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### WHY DOES IT MATTER?

- It has become increasingly evident that climate change and climate-related disasters can exacerbate risks that lead to conflict and insecurity.
- Shrinking natural resources and ecosystem services, such as water and fertile land can lead to the explosion of tensions and stall efforts to prevent conflict and sustain peace.
- Last year, more than 30 million people were displaced by climate-related disasters.
- Ninety per cent of refugees come from countries that are among the most vulnerable and least able to adapt to the effects of climate change.
- In our global efforts at conflict prevention, peacemaking and sustaining peace, we must tackle the growing impacts of climate change that threaten to keep vulnerable countries in a vicious circle of climate disaster and conflict.
- We can still limit global warming to 1.5°C and address this climate emergency if we achieve net-zero emissions by mid-century. Solutions exist.

### OBJECTIVES

The Security Council Debate on Climate and Security presents an opportunity to explore the increasing global consensus that climate-related disasters are linked to growing instability and sociopolitical tensions around the world that threaten peace and security.

### FORMAT AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- The Open Debate will be in-person.

### MORE INFORMATION

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