on Environmental Security and Sustaining Peace, co-produced by EnPAx, UN Environment, the ELI, Columbia University, Duke University, the University of California, Irvine, and UNDP, in partnership with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Academy. The course ran from March 1 to May 10, 2018.



The course provides an in-depth introduction to the multiple roles that natural resources and the environment play in the onset, escalation, resolution of, and recovery from violent conflicts. Many of the considerations and

approaches are also relevant to understanding and addressing social conflicts around natural resources and the environment.

The course engaged practitioners working for NGOs and the private sector, academics, and students in the fields of environmental resources, peace and security, and development. Based on post-course feedback, the majority of students were impressed by the course content and faculty, and they found the course helpful for their professional and academic growth.

The course is delivered primarily by a core team of five faculty that have been working on issues of environmental peacebuilding and environmental security for two decades: Carl Bruch (Director of International Programs at ELI and President of EnPAx), Erika Weinthal (Lee Hill Snowdon Professor of Environmental Policy at Duke University and Vice President of EnPAx), Marc Levy (Deputy Director of the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN at the Earth Institute at Columbia University), David Jensen (Head of the Environmental Peacebuilding Programme at UN

Environment and Director of EnPAX), and Richard Matthew (Director at the Blum Center for Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development at University of California, Irvine and Vice President of EnPAX).



The course also features many guest speakers from different countries and backgrounds, including Bernarda Elizalde (Co-founder of the Center for Responsible Mineral Development (RMD) Inc. and a member of the Executive Committee of the Canadian CSR Centre for Excellence), Rebeca Arias Flores (Resident Coordinator and United Nations Resident Representative of UNDP in Guatemala), Silja Halle (Coordinator of Women, Natural Resources and Peace at UN Environment), and Ken Conca (Professor of International Affairs at American University).

The Association and its partners are preparing for the second running of the course, which will run from February 10 to April 2019. In preparation for the course, the Association has prepared a textbook for the MOOC (including transcripts of the lectures and key graphics), which is being translated into Chinese, French, German, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

To see the MOOC trailer and for more information, please see <https://www.edx.org/course/environmental-security-and-sustaining-peace-0>.

Planning for the First International Conference

A hallmark event of the Association is a biennial international conference that brings together Association members and the international community more broadly to share experiences, learn from one another, and strengthen the bonds within the community.

The First International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding will be held October 23-25, 2019, at the University of California, Irvine. The first conference has two special themes: (1) technology and innovation in environmental peacebuilding, and



(2) environmental peacebuilding in Colombia. The conference will also cover other important topics related to environmental conflict and peacebuilding, including:

- Environmental Governance, Law, and Conflict Prevention
- Environmental Mediation and Peacemaking
- Post-conflict Environmental Peacebuilding
- Gender and Environmental Peacebuilding
- Environmental Peacebuilding in a Changing Climate
- Causes of Conflict

The lead organizers of the conference are Association Vice Presidents Erika Weinthal and Richard Matthew, with the full Scientific Committee for the conference comprising:

Ángela María Amaya Arias, *Professor and Researcher, Universidad Externado de Colombia*

Carl Bruch, *Director of International Programs, Environmental Law Institute*

Silja Halle, *Programme Officer, Disaster and Management Branch, UN Environment*

Anne Hammill, *Director of Resilience, International Institute for Sustainable Development*

Tobias Ide, *Coordinator of Research Field Practice and Conflict, Georg Eckert Institute*

David Jensen, *Head of Environmental Cooperation for Peacebuilding Programme, UN Environment*

Philippe Le Billon, *Professor of Geography, University of British Columbia*

Richard Matthew, *Director, Blum Center for Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development, University of California, Irvine*

Elizabeth Sellwood, *Chief, Environment and Security Unit, UN Environment*

Juha Siikamaki, *Chief Economist, IUCN*

Erika Weinthal, *Lee Hill Snowdon Professor of Environmental Policy, Duke University*

The Board issued a call for papers, panels, roundtables, and posters in October, with the deadline for submission being January 11, 2019. In addition to the traditional panels and roundtables, the conference will also feature training sessions, networking opportunities, and other valuable opportunities.

The Association is pursuing institutions that can co-sponsor the conference, either through cash donations or by bringing participants from developing countries.

Further information on the conference is available at <https://environmentalpeacebuilding.org/2019-conference/>.

