

breakout session three

2:30 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

South Hub

Thinking Big and Small: Localizing and Scaling Environment, Climate, and Conflict Interventions

While recognition of the environment, climate change, and conflict (ECCC) nexus is gaining momentum, cross-sectoral efforts to build resilience and sustainable peace in response to ECCC security threats face serious challenges. This session identifies multisector solutions to two pressing challenges in the ECCC nexus: localization and scaling local interventions. Participants will collaborate to develop best practices for localizing humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding (HDP) coordination around ECCC policies and programs to prevent violent conflict, promote resilience, and build sustainable peace.

Speakers:

Dr. Festus Kofi Aubyn is the Regional Coordinator for Research and Capacity Building at the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP-Regional). He is a senior researcher, lecturer, training facilitator and curriculum development expert, focusing on conflict and security management, peacebuilding, peace operations, terrorism, violent extremism, and election security. Dr. Aubyn studied at the University of Ghana where he obtained his B.A. in Political Science with History and an M.A. in International Affairs. He also obtained his Ph.D. in Peace and Conflict Studies from the



University of Ibadan, Nigeria where he won the two top awards at the university—the Post Graduate School Award for the Best Ph.D Thesis and the Omoworare Lucas Prize for the Best Ph.D produced.

Nick Zuroski is Manager for Policy and Advocacy at the Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP), where he has worked for more than two years at the intersection of peace and stability, gender equality, and grassroots-oriented understandings of human security. He has professional experience in strategic communications, investment research, political economy analysis, and international development. In 2021, Nick received his M.A. in International Affairs, concentrating on Global Gender Policy and International Law and Organizations, from George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, and his B.A. in Mandarin Chinese and World Politics from Hamilton College in 2017.

Emily Sample is a Program Director at Fund for Peace, and a PhD candidate at the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University. Her most recent book, "Building Peace in America," was published in August 2020. Previously, she has worked as an Associate Director of Education at Holocaust Museum Houston and for the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region Ugandan National Committee on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide and Mass Atrocities. She earned her M.A. in Human

Rights and Genocide Studies from Kingston University London and her B.A. from The College of William and Mary. She currently serves on the Executive Board of the International Association of Genocide Scholars and co-founded the Women's Caucus of Genocide Scholars. Her research spans peacebuilding, climate change

adaptation, environmental justice, gender, and mass atrocity prevention.

Marisa O. Ensor, PhD, LLM is a Senior Climate Research Fellow at the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace, and Security. She holds a PhD in Anthropology (Political Ecology; Forced Displacement; Gender and International Development) from the University of Florida, USA, a



Master's in Law in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex, U.K., and a certificate in Forced Migration Studies from the University of Oxford, U.K. Much of her work examines women's and girls' positive roles in peacebuilding, human mobility, and environmental governance, including climate action and disaster risk management, focusing on the identification of context-specific solutions.

Forum North

Harnessing Data for Resilience

Discover the power of agile systems in transforming food security interventions on a global scale! This session will cover a cutting-edge collaboration between Catholic Relief Services, Cornell, and the World Bank. Learn about forecasting, anticipatory action, and targeted responses, enhancing the impact and cost-effectiveness of interventions amidst mounting global crises.

Speakers:

Chisomo Ngosi is a development professional with over 13 years of experience in Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL). He is currently the Program Manager for the Rapid Feedback Monitoring System (RFMS) at Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Malawi. Chisomo is passionate about using data to improve the lives of people living in poverty. He is a champion for the democratization of evidence on food security, resilience, and vulnerability to drive local action and improve the design and implementation of programs.



Joanna Upton received her PhD from the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management where she currently works as a Senior Research Associate. She focuses her research and outreach on food security, food policy, and resilience in sub-Saharan Africa and has a passion for working on questions with policy-relevant applications. She works closely with a wide range of collaborators, including academics from diverse disciplines, CGIAR institutions, U.N. organizations, government agencies, think tanks, and non-profit organizations implementing programs in developing countries.



Nobuo Yoshida is a lead economist in the Poverty and Equity Global Practice at the World Bank and holds a PhD in Economics from Boston University. He leads poverty programs in eastern and southern African countries, the Data for Goals (D4G) program, and the SWIFT program. D4G is a global poverty monitoring program that produces poverty estimates measured at the international poverty line of \$1.90 per day per capita. SWIFT is a rapid poverty monitoring tool that can produce poverty estimates in a timely, cost-effective, and simple manner using machine learning techniques.



Austen Moore is a Senior Technical Advisor in agriculture, livelihoods, and resilience with Catholic Relief Services (CRS). His work focuses on the humanitarian-development nexus, the ultra-poor and people recovering from crises, and CRS' global food crisis response. Austen holds a PhD in agricultural education and communications from the University of Florida and, as a specialist in capacity building and behavior change, works on CRS' agricultural training curricula and adult education/capacity building approaches. Austen currently supports country programs all over the world but with a focus on Sub-Saharan Africa.





Forum South

Solutions at the Climate-Health Nexus

Climate change is the biggest threat to public health today and is likely to reverse many of the advances of the last century. What will help prepare us for the persistent health challenges caused by the climate crisis? Come ready for an interactive breakout session that explores the complex and critical relationship between climate change and health. Discuss the building of comprehensive, efficient, and resilient health systems in complex environments; take a deep dive into the codesign process for water, sanitation, and hygiene-related programs; and hear about building local capacity in conflict zones.

