

# Climate Security in Asia-Pacific: Key issues and challenges

## Framing presentation

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# Climate insecurity in Asia Pacific Region

- **Climate change-induced disasters pose an increasingly serious threat to Asia and the Pacific.**
- The region remains the most disaster-prone region in the world where **2 million people have lost their lives to disasters since 1970.**
- In 2022, over **140 disasters** struck the Asia-Pacific region, leading to over 7,500 deaths, affecting over 64 million people and causing economic damage estimated at US\$ 57 billion.

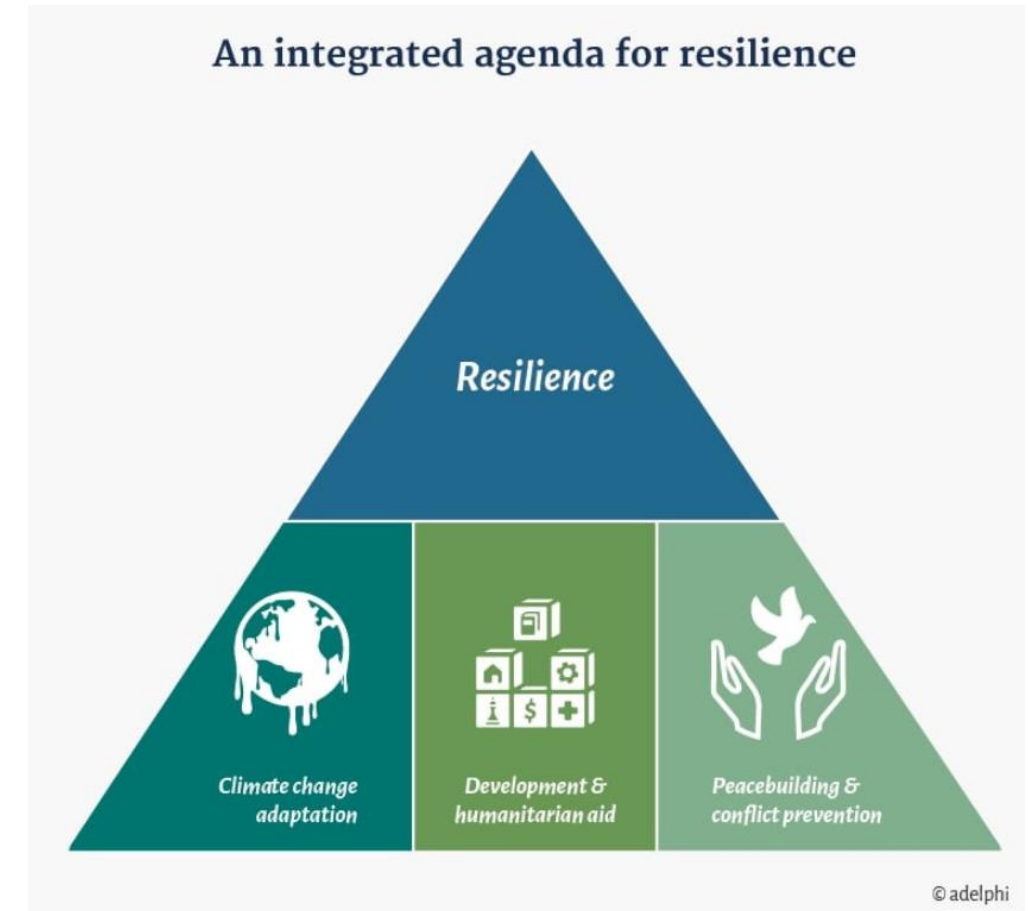


# Growing attention to climate security

**Climate and conflict/social instability linkages** with the deepening of climate impacts.

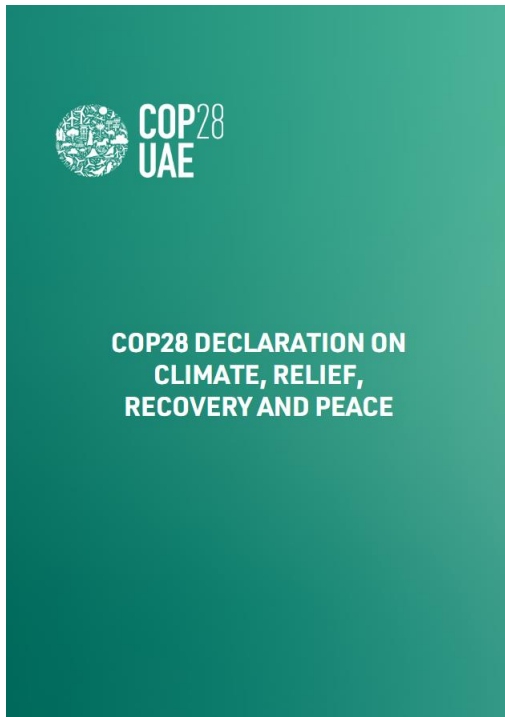
- Climate change as **“threat multiplier”** (2007)
- G7 Initiative on integrated approach to resilience **“A New Climate for Peace”** (2015)
- UN **Climate Security Mechanism** (2018)

Growing initiatives toward more **coherent and integrated policy** approaches.



“A New Climate for Peace” (2015)

# COP28 and climate security



COP28 dedicated thematic day to relief, recovery, & peace.  
**Declaration on Climate, Relief, Recovery and Peace**, endorsed by 80 countries



Main areas covered:

1. Increasing **climate action and access to finance** for communities and countries threatened or affected by fragility or conflict or facing severe humanitarian needs
2. **To strengthen knowledge and programmatic solutions** for climate action in such settings
3. To foster collaboration at multiple levels and across regions and **humanitarian, development, climate, and peace actors** to address the multi-dimensional challenges of climate change.

# Contested discourses of climate security

## Different conceptions of climate security

- Climate risk can imply **national, human, international and ecological** risks.
- States might **prioritize national interests**.
- Transboundary climate risks may trigger more cooperative actions?

## Facilitating and constraining climate actions

- Security concerns and risks have an effect on climate actions.
- **Policy processes for security, such as development, humanitarian actions, peacebuilding, and conflict prevention** can also be utilized for climate actions, along with environmental policies

## Risk vs. Opportunity

- How can the responses to climate risks be a trigger for **cooperative collective actions**?

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**Thank you very much for your attention.**