Events and Webinars

In addition to the MOOC and the upcoming First International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, the Environmental Peacebuilding Association has hosted and been involved in a number of in-person and virtual events. These include:

- Fifth Al-Moumin Distinguished Lecture on Environmental Peacebuilding – Ken Conca and Geoff Dabelko, 30 January 2018 | Washington, DC (*see below*)
- Seminar on Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflict, 18 October 2018 | New York, NY (*organized by the Law Interest Group*)
- International Law Weekend Panel on The Role of the Environment Throughout the Life Cycle of Armed Conflict, 20 October 2018 | New York, NY (*organized by the Law Interest Group*)
- Launch Meeting of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association's Water Interest Group, 10 November 2018 | Geneva, Switzerland (*organized by the Water Interest Group*)
- Environmental Peacebuilding Working Group Meeting, 13 November 2018 | Washington, DC
- Webinar on Assessing Impact: Monitoring & Evaluation for Environmental Peacebuilding, 14 November 2018 | online (*organized by the Monitoring & Evaluation Interest Group*)
- Webinar on Afghanistan: Water, Neighbors, and Conflict, 11 December 2018 | online (*co-organized by the Water Interest Group*)

The Al-Moumin Award and Distinguished Lecture on Environmental Peacebuilding recognizes leading thinkers who are shaping the field of environmental peacebuilding. The lecture series is co-sponsored by ELI, American University, and UN Environment, and is named for Dr. Mishkat Al-Moumin, who was Iraq's first Minister of Environment, a human rights and environment lawyer, and a Visiting Scholar at ELI.

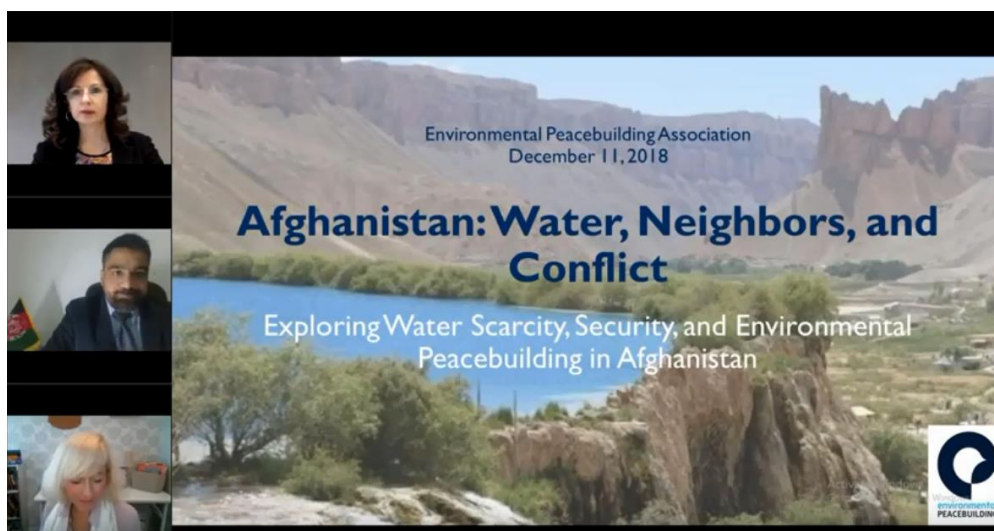
The winners of the 2018 Al-Moumin Award were Ken Conca, Professor of International Relations in the School of International Service at American University, and Geoff Dabelko, Associate Dean and Director of the Environmental Studies Program at Ohio State University. On January 30, 2018, Conca and Dabelko delivered the Fifth Al-Moumin Distinguished Lecture on Environmental Peacebuilding titled "On Being a Trigger for Peace: Using Environmental Cooperation to Alleviate, End, and Hopefully Prevent Armed Conflict." An edited version of their lecture is available as Environmental Peacebuilding Perspectives No. 5 (<https://environmentalpeacebuilding.org/publications/perspectives-briefs/perspectives-5-on-being-a-trigger-for-peace-using-environmental-cooperation-to-alleviate-end-and-hopefully-prevent-armed-conflict-ken-conca-and-geoff-dabelko/>).

Recognizing that its membership is global and that technology can provide cost-effective means for exchanging knowledge, the Association has been developing a series of webinars. Some of these webinars foster exchange within Interest Groups, and others with the wider community of practice.

For example, the Association’s first webinar, “Assessing Impact: Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) for Environmental Peacebuilding,” held on November 14, 2018, introduced the M&E Interest Group, provided an overview of the current state of the field, and started to explore future directions for dialogue. Undertaken in partnership with Earth-Eval, the webinar was facilitated by the group’s chairs, Juha Uitto (Director of the Independent Evaluation Office of the Global Environment Facility) and Amanda Woomer (Monitoring & Evaluation Manager at General Board of Global Ministries). It was well-attended, with 41 participants. The webinar is now uploaded online and is available to Association members who were unable to participate in the webinar.



On December 11, 2018, the Association hosted a webinar entitled “Afghanistan: Water, Neighbors, and Conflict” that will explore the potential for conflict and cooperation related to water between



Afghanistan and its neighbors. The webinar is co-sponsored by the Water Interest Group of the EnPAX. Speakers included Mr. Abdul Basir Azimi, former Deputy Minister for Finance and Administration of the Ministry Energy and Water of Afghanistan, and Dr. Nagaraja Rao Hardasheep, Lead Environmental Specialist and Global Lead for Watersheds for the World Bank. Elizabeth B. Hessami, Visiting Attorney at the ELI, served as moderator. Professor Mara Tignino, University of Geneva, Faculty of Law, Switzerland (and co-chair of the Water Interest Group) was the commentator.

