Climate change and violent extremism in the Western Sahel

Contextual Model

**Climate Change**
- More Frequent / Intense Extreme Weather Events

**Environmental Change**
- Increased Land Scarcity
- Land Use Change

**Social and Economic Drivers**
- Economic Development

**Intermediary Mechanisms**
- Livelihood Insecurity

**Fragility and Conflict Risks**
- Anti-State Grievances
- Weakened State
- Crime / Violence / Extremism
- Reduced State Capacity and/or Legitimacy

**Context Factors**
- Agricultural / Pastoral Land
- Low Level of Economic Development
- Political Marginalization
- Unresponsive Government
- Eroded Social Contract
- History of Conflict
- Proliferation of Weapons

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