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

- **Intermediary Mechanisms**
  - Livelihood Insecurity
  - Reduced State Capacity and/or Legitimacy

- **Fragility and Conflict Risks**
  - Anti-State Grievances
  - Crime / Violence / Extremism
  - Weakened State

**Social and Economic Drivers**
- Economic Development
- Agricultural / Pastoral Land

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