More webinars are planned for 2019.

Outside of webinars, the Association also made presentations to diverse audiences, raising awareness of the new Association and sharing lessons in environmental peacebuilding. A sampling of these include:

- Dialogue on Engagement in Environmental Peacebuilding, 16 April 2018 | Duke University, Durham, NC
- Conference on The Nature of Peace: Exploring Links between the Natural Environment and Peace-building in Post-Conflict Societies, 26-27 April 2018 | Lund University, Lund, Sweden
- High-Level UN Meeting on Mainstreaming Biodiversity in the Context of Human Security, 3 May 2018 | Geneva, Switzerland
- Balkans Study Tour, 21 May 2018 | Washington, DC
- UN Security Council, 7 November 2018 | New York, NY

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 a number of Interest Groups.

EnPAX Interest Groups are spaces for collaborative work, networking, mentoring, and sharing knowledge and expertise. Although specific activities vary depending on the Interest Group, activities include organizing panels, webinars, and other events; preparing technical papers and other publications; selecting and maintaining a group of experts that can be contacted for information by individuals and groups outside the Association; and organizing sessions at the First International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding in October 2019. Interest Groups are encouraged to focus on assessing what we know about particular issues within that topic, taking stock of the evidence base, and developing an agenda for further research and action.

Four Interest Groups have been launched or are under development:

Disasters and Resilience

Building on a nascent body of evidence on the links between natural hazard-related disasters and dynamics of peace and conflict, the Interest Group on Disasters and Resilience aims to examine normative constructions of disasters to better understand the potential contributions and limitations of Disaster Risk Reduction to achieving and sustaining peace. Through the lens of environmental peacebuilding, this innovative Interest Group will bring together physical and

social scientists, policymakers, and others from diverse disciplinary fields related to disasters, climate, and conflict and peace.

The Interest Group is open to all Association members interested in disasters and/or resilience. The Chairs of the Interest Group are Katie Peters and Dr. Ayesha Siddiqi.

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 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. Finally, the Group explores emerging approaches to international law on environmental peacebuilding, such as how international law related to gender, climate change, and trade can shape environmental peacebuilding.

The Interest Group is open to all Association members interested in legal aspects of environmental peacebuilding. The Chairs of the Interest Group are Dr. Britta Sjöstedt and Amanda Kron.

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

The M&E Interest Group seeks to enhance learning and capacity to assess and document the results of environmental peacebuilding, and to track progress, unintended consequences, and learning for the future. This Interest Group will explore the reasons for undertaking monitoring and evaluation, the primary approaches that currently exist (and their strengths and limitations), and emerging and proposed alternative approaches to monitoring and evaluation that might address the limitations of existing approaches.

The Interest Group is open to all Association members interested in monitoring and/or evaluation. The Chairs of the Interest Group are Dr. Juha Uitto and Dr. Amanda Woomer.

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. Members will discuss and examine the different scales of cooperation on shared water resources ranging from the global and regional to the basin and local levels. The strengths and weaknesses of different models of water

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

The Interest Group is open to all Association members interested in the relationship between water, peace, and security. The Chairs of the Interest Group are Dr. Mara Tignino and Marie-Laure Vercambre.

Membership Directory

To help members of the Association connect with other practitioners, researchers, and students across disciplines, the Association has created a Membership Directory. Already, for example, the Membership Directory has been helpful in identifying people who might be interested in particular Interest Groups.

Profiles

To help introduce 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.

To date, profiles of members have highlighted researchers, practitioners, and decisionmakers working in fields. They work on topics from cooperation over water and other renewable resources to forestry management and environmental defenders in indigenous communities to resolution over resources as a way to promote peace in diverse places such as Sudan, Colombia, the Philippines, the Lake Chad Basin, and Israel and Palestine.

Since May, the Association has produced 13 profiles, which were included in the *Environmental Peacebuilding Update* and have been archived at <https://environmentalpeacebuilding.org/news/profiles/>.

Outreach on Social Media

In 2018, the Association assumed responsibility for the suite of social media accounts that had previously been managed by ELI. These include:

- Twitter (@EnvPeacebuild, for up-to-the-minute news and developments): 1,550 followers (a one-year increase of approximately 40%); 516 tweets in 2018, with 242,000 impressions

- LinkedIn (Environmental Peacebuilding, with content focusing on jobs, events, calls for papers, and other items of professional interest): 915 members (a one-year increase of more than 80%)
- Facebook (@environmentalpeacebuilding, for more popularly oriented items): 868 followers with 850 Likes
- Instagram (@envpeacebuild, account started in late 2017, used primarily to support the MOOC): 119 followers and 51 posts

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EnPAx™ is governed by a Board of Directors, comprising leaders in the field. The Environmental Law Institute serves as the Secretariat for the Association. Questions about the Association may be addressed to info@environmentalpeacebuilding.org.