



ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE MIGRATION

PREPARING FOR UNEA-2

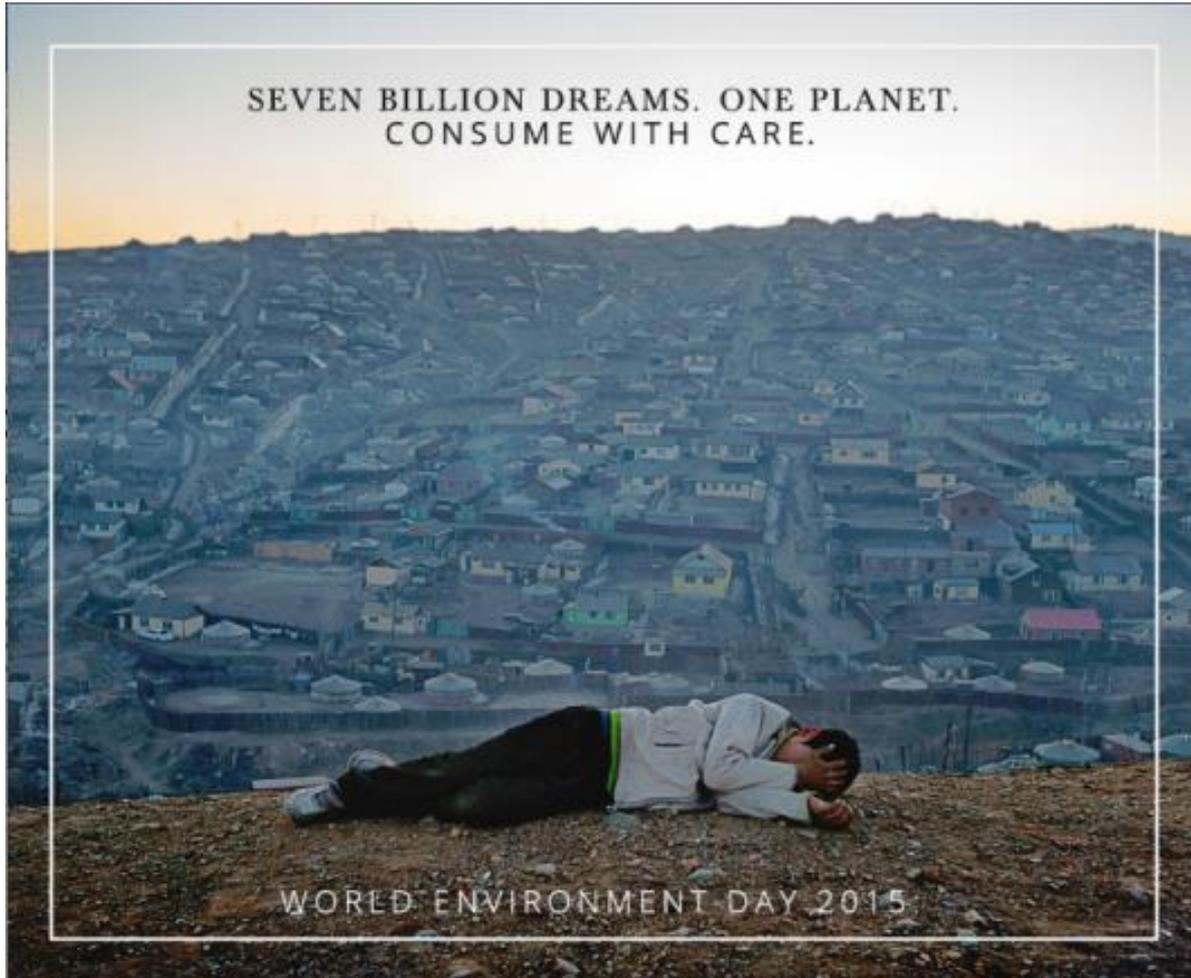
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Human mobility, Environment and Climate

- 1. Climate policy responses**
- 2. Migration policy responses**
- 3. Other relevant policy processes**
- 4. Recommendations for UNEA**

A change in paradigm



Recognition of
Significance of
Environmental
and Climatic
Factors for
Human Mobility

Framing a complex issue

- Environmental migration: a **complex multi-causal phenomenon**
- Impacts of both **sudden and slow onset events**
- **Climate change** as an exacerbating factor
- **Gender** contextual dimensions



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Terminology challenge

**Environmental
migrants IOM
definition 2007**

**Climate
environmental
refugees**

Environmental exiles

**Internally displaced
people**

**Forced voluntary
migration**

**Climate
induced
migration**

**Planned
relocation**

**Trapped
populations**

**Human
mobility**

Who is an environmental migrant?

