Climate change and violent extremism in the Western Sahel

Contextual Model

Climate Change
- More Frequent / Intense Extreme Weather Events

Social and Economic Drivers
- Economic Development
- Land Use Change

Environmental Change
- Increased Land Scarcity
- Livelihood Insecurity

Intermediary Mechanisms
- Reduced State Capacity and/or Legitimacy
- Anti-State Grievances
- Weakened State
- Crime / Violence / Extremism

Fragility and Conflict Risks

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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