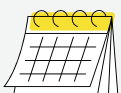


CALL FOR PAPERS AND FILMS

**ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND SECURITY:
BUILDING A RESILIENT FUTURE.**

PDRC invites researchers, development practitioners, experts, government officials, community leaders, as well as academicians to submit papers and films on “CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND SECURITY: BUILDING A RESILIENT FUTURE”



**Date: 08th
May 2025**

PDRC

**ANUAL PEACE
CONFERENCE**

The Puntland Development Research Center (PDRC) is a local, non-profit, and apolitical research organization based in Garowe, Puntland State of Somalia. PDRC's mandate is to conduct research, analysis, and advocacy on peacebuilding, security, governance, respect for human rights, and development in Puntland and Somalia. PDRC aims to contribute to evidence-based policymaking and programming to foster peacebuilding and state-building in the region with support from local, national, and international stakeholders.

Between 2017 and 2023, Somalia experienced an extreme and prolonged drought that resulted in a huge humanitarian crisis exacerbated by control over resources such as water sources by militant groups, who in turn extorted money from communities. Despite initiatives such as the operationalization of the National Drought Plan (2020) and the Somalia Water and Land Management Information System (SWALIM), the country's average annual temperature is between 25 and 28°C throughout the year. This exposes it to food insecurity, threatens peace-building efforts, among other defects. Many international agencies, such as the World Bank, UNDP, FAO, EU, etc., have endeavoured to invest in climate action in the country. Still, climate change has remained a strong macro challenge to almost all regions in Somalia. This is punctuated by the zeal to achieve Sustainable Development Goal-SDG 13, which aims at protecting the planet by taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impact.

For the past 26 years, PDRC has been actively engaged in peace and state-building efforts in Puntland and Somalia through various initiatives. It has conducted research and analysis on conflict drivers, governance structures, and the challenges to development in the region. PDRC actively facilitated platforms for dialogue, consultation, and consensus-building among stakeholders in Somalia's Peacebuilding and state-building Process to promote a peaceful resolution of conflicts and enhance social cohesion. PDRC considers these stakeholders to include government officials, civil society organizations, religious scholars, women's umbrellas, the business community, traditional leaders, and marginalized and disadvantaged communities.

Realizing the increasing and urgent threat of climate change to the fragile peace and security landscape of Somalia and similar contexts, PDRC is focusing on **"CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND SECURITY IN SOMALIA: BUILDING A RESILIENT FUTURE"** for its third Annual Peace Conference, September 21 to 23, 2025. This theme was prompted by the growing evidence of how climate change impacts potentially exacerbate existing vulnerabilities and contribute to conflict and instability, and arises from the necessity for critical analysis and reflection on these interconnected challenges. Thus, this annual conference provides an opportunity for concerned academics, practitioners, experts, and partners to learn from one another's experiences, replicate best practices in building climate resilience, and avoid exacerbating climate-related security risks in their future development and peacebuilding initiatives.

Somalia has experienced decades of conflict and instability, which are increasingly intertwined with the impacts of climate change. Extreme weather events, resource scarcity, and environmental degradation contribute to displacement, competition over dwindling resources, and further undermine social cohesion as emphasized by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at COP21 (Paris, 2015). The theme for the PDRC 3rd Annual Peace Conference also resonated with Pillar 4 of Somalia's National Transformation Plan-NTP (2025-2029): Environment and Climate Resilience. PDRC thus envisages evidence-based discussion that can inform revisions or modifications in the NTP and Somalia's Centennial Vision 2060 of the National Economic Council. This highlights that addressing climate change adaptation is no longer solely an environmental issue but fundamentally a security and peacebuilding imperative, especially in fragile countries like Somalia

PDRC thereby invites researchers, development practitioners, experts, government officials, community leaders, as well as academicians to submit papers with a particular focus on the following sub-themes:

01

1. Climate Change as a Driver of Conflict and Insecurity in Fragile Contexts

- How climate impacts (drought, floods, resource scarcity) exacerbate conflict dynamics.
- The link between climate-induced displacement and security risks.
- Climate change and its impact on livelihoods and food security, and their implications for stability.
- The effect of climate change on inter-communal tensions and resource competition.

02

2. Building Climate Resilience for Peace and Security

- Climate Change Perception among the nomadic pastoralist communities
- Effective climate change adaptation strategies at the community level to mitigate security risks.
- Integrating climate change adaptation measures into peacebuilding and development programs.
- Integrating modern climate change adaptation policies into the existing traditional coping mechanisms.
- Strategies for strengthening governance and institutions to address climate-related security threats.

03

3. Innovative Approaches and Best Practices in Climate-Security Interventions:

- Successful examples of climate adaptation projects that have contributed to peacebuilding.
- Leveraging technology and data for climate-security risk analysis and early warning systems.
- The role of international cooperation and partnerships in addressing climate-security challenges in fragile states.
- Building Awareness and Creating Alternative Sources of Income for Those Contributing to Deforestation.

04

4. Water and Land Management and Conservation:

- Developing equitable and sustainable policies for managing land, water, and other natural resources
- Addressing resource-related conflicts through improved governance and conflict resolution mechanisms
- Promoting efficient water use in agriculture and domestic settings
- Promoting community-based natural resource management.

05

Peace Through Economic Resilience

- Localization of Climate Change Sustainable Development Goals in Somalia
- Digital Technology, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Climate Action

Selected papers and films will be presented at the peace conference in Garowe, providing a platform for knowledge exchange and networking from each other's experiences. Besides presenting papers at PDRC's 2025 APC, the submissions will be published on PDRC's website and the PDRC APC Publication Series.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

PAPERs SUBMISSION

- Abstracts or summaries of papers or presentations (maximum 500 words) should be submitted as MS Word attachments to [email address] by [submission deadline]. The abstract should clearly state:
 - Objective of the paper/presentation,
 - Research methodologies and findings, and
 - Contribution to knowledge and best practices on the role of media in peacebuilding.
- Author(s) details:
 - Name(s),
 - Institutional affiliation if any,
 - Institution's address(es),
 - Corresponding author,
 - Email address(es) and
 - A short bio (up to 100 words).
- Full papers
 - Should be between 3000 and 5000 words (excluding abstracts) in MS Word
 - All papers should be in Font 'Times New Roman', Font Size 12, 'Single spaced'.
- References: Papers should be well referenced using the APA referencing approach. According to the style guide, the list of sources should include authors' first names. In the case of direct quotations, exact page numbers are necessary.
- Film submission is not a requirement for those submitting papers.

FILM SUBMISSION

- A 5–7-minute trailer video on “Climate Change Adaptation and Security: Building Resilient Future” in Somalia and other countries with similar contexts made by the applicant (individual/institution). The video clip must have English subtitles and be in MP4 format.
- All rights must have been observed in the production of the film(s)
- Paper submission is not a requirement for those submitting films.

SUBMISSION PROCESS AND KEY DATES:

- Call for Papers: 10th May 2025
- Submission of paper abstract and film preview deadline: 10th June 2025
- Notification of tentative acceptance: 20th June 2025
- Draft Full paper/film submission deadline: 10th August 2025
- Peer Review of Submitted papers/films: 20th August 2025
- 2nd Draft of papers/presentations/films submitted to PDRC Editorial Board: 31st August 2025
- Editorial Comments / Reviews on Submitted draft/full papers/films: 10th September 2025
- Submission of Final drafts of accepted papers/presentations/films: 15th September 2025
- Conference dates: September 21st – 23rd, 2025.
- Publication of presented papers in the PDRC APC Publication Series: March 31, 2026

We look forward to receiving your submissions. Only those selected after screening will be contacted with further instructions on how to participate in the 2025 Annual Peace Conference in Garowe.

Thank you,

For further inquiries or information, please contact us:

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