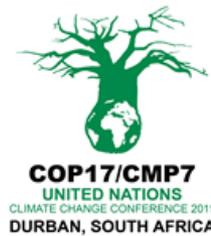
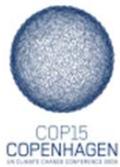
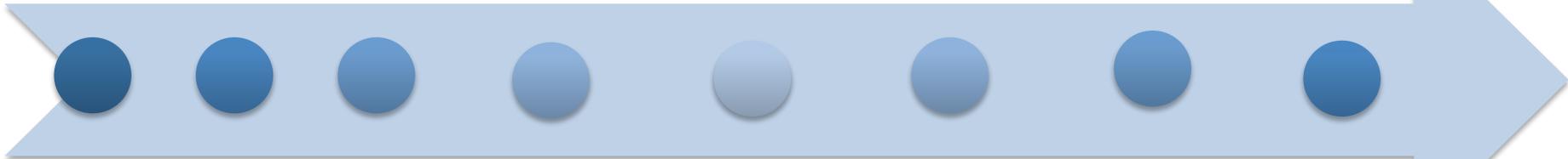
A Working Definition, IOM 2007

*“**Environmental migrants** are persons or groups of persons who, for compelling reasons of sudden or progressive change in the environment that adversely affects their lives or living conditions, are obliged to leave their habitual homes, or choose to do so, either temporarily or permanently, and who move either within their country or abroad.”*

