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Climate change has emerged as one of the most pressing global challenges of our time, with its impacts felt most acutely in fragile and conflict-affected states. Countries with limited institutional capacity, political instability, and constrained resources are often the least equipped to respond effectively to climate-related risks, despite facing some of the most severe consequences. Afghanistan is a striking example of this reality. Increasing temperatures, prolonged droughts, water scarcity, land degradation, and extreme weather events are intensifying existing socio-economic vulnerabilities and placing additional pressure on communities already affected by decades of conflict and institutional fragility.

In fragile contexts such as Afghanistan, climate change is not only an environmental issue but also a legal, governance, and development challenge. The absence or weakening of effective institutions, limited regulatory capacity, and restricted access to international climate finance and technology complicate efforts to develop and implement meaningful climate policies. At the same time, climate impacts intersect with issues of food security, migration, public health, gender inequality, and access to natural resources, requiring multidisciplinary approaches that integrate legal frameworks with policy innovation and social resilience.

This conference aims to bring together scholars, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to examine the role of law and governance in addressing climate change in fragile and conflict-affected settings, with a particular focus on Afghanistan. It seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue on how legal frameworks, policy tools, institutional arrangements, and international cooperation can support climate resilience, environmental protection, and sustainable development in contexts where governance systems face significant challenges, while highlighting pathways for more inclusive and effective climate governance in Afghanistan and beyond.

We particularly encourage contributions that explore the intersections of climate change with law, governance, human rights, economic development, gender, migration, natural resource management, and regional cooperation. While the conference places Afghanistan at the center of

discussion, **comparative perspectives** from other fragile or conflict-affected states are also welcome.