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 Seminar on

Environmentally Induced Migration and Climate Change

United Nations Headquarters, New York, 20 April 2010
Conference Room A (TNLB)

AGENDA

Morning

9:45 AM Registration

10:00 **Welcome and Programme Overview**

Mr. Jose Miguel Guzman, Chief Population and Development Branch, UNFPA

Mr. David Koschel, Officer in Charge, UNITAR

Session I: Grasping the Evidence: What Do We Know About the Impacts of Environmental and Climate Change on Migration?

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

10:15 *Mr. Frank Laczko, Chief, Research and Publications, IOM*

Ms. Koko Warner, Head of Environmental Migration, Social Vulnerability and Adaptation, UNU-EHS

- What do we know about the nexus between environmental/climate change and migration?
- What kind of empirical evidence do we have?
- What are the research and data gaps?

10:45 Discussion

11:15 Coffee Break

Session II: Environmental Migration: What Are the Implications for Development?

Chair: Ms. Sarah Rosengärtner, Migration and Development Specialist, UNDP

11:30 *H.E. Mr. Abdulkalam Abdul Momen, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN*

Mr. Sami Areikat, Sustainable Development Officer, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA

Ms. Wei-Meng Lim-Kabaa, Deputy Director, UNHCR

Mr. Carlos Viteri Gualinga, Executive Secretary of ECORAE, Ecuador (TbC)

- How does migration triggered by environmental and climate changes affect development?
- What are the consequences for the most vulnerable countries and communities?
- What are the positive effects of environmentally induced migration?



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12:30 Discussion

13:00 Lunch Break

Afternoon

Session III: Forging International Law and National Policy Responses to Environmentally Induced Migration and Climate Change

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

15:00

H.E. Dr. Dessima Williams, Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

Ms. Michelle Leighton, Director of Human Rights Programs, Center for Law and Global Justice

University of San Francisco School of Law

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

Ms. Isabel Pereira, Policy Specialist, Human Development Report Office, UNDP

Mr. Noel Gonzalez, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations

- What are possible policy answers to environmentally induced migration?
- What are existing legal frameworks on the international level and protection gaps?
- How can disaster resilience be enhanced to address displacement due to environmental or climatic events?
- How can we bring together migration, development, climate change and the environment policy perspectives?
- How can the global migration and development agenda be linked with the global environment and climate change agenda?

16:00 Discussion

16:30 Coffee Break

Session IV: The Way Forward - Building Capacities for Implementing Policies to Mitigate Environmentally Induced Migration and Climate Change

Chair: Ms. Ann Pawliczko, Senior Project Adviser, Population and Development Branch, UNFPA

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Mr. Frank Laczko, Chief, Research and Publications, IOM

Mr. Robert McLeman, Coordinator, Environmental Studies Program, Department of Geography, University of Ottawa

- How is the participation of developing countries in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) improved through capacity building?
- How can migration be integrated in the National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPA)?
- What is the potential of capacity building in addressing migration as part of the adaptation process to climate change?

17:15 Discussion

17:45 Closing Remarks: Ms. Valeska Hesse, Coordinator of the Migration and Development Series, UNITAR

18:00 End of the Day



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