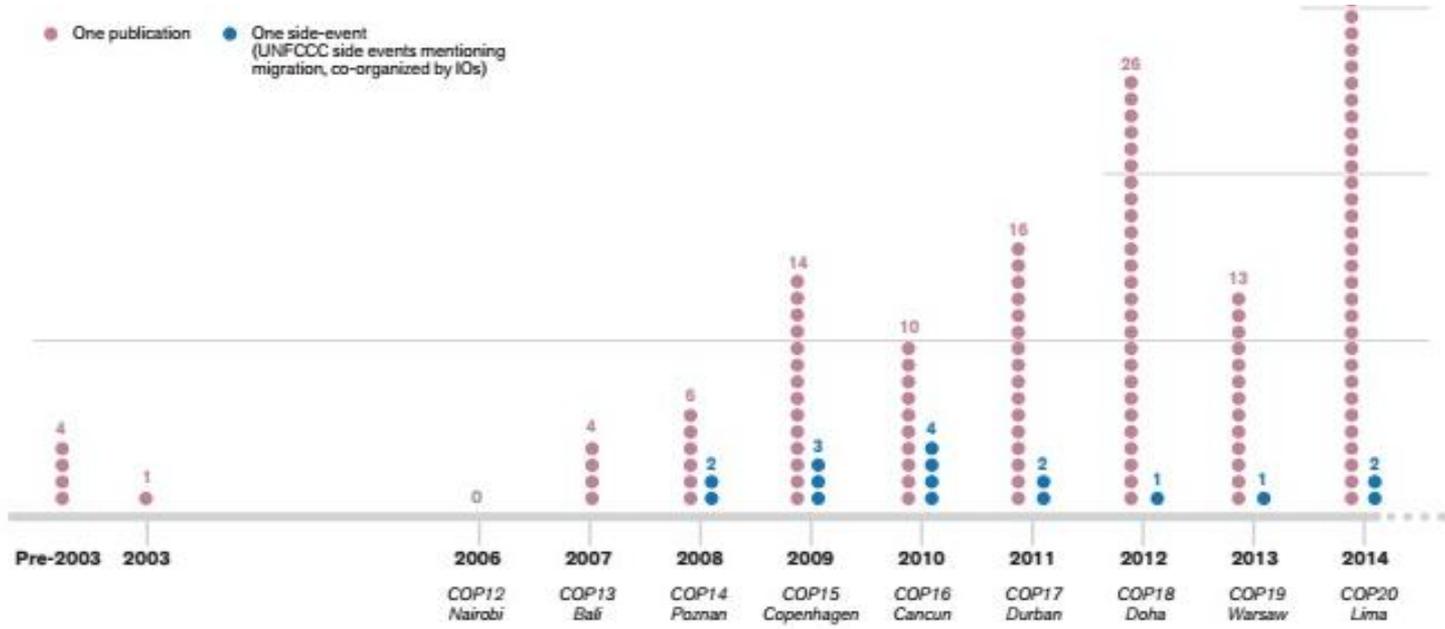


1. Climate Change Policy Focus

At the climate policy level : Paris Agreement



Human Mobility at UNFCCC

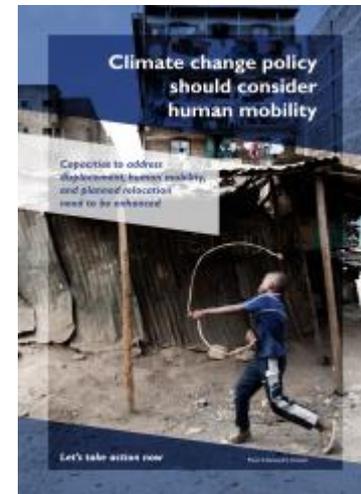
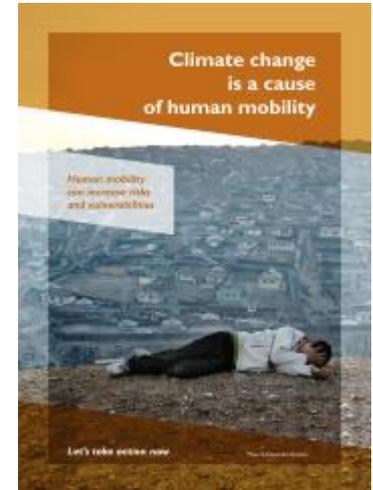
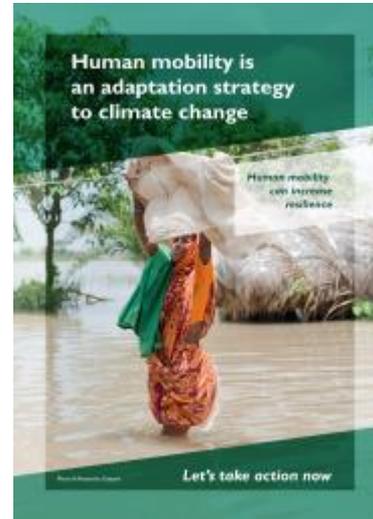


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Paris Agreement 2015

- Adaptation
- Loss and damage
- Mitigation
- Financing
- Technological Transfers
