Call for Papers

COST Action Workshop on
Climate, Conflict and Polycrises

Berlin, Germany
2-3 March 2027

Overview & Objectives

Armed conflict and climate-related hazards increasingly intersect to shape livelihoods, displacement, vulnerability, and governance challenges, particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). These overlapping pressures are often experienced as "polycrises," yet important conceptual, methodological, and empirical questions remain regarding how such dynamics can best be measured and analysed. The special focus of this workshop is the empirical analysis at the micro-level, including individuals, households, groups and firms.

We invite paper submissions for a two-day in-person workshop hosted by ISDC – International Security and Development Center in Berlin, organized as part of COST Action PEACE (Working Group 1). The workshop brings together researchers from diverse disciplines, methodological traditions, countries, and career stages to discuss ongoing work and identify opportunities for joint research initiatives.

Key Details

- **Date:** 2-3 March 2027 (two full days)
- **Location:** ISDC - International Security and Development Center, Gerichtstr. 49, 13347 Berlin, Germany
- **Local Hosts:** Tilman Brück (IGZ, HUB & ISDC) and Wolfgang Stojetz (ISDC & HUB)
- **Format:** Plenary thematic paper sessions, focused methodological discussions, and collaborative exchanges (no parallel sessions)

Workshop Themes

We welcome contributions addressing, among others, the following topics:

- **Climate-Conflict Polycrises:** Conceptualizing and empirical testing of compound, cascading, and overlapping climate and conflict risks, including how different crises interact with each other.
- **Measurement and Data Challenges:** Integrating micro-data, spatial analysis, satellite imagery, or qualitative methods to capture polycrises in fragile and conflict-affected settings.

- **Food Security, Livelihoods, Displacement, and Governance:** Impacts of environmental hazards, climate events and institutional dynamics on the behaviour and welfare of vulnerable individuals, households and communities in LMICs across a range of outcome domains.
- **Pathways to Resilience & Peacebuilding:** Evaluations of policies, adaptation initiatives, or local governance mechanisms that foster cooperation and resilience.

Priority will be given to empirical analyses at the micro-level, using administrative or survey data or data from behavioural experiments.

Submission Guidelines & Timeline

We invite complete papers (prefered) or abstracts of up to 400 words that clearly outline the research question, theoretical framework, methodology, and key findings or expected contribution. Submissions should also include a short bio. Papers should be unpublished (not yet accepted by a journal); the submission of working papers not yet published in a journal are acceptable.

- **Submission link:** https://forms.gle/LkhPrs3YhncZoMZeA
- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** 30 November 2026
- **Notification of Acceptance:** mid-December 2026
- **Financial Support:** Reimbursement for travel and accommodation costs is available through COST centrally for eligible participating WG members.

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www.peaceresearchnetwork.eu/

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