

**Call for papers and posters for the International Conference on Climate Change, Hydro-conflict and Human Security  
Nicosia, Cyprus, 10-12 December 2012**

Climate change's impact upon hydrological resources has become a security concern, expected to be acute in the Mediterranean and its neighbouring regions. Security implications in this context are usually conceptualised with reference to the conflict potential of hydro-climatic change and in particular in relation to anticipated resource scarcities that may mobilise several conflict channels. However, links between climate and conflict are not readily substantiated, as regularly cooperation trumps conflict in situations of scarcity, abundance rather than scarcity is mostly related to conflict, and socio-political and governance structures are key in producing conflict or cooperation. Contributions from several fields (such as international relations, political ecology, etc.) and new approaches (such as securitisation, double exposure, etc.) point to a more complex picture linking climate change and the social impact of hydrological changes as well as the implications and potential of policy responses, confirming that the long chain between climate change and social impacts is fraught with uncertainty.

In this context, CLICO (Climate Change, Hydro-conflict and Human Security) is an EC-funded FP7 research project investigating the human security implications of hydro-climatic change in the Mediterranean, Middle East and the Sahel ([www.clico.org](http://www.clico.org)). The project includes 11 in-depth case studies of hydro-security hotspots in the region, a large-N statistical analysis of domestic water conflicts, and an analysis of the resilience of transboundary institutions and international as well as national policies. CLICO will be presenting its research results within the international conference and high-level policy event "Energy, Water and Climate Change 2012 – Building Bridges between Europe and MENA" (EWACC 2012), which will be held in Nicosia between 10-12 December 2012 (<http://ewacc2012.cyi.ac.cy/>). Plenary speakers for the event include prominent scholars on environment and security such as Prof Simon Dalby (Carleton University, Canada), Prof Roberto Sánchez Rodríguez (COLEF, Mexico), and Dr Halvard Buhaug (Peace Research Institute Oslo, Norway).

This is an **open call for contributions** from researchers working in similar areas to present their research alongside CLICO. We would particularly welcome both empirical and conceptual papers on the following broadly defined themes:

- water security, and hydro-climatic change and human security;
- international water agreements and transboundary institutions;
- droughts, floods and social vulnerability (including new methods for vulnerability analysis and assessment);
- climate change adaptation (particularly with reference to hydrological resources);
- large-N statistical studies examining links between hydro-climatic change and conflict;
- political ecology of water or/and climate change, including case-studies of specific water conflicts and/or social mobilizations.

Whereas the Mediterranean and neighbouring areas are the focus of CLICO and the EWACC conference, we also welcome contributions dealing with other parts of the world.

The **ten best submissions** will be presented in paper sessions together with papers from CLICO, while the remaining selected contributions will be offered the opportunity to be presented as posters. Please send an extended (maximum: 500 words) abstract of your contribution to [clico2012@gmail.com](mailto:clico2012@gmail.com) by **Monday 2 July 2012**. If you wish that your contribution is considered only as a poster, please indicate so. Authors of accepted papers and posters will be notified by early August.