Fragile environments face a convergence of risks—from conflict and climate change to socioeconomic, health, and environmental hazards—that profoundly impact communities. Addressing these interconnected challenges requires innovative, proactive, and locally led solutions that are both conflict-sensitive and context-aware. This session aims to foster dialogue on the critical intersection of conflict sensitivity, environmental conservation, and climate change adaptation, ultimately contributing to more peaceful and resilient communities in fragile contexts. We will explore how organizations like World Vision Mali and adelphi global (Weathering Risk) have developed tools to monitor overlapping risks and support timely, informed action. These tools track threats related to climate and conflict while generating practical, conflict-sensitive recommendations that enable stakeholders to act swiftly and adapt effectively, thereby avoiding the exacerbation of tensions.

Josué Djire and Odile Diarra from World Vision will highlight how the effectiveness of anticipatory action relies on strengthening the capacity of local actors and institutions to anticipate, prevent, mitigate, and respond to shocks in inclusive and equitable ways. While global capacities are essential, systems that overlook local empowerment may unintentionally reinforce divisions or create dependencies, undermining both peace and sustainable development. To operationalize anticipatory action in fragile settings, a shift in mindset and practice is required. Reactive approaches must give way to preventive, forward-looking planning informed by ongoing context analysis. When risk-monitoring tools are combined with strengthened local capacity and a commitment to conflict sensitivity, anticipatory action can become a cornerstone of resilience-building.

Hector Morales Munoz from adelphi will present the Weathering Risk approach, which employs an innovative methodology to unpack the complex relationship between climate change and insecurity, identifying actionable entry points. Policymakers across development, diplomacy, and defense sectors are increasingly seeking ways to predict and respond to these impacts. However, effective and sustainable responses require a granular understanding of the interactions between environmental change and insecurity in specific contexts. Hector will demonstrate how the Weathering Risk approach embeds conflict sensitivity within climate security assessments, illustrated by a project in North Darfur, Sudan. Furthermore, he will showcase how conflict sensitivity assessments can enhance environmental peacebuilding projects, tailoring theories of change to integrate both environmental and peacebuilding impacts, with a case study from Colombia.

Nishant Das (SomReP Chief of Party) and Jerome Galagade (Head of Program Quality, Knowledge Management, and MEAL, SomReP) will present how SomReP's Index-Based Livestock Insurance (IBLI) initiative exemplifies anticipatory action rooted in context understanding and conflict sensitivity. By leveraging local knowledge, climate modelling, and dynamic monitoring tools, IBLI enables timely, data-informed responses that protect vulnerable pastoralist households from the dual impacts of drought and insecurity through index-triggered payouts based on pre-defined thresholds, helping households manage resource-based tensions and reduce conflict pressures.

The session will explore how IBLI integrates conflict-sensitive design principles—such as inclusive targeting, community engagement, and grievance mechanisms—ensuring the intervention does not exacerbate local tensions and instead contributes to social cohesion. Through continuous context monitoring and early warning systems, IBLI illustrates how shifting from reactive to preventive approaches via insurance-based payouts that stabilize livelihoods during stress periods can empower local pastoralists, strengthen trust, and build resilience.