

A Brief Report of the Africa Security Conference Held in Rabat, Morocco December 1- 3, 2019

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The impact of climate change on security in Africa" was the theme of the 2019 edition of the Africa Security forum held in Rabat, Morocco, December 1-3, 2019. The meeting was attended by over 400 participants from 66 countries, including 35 Africans, with varied profession including researchers, civil society specialists, ministerial authorities, representatives of companies concerned, amongst others. The forum was organized by the Atlantis Centre for Research and Geostrategic Studies, a think tank in partnership with the International Security Technology Forum (ISTF) and under the high patronage of King Mohammed IV of Morocco.

The event highlighted the link between climate change and security issues in Africa. The organizers of the Africa Security forum have decided to place the 2019 edition under the banner of security to develop strategies to preserve peace in Africa, based on climate preservation. The three-day event provided opportunity for participants to explore the issue to highlight the impact of climate change on ecosystems, biodiversity and human societies, and also provided a framework for developing solutions to limit these impacts on both sides of the African continent.



Photo: Job Eronmhonsele (Left) and Kabiru Mohammed (Right) during the 2019 ASF in Rabat, Morocco

Key Discussions

Among the main themes discussed were food security and water management. And in this context, exchanges took place on improved water management, climate change and food security, as well as crop yields and livestock productivity. The other two main areas covered were population growth and agricultural development on the one hand, and tomorrow's solutions on the other. In addition to the plenary sessions, business meetings between companies were also on the agenda, as well as the launch of the Africa Security Network, a network that will work to implement the resolutions adopted during the forum and to enable Africa to propose African solutions to security and climate change issues on the continent.