30 October
9:00 to 11:30 AM

Invitation | Launch Event
Shoring up Stability: Addressing Climate Fragility Risks in the Lake Chad Basin
International Club, Auswärtiges Amt, Kurstraße 36, 10117 Berlin

TENTATIVE AGENDA

9:00 a.m.  Registration and admission
9:30 a.m.  Welcome
Miguel Berger, Director General for Economic Affairs and Sustainable Development, Federal Foreign Office
9:40 a.m.  Presentation of study findings
Janani Vivekananda, Senior Advisor, adelphi
10:00 a.m. Panel Discussion: Climate and fragility risks in the Lake Chad region
Chitra Nagarajan, Conflict Advisor Maiduguri
Florence Sylvestre, Hydrologist, IRD, Aix-en-Provence
Taigué Ahmed, Chadian community rehabilitation expert
10:30 a.m. Open floor discussion
11:00 a.m. Closing remarks and opening of photo exhibition
Ambassador of Lake Chad country tbc

The event will be moderated by Alexander Carius, Managing Director, adelphi

A light breakfast will be served.

Please R.S.V.P. by confirming your participation at https://lake-chad-berlin.adelphi.de no later than 23 October stating your name, position and affiliation.

This launch event is targeted at policy-makers, experts and practitioners working on regions affected by climate and fragility.

Participants are requested to present their passport or another form of official identification. There will be a security check before entering the building. We recommend not to bring larger items of luggage to the venue.
Launch Event at the Federal Foreign Office

Shoring up Stability: Addressing Climate Fragility risks in the Lake Chad Region

The Lake Chad region (Cameroon, Chad, Niger, Nigeria) is caught in a conflict trap. It is experiencing one of the world’s worst humanitarian emergencies with an estimated 10.7 million people in need of assistance. October 16th 2019 marks 5 years since a peace agreement was agreed between the government of Nigeria and armed opposition groups to end hostilities and return over 200 abducted girls. And yet the violence still continues. adelphi’s study Shoring up Stability demonstrates, for the first time, how climate change is interacting with the conflict and compounds the crisis in the Lake Chad region.

The launch event will present the findings from this climate and fragility assessment on Lake Chad to policy-makers, experts and practitioners working on climate and fragility. Based on the study, experts from the region will discuss how humanitarian, stabilization and resilience focused, such as the Regional Stabilization Strategy (RSS) and the new German-supported Regional Stabilization Facility for Lake Chad can address climate and fragility in order to tackle the root causes of existing as well as future risks in the region.

Findings indicate that military responses to the crisis are not working. Instead, it identifies alternative entry points for addressing the root causes of the crisis to enable sustainable, people centred solutions, such as strengthening the link between the population around Lake Chad and state institutions by providing better access to services, information and livelihoods.

If the climate-fragility risks are carefully managed, then the lake could once again be an engine for sustainable livelihoods and stability in the region, increasing food security and reducing poverty. Climate-proof and conflict-sensitive interventions represent better value for money and offer a better chance of delivering a lasting peace and sustainable development.

Following a short presentation of the climate-fragility assessment and learnings from the field, a panel of study authors and local experts will discuss the merits of such an approach, what has been done and what more can be done to advance such assessments, as well reflect on what lessons we can draw from this case for other regions.

Inviting the audience to comment and respond, the subsequent discussion will revolve around these questions:

- What are the key challenges arising from the convergence of climate change and fragility?
- To what extent are these risks being acknowledged in stabilization interventions on the ground?
- How specifically can humanitarian, stabilization and resilience focused action address these risks?
- What entry points can address the security, development and climatic challenges together?
- What is the value of a climate-fragility risk assessment to sustainable development? What are the challenges/limitations?

The launch event will be followed by a photo exhibition illustrating climate and fragility risks the population in the region are experiencing.