

COP30 Side Event | November 18 | Side Event Room 1, Area C

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation for Agriculture in Conflict-Affected Countries

When	18 November, 16.45–18.15
Where	Side Event Room 1, Area C
Host	NGO “Professional Government Association”
Co-Hosts	Ground Truth Solutions NGO “Ecoclub” Institute for Climate Protection, Energy and Mobility (IKEM) Elected Officials to Protect America

About

The goal of this panel is to draw the international community's attention to the unique conditions and urgent needs of the agricultural sector in countries affected by armed conflict, particularly in the context of climate change adaptation and mitigation. The panel discussion aims to build on the commitment under the COP28 UAE Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems and Climate Actions to “maximize the climate and environmental benefits associated with agriculture and food system by conserving, protecting and restoring land and natural ecosystems”. It also aims to emphasize the promise to leave no one behind under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In countries impacted by armed conflicts, the agricultural sector faces extraordinary challenges due to destruction of natural ecosystems and soil contamination as the result of military actions, presence of landmines and explosive remnants of war. To fulfill its critical role in **ensuring food security** and contributing to **climate goals**, the agriculture sector in circumstances of armed conflicts and post-war recovery requires **specialized practices** that go beyond standard climate measures. These include among others:

- Humanitarian demining
- Soil decontamination
- Restoration of soil productivity

These practices must be recognized as essential components of climate mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Speakers

- **Ihor Bezkaravainyi**, Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine, Department with Humanitarian Demining (online)
- **Dr. Ievgeniia Kopytsia**, Associate Professor at the Environmental Law Department at Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, MSCA4Ukraine
- **Prof. Michael Rodi**, Executive and Scientific Director, IKEM
- **Liva Kaugure**, Natural Resources Officer, FAO
- **Elisa Schmidt**, Ground Truth Solutions and Vaada (TBC)
- **Alex Cornell du Houx**, President, EOPA
- **Iarislava Denisova**, Project manager, NGO “Ecoclub”

Moderator

- **Marta Trofimova**, Head of Sustainability, KERNEL