- Migrant centred approach
- 185 intended nationally determined contributions: 20% mention migration



ADOPTION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT

Preamble:

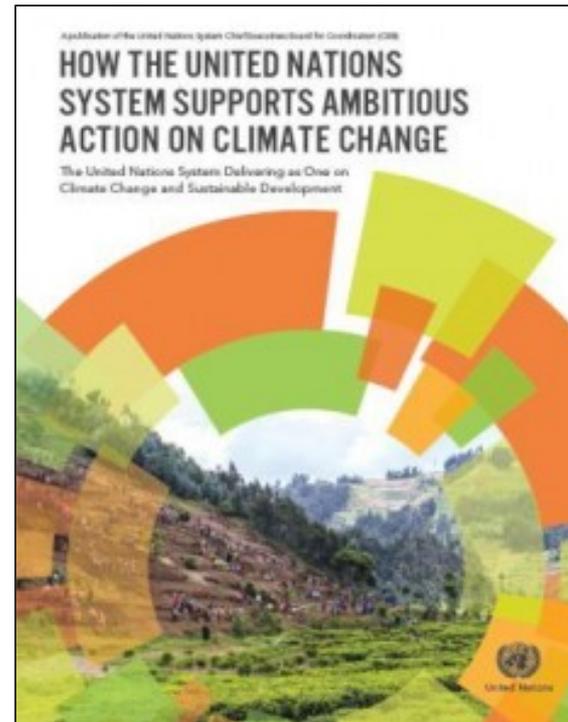
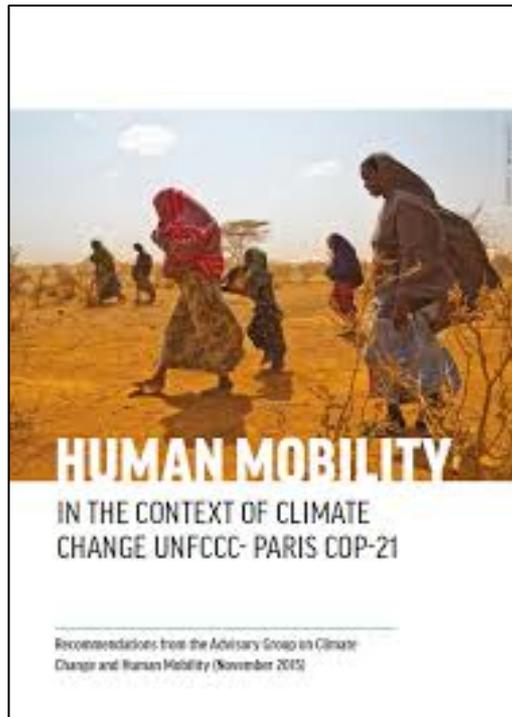
“Acknowledging that climate change is a common concern of humankind, Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, **migrants**, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity”

