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## **Climate Change, Environmental Degradation and Migration: Preparing for the Future**

**programme**



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**Friday, 9 May 2008**

**9:30 am**

**Welcome**

*Mr. Jose Miguel Guzman, Chief, Population and Development Branch, Technical Support Division, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)*  
*Mr. Luca Dall'Oglio, Permanent Observer of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to the UN*  
*Mr. John Slocum, Director of Global Migration and Human Mobility, MacArthur Foundation*

**9:45 am**

**SESSION I) EVIDENCE AND PATTERNS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ON MIGRATION**

*Chair: Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Director, Population Division, UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)*

**Climate change, environmental degradation and migration: how viable are current predictions?**

*Mr. Dominic Kniveton, Senior Lecturer in Physical Geography, University of Sussex*

**Identifying Priorities for Future Research on Environmentally Induced Migration**

*Ms. Olivia Dun, Research Associate, Environmental Change and Forced Migration (EACH-FOR) Project, United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) and Mr. Jobst Koehler, Research Officer, IOM*

**Preparing for the future: IOM's global strategy on environmentally-induced migration and: IOM-UNFPA report on Migration and the Environment**

*Mr. Philippe Boncour, Head, International Dialogue on Migration Division, IOM and Mr. Jose Miguel Guzman, UNFPA*

**11:15 am**

**Coffee/Tea Break**

**11:30 am**

**SESSION II) ADDRESSING VULNERABILITIES: CURRENT STRATEGIES AND THE CHALLENGES OF DISPLACEMENT AND MIGRATION**

*Chair: Ms. Zehra Aydin, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), New York*

**Climate change, poverty and human development prospects**

*Ms. Cecilia Ugaz, Acting Director, Human Development Report Office, UNDP*

**Addressing vulnerabilities through regional and national action programmes**

*Mr. Melchiade Bukuru, Chief, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Liaison Office, New York*



**Assessing Vulnerabilities to Climate-Related Emergencies: Making Everyone Count**

*Ms. Pamela DeLargy, Chief, Humanitarian Response Unit, UNFPA*

**Enhancing disaster resilience**

*Mr. Hansjoerg Strohmeyer, Chief of Policy Development and Studies, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)*

**1:30 pm Lunch Break**

**3:00 pm SESSION III) FORGING INTERNATIONAL LAW AND POLICY RESPONSES**

*Chair: Mr. Mohammad Reza Salamat, Senior Officer, Energy and Transport Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA*

**Putting human security and migration on the global environment and climate agenda**

*H.E. Mr. John Mourikis, Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations and Mr. Philippe Boncour, IOM*

*H.E. Mr. Angus Friday, Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations, Chairman, Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)*

**4:00 pm Coffee break**

**4:15 pm SESSION III) CONTINUED**

*Chair: Ms. Elizabeth Ferris, Co-Director, Brookings-Bern Project on internal displacement*

**Environmental degradation, displacement and human rights**

*Mr. Karim Ghezraoui, Coordinator, Groups in Focus Unit, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)*

**Providing legal protection for “environmental(ly) migrants /refugees / displaced persons”**

*Ms. Claudine Haenni, Former Adviser to the Representative of the Secretary-General (RSG) on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children*

*Mr. Johan Cels, Senior Policy Advisor (Peace and Security), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), New York*

**5:45 pm Summary, outlook and closing**

*Ms. Colleen Thouez, Head, UNITAR New York Office*

**6:00 pm End of the day**