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**Who:** The [Center for Climate and Security \(CCS\)](#) is a Washington DC-based non-partisan institute with an advisory board and staff of senior military, national security and foreign policy experts. CCS was named a “Best New Think Tank” in the University of Pennsylvania’s 2014 and 2015 “[Global Go To Think Tank Index Reports](#),” and was [cited by](#) Pulitzer Prize winning author and reporter Thomas Friedman as “indispensable.”

**Problem:** As Secretary of Defense James Mattis has rightfully [noted](#), the security risks of climate change range from direct threats to the United States, such as sea level rise flooding at coastal military bases, to indirect threats from dramatic changes in food, water and energy availability, which can lead to instability and state failure. The U.S. military, national security and intelligence communities understand these risks, and have taken meaningful action to address them across Republican and Democratic Administrations, whether in the [National Intelligence Assessment](#) and [National Defense Strategy](#) in 2008, or the [Quadrennial Defense Review](#) and [Worldwide Threat Assessment](#) in 2014. The security community does not treat the issue as a partisan one, but rather, as an issue it must contend with in the operating environment.

**Solution:** In this context, CCS seeks to educate policy-makers and the media about the national security risks of a changing climate, including impacts on military readiness, operations and strategy, and broader U.S. critical infrastructure. It does this through maintaining a community of practice, proving timely analysis, and acting as a resource hub.

**Community:** CCS provides the first and only non-partisan community of practice on climate and national security issues. This includes:

- [The Climate and Security Advisory Group](#): A non-partisan group of 43 senior military, national security and foreign policy experts, who earlier this year delivered a [Briefing Book](#) for the new Administration.
- [The Climate Security Consensus Project](#): A bipartisan group of 26 national security and military leaders that served in the Reagan, G.H.W. Bush, Clinton, G.W. Bush and Obama Administrations that made the following determination in 2016: “Climate change present a strategically-significant risk to U.S. national security and international security, and...the U.S. must advance a comprehensive policy for addressing this risk.”

**Analysis:** CCS [offers timely analysis](#) on climate and national security issues both at home and abroad, much of which has received significant [press](#) coverage. This includes the following:

- [Military Expert Panel Report: Sea Level Rise and the U.S. Military’s Mission](#)
- [The U.S. Asia-Pacific Rebalance, National Security and Climate Change](#)
- [The Arab Spring and Climate Change](#)
- [The Briefer Series](#): Short, easy-to-digest briefers on key climate and security topics

**Resource hub:** CCS is a central information database for policy-makers and the media, keeping track of the latest developments, and compiling key climate-security resources from governments, international institutions, non-governmental organizations and academia, via both its [resources page](#), and the [Climate Security 101 Project](#).