ADOPTION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT

COP Decision on page 7

“50. Also requests the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism to establish, according to its procedures and mandate, a task force to complement, draw upon the work of and involve, as appropriate, existing bodies and expert groups under the Convention including the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, as well as relevant organizations and expert bodies outside the Convention, to develop recommendations for integrated approaches to **avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change**”

ADVISORY GROUP AND ONE-UN



Land policy

- A partnership focused on land degradation, rehabilitation, management and with inclusion of migrants and diasporas
- UN Convention to Combat Desertification UNCCD COP Turkey October 2015
- Project IOM Rome with Senegal, Niger and Burkina Faso on innovative funding, diasporas and land based adaptation

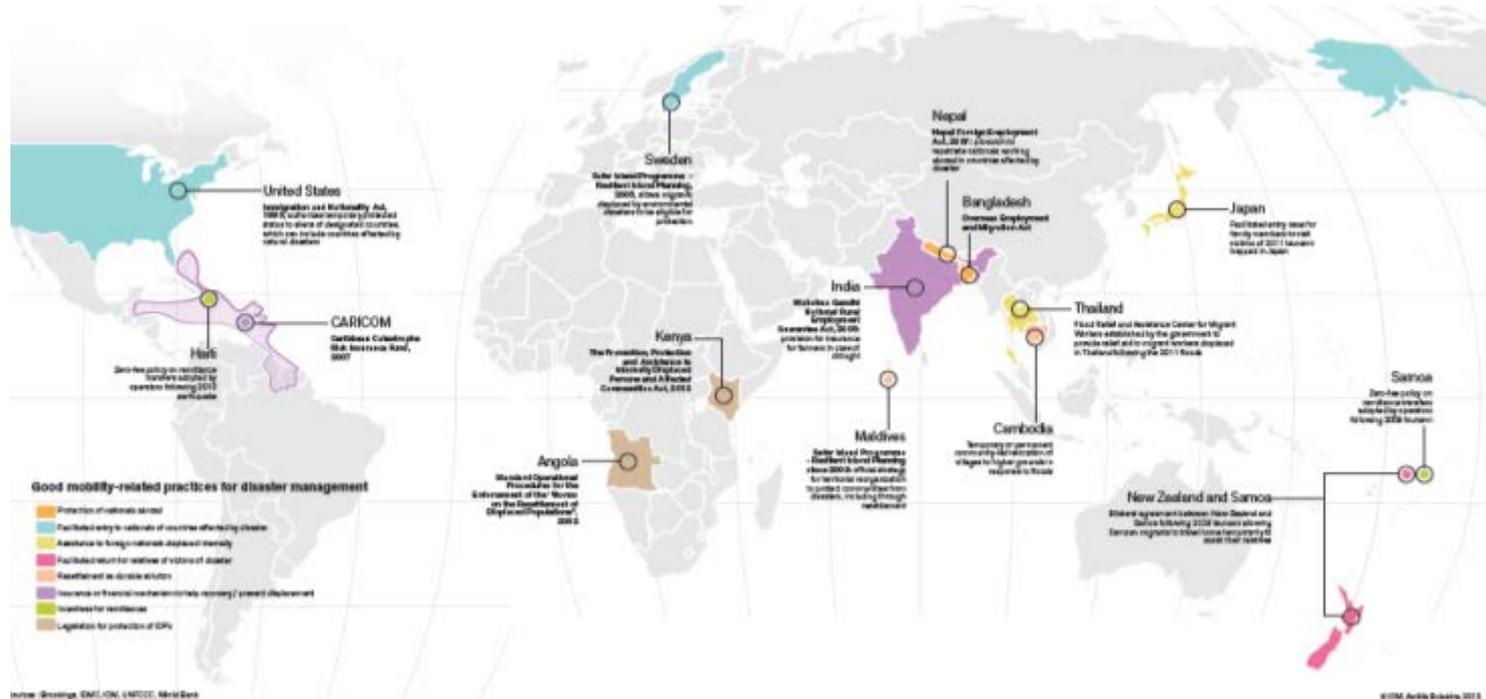


Disaster Risk Reduction Focus

- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
- involving migrants in the design and implementation and planning of DRR (para 7 and 36.a.vi) (27.h)
- displacement, one of the main consequences of disasters (para 4), policies encouraged to manage disaster-induced movements (30.l).
- Preparedness for and response to displacement (33.h), recovery measures (33.j), and transboundary cooperation in the case of cross-border displacement (28.d)
- Planned and managed relocations as an option (25.k).



Practices on DRR and Migration



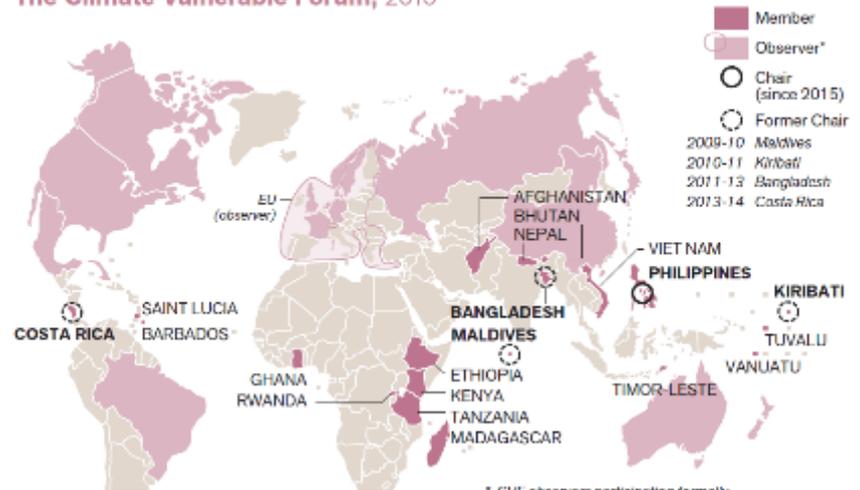
Focus on Countries Most Vulnerable to Climate Change

A partnership with CVF driven by the countries most vulnerable to climate change focused on building capacities



- Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bhutan, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Kiribati, Madagascar, Maldives, Nepal, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Vietnam
- Bangladesh commitment on migration, one of the six pillars of action
- Philippines current Chair

The Climate Vulnerable Forum, 2015





Climate change is
a **cause** of
human mobility

Human mobility can increase
risks and vulnerabilities

 www.environmentalmigration.org

Human mobility is
an **adaptation
strategy** to
climate change

Human mobility can increase
resilience

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Climate change
**policy should
consider** human
mobility