Speakers:

Dr. Tessie San Martin is CEO of FHI 360. Prior to joining FHI 360, Tessie was CEO and President of Plan International USA, an international child rights organization providing development and humanitarian assistance. Tessie has also held senior executive positions at Abt Associates, where she was Group Vice President for International; The World Bank Group's Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, where she was Director for the Operations Group; and PricewaterhouseCoopers, where she was the partner in charge of the USAID and international financing institutions accounts. Tessie has been a forceful advocate for aid effectiveness, serving as co-chair of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network and a board member of Friends of Publish What You Fund, which supports greater aid transparency. She also sits on the board of InterAction.

Dr. Cindy M. Liu is Associate Professor and Chief Medical Officer of the Antibiotic Resistance Action Center at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University. Trained as a clinician-scientist with expertise in molecular microbiology, microbial ecology, and clinical pathology, Cindy's mission is to advance public health by building cutting-edge diagnostic tools to prevent and treat infections and inflammatory diseases. She has a multidisciplinary laboratory research team funded by the NIH and other U.S./international institutions. With her



extensive network of collaborators, her research is focused on understanding host-microbe interactions and identifying beneficial microbes in the respiratory and urogenital tract microbiome. Cindy also works on improving antimicrobial use in urgent care and telemedicine sectors through communications and behavioral research with industry, academic, and governmental partners.

Catherine K. Mongella, CEO of Our Climate, is a leader and visionary with over 12 years of experience in organizational development, capacity building, and solution-focused approaches. Catherine is a certified director by the Institute of Directors in Tanzania and an author published by Langaa publishers in 2020 where she contributed a chapter to *COVID Stories from East Africa and Beyond* and the coffee book *Pivoting in Heels*. She is the recipient of the 2023 40 under 40 Africa Award for Youth Empowerment and was named Women of Excellence in the May 2023 issue of Moving Women Magazine. Catherine is passionate about changing the parratives around



issue of Moving Women Magazine. Catherine is passionate about changing the narratives around BIPOC female leadership while also elevating the voices of youth in the pursuit of positive and sustainable change.



Nujpanit "Jom" Narkpitaks is Associate Director of the Environment and Climate Change Initiative at FHI 360's Asia-Pacific Regional Office. For over 15 years, Jom has supported and led the design and implementation of many international development projects and initiatives focusing on environment and climate-related issues in the Asia-Pacific region. She has extensive experience collaborating with governments, international organizations, the private sector, civil society, and local and community organizations to ensure inclusive, equitable, and sustainable



solutions. Jom's current role focuses on navigating the intersections between climate and health and harnessing cross-sectoral and multi-disciplinary approaches to foster transformative change.

North Hub

The Hidden Impacts of Disasters: Addressing Mental Resilience

In the face of disaster, it is crucial to recognize the emotional trauma and psychological challenges faced by the affected individuals. Mending such invisible wounds takes time and patience. Individuals start by practicing self-care and eventually learn ways to process their emotions, develop effective coping strategies, and foster healthy social connections. Find out different mechanisms to build mental preparedness in disaster-prone communities, learn about mental health support during a crisis, and discover what a recovery support plan could look like.

Speakers:

Dr. Anton Mari Hao Lim is a co-founder, president, and chief hope paddler of Yellow Boat of Hope Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides access to education for children in remote and marginalized communities in the Philippines. With over 30 years of experience as a veterinary surgeon and a Master of Business Administration, he combines his passion for animal welfare and community development to create positive social impact. Dr. Lim is a board member of Tzu Chi Foundation Philippines, PhilSEED, and Protected Areas Management Board. He has been recognized by Rotary International, Forbes Asia, and the U.S. Department of State as a service-oriented, innovative, and influential changemaker.



Darla M. Silva is the Chief Global Program Officer for UNICEF USA, providing direction, vision, and voice to organizational leadership on program strategy, trends, and priorities. Darla leads engagement with UNICEF through development of program content including proposals, reports, virtual visits, briefings, and in-country visits. Prior to UNICEF USA, she was a Senior Advisor at UNICEF in the Public Partnerships Division leading partnership engagement with the USG. Previously, she led the Humanitarian Financing Unit in UNICEF and led operations for the front



office of UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake. From 2006 to 2010, she worked as a Humanitarian Affairs Officer at OCHA. Before the U.N., she was Deputy Director of Public Policy and Advocacy at UNICEF USA in Washington D.C. and worked as the Washington Liaison for the Women's Refugee Commission.

Susan Folwell is a licensed advanced trauma psychotherapist, is board certified in domestic violence by the National Center for Crisis Management, and has served as a consultant for the DOJ's Office for Victims of Crime. She is certified as an Expert Witness and Co-Chairs the Fairfax County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team. Susan has researched women's oppression and community resiliency throughout the U.S. and internationally. She has co-written curriculum for, and provided training on, trauma and self-care to Afghanistan women's shelter directors and



supported women's microbusiness in Tanzania, Africa. While there, she was compelled to research and teach in



outlying villages, where she discovered a deepened appreciation for the tenacity of the human spirit and the beauty of individual and community resiliency.

Victoria Fan is a senior fellow in global health at the Center for Global Development (CGD) and conducts research on a variety of topics such as pandemic preparedness, aid effectiveness, and health systems and financing. Fan joins CGD after being at the University of Hawaii (UH) for eight years where she served as associate professor and interim director of the Center on Aging.

During her time at the UH, she established a research lab called the Pacific Health Analytics

Collaborative, which worked to address social determinants of health and mental health, while working to increase capacity of the local government workforce through public university partnerships. She was previously at CGD from 2011 to 2014 where she worked on value for money of global health institutions, fiscal federalism and health, health financing, and universal health coverage.