

Joint Meeting of the Economic and Social Council and the Peacebuilding Commission

**Linkages between Climate Change and Challenges to Peacebuilding
and Sustaining Peace In the Sahel**

India Intervention

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We thank the previous speakers for their valuable remarks.

Climate change poses significant developmental challenges, especially for developing countries. It can pose a threat to the food and water availability in developing countries, on their nutritional needs, livelihoods, health and well-being, and energy security.

The response to these challenges must therefore be in terms of solutions that factor in the developmental requirements.

Our response must take into account the scale of financial and technical requirements including for adaptation/action necessitated by climate change. The focus should be on specific measures to tackle the cycle of droughts, floods and water-related stresses, including through water management to improve rain-water harvesting, irrigation and other measures.

It will be useful to focus more on the practical developmental aspects relating to securing the livelihoods of local communities rather than viewing it only as a peace and security issue.

Thank you.