

The Permanent Representatives of Germany and Uruguay

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Are pleased to welcome you

to a luncheon discussion on

**“UN Security Council and Climate Change:
Bully Pulpit or Bull in a China Shop?”**

Wednesday, 20 December 2017

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

Delegates Dining Room 1-3, UN Headquarters, 4th floor

Agenda

- Welcome address by H.E. Ambassador Dr. Christoph Heusgen, Permanent Representative of Germany to the UN
- Introduction by Bettina Luise Rürup, Executive Director, FES New York
- Presentation by Professor Ken Conca, American University Washington D.C., Member of the UN Environment Expert Advisory Group on Conflict and Peacebuilding
- Q&A moderated by Shamala Kandiah, Deputy Executive Director, Security Council Report
- Wrap-up by H.E. Ambassador Luis Bermúdez, Deputy Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the UN

Background

Amid growing concerns that climate change will affect international peace and security, over the last ten years the issue has emerged on a regular basis on the agenda of the UN Security Council. While important normative improvements have been made, more can be done for the Council to take meaningful action on climate change-related challenges. The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung New York (FES New York) has commissioned the publication “Climate Change and Global Security: What Role for the UN Security Council”. The authors analyze whether action on climate change could trigger transformation of the Council into an organ better suited for the world’s 21st century challenges in general. They offer a number of forward-looking reform proposals to position the Council as reinforcing the UN’s system-wide response to climate change rather than encroaching on it. The lead author, Professor Ken Conca from the American University in Washington, will be present at the event. The publication can be found at (<http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/iez/13767.pdf>).