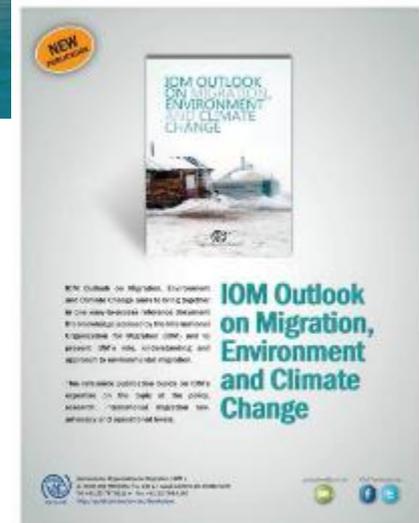
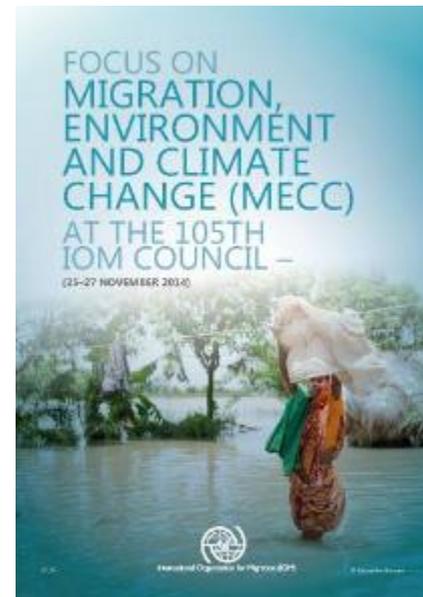
Capacities to address migration,
displacement and planned
relocation need to be enhanced

 www.environmentalmigration.org

2. The Migration Policy Focus

Climate migration thematic area mainstreamed in IOM's governance and structure

- States selected MECC as a topic for discussion
- Broad range of partnerships and activities
- 2015: New MECC Division
- 2016: More than \$52 million already earmarked on projects with a disaster, land, environment and climate dimension



Strategic Objectives on migration governance for IOM



Haiti © IOM 2015 (Alessandro Grassani)

TRANSVERSAL ACTIVITIES

Solutions for people
to stay,
Solutions for people
to move

1. To **prevent forced migration** resulting from environmental factors
2. To **provide assistance and protection to affected populations and seek durable solutions** where forced migration does occur
3. To **facilitate migration** as a possible **adaptation strategy to climate change.**

Capacity Building for Policy Makers on MECC

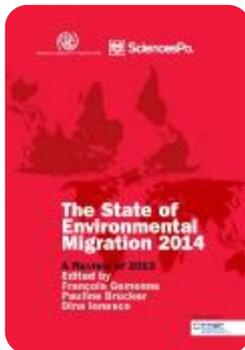
- Climatic and environmental drivers pose new migration management challenges and require capacities to address them **across** policy areas
- **40** countries benefitted from national or regional trainings since 2013
- **About 300** trained policymakers
- **Morocco** training March 2016



Publications



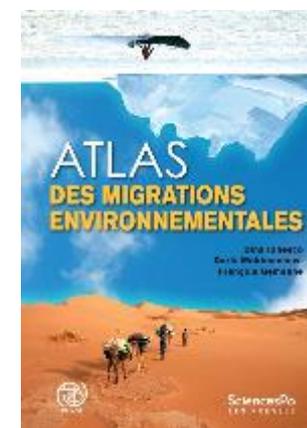
12 Policy brief series



4 State of environmental migration



8 Migration research series

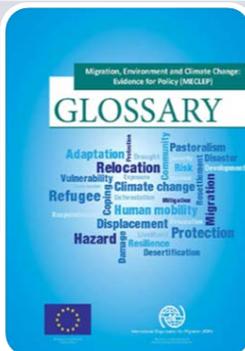


More than **70** titles dedicated to Migration, Environment and Climate Change (MECC)

<https://publications.iom.int/>



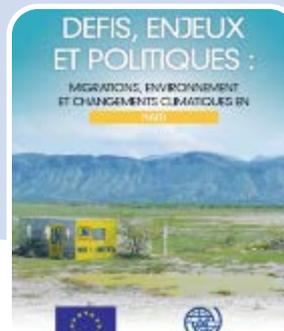
8 Internal dialogue on migration



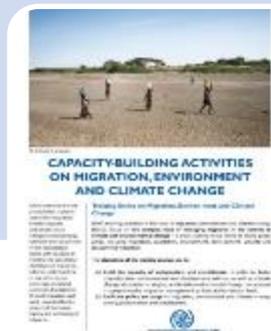
3 Glossaries



5 MECC Briefs



3 National assessments



6 Infosheets



33 other MECC publications

EVIDENCE FOR POLICY (MECLEP)

Migration, Environment and Climate Change Policy Brief Series



The poor pay the price:
New research insights on human mobility, climate change and disasters

Introduction:
The international policy framework

This brief and accompanying policy briