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Peace and Cooperation in Times of Climate Change and Global Environmental Challenges

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Our world faces increasingly complex threats and risks – and climate change is key among them. A growing number of experts have shown the general nature of climate related risks and tracked their impact on politics, peace and conflict. The United Nations, the World Economic Forum, NATO, the European Union and many governments have all acknowledged climate change as a challenge to human security and international security. Nonetheless there has been limited momentum to formulate policies to address these risks.

This is partly because the risks are still underestimated and poorly understood in mainstream foreign and defence policy circles.

The ***Planetary Security Initiative*** aims to help remedy this problem – increase awareness, to deepen knowledge, and to develop and promote policies and good practice guidance to help governments, the private sector and international institutions better secure peace and cooperation in times of climate change and global environmental challenges.

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The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs launched the Planetary Security Initiative (PSI) in 2015. Now operated by a consortium of leading think tanks, the goal of the PSI is to strengthen the knowledge-policy interface by consolidating the community of practice on planetary security.

The objectives are to:

- Enhance political awareness and involvement on the climate-security interface;
- Build an inclusive community that is multi-lateral, multi-sector and multi-disciplinary;
- Create a regular structural platform for global cooperation on planetary security.

Through bringing together representatives of all levels of governance, academia, civil society, the private sector and the media, the aim is to facilitate coordinated and timely responses to present and future threats to planetary security.

Planetary Security Conference 2016

Annual conferences in The Hague are at the core of the PSI. They will:

- Provide a regular space for experts on climate change and security to exchange information and increase cooperation, primarily through interactive parallel Working Groups focusing on emerging and acknowledged security concerns;

- Stimulate the involvement of a wider community in the discussion and action on climate change and security;
- Develop ideas that will help shape the needed policies and practices for the next 15 to 20 years.

The annual conferences will be supported by a number of complementary activities:

- Strategic consultations at important international events and regional consultative meetings;
- Publications and media outreach on planetary security issues and solutions.

The first Planetary Security Conference was held on 2-3 November 2015 at the Peace Palace in The Hague, with over 300 distinguished participants from 70 countries.

This year's second edition of the conference will consolidate, deepen and widen the community of practice addressing the risks generated by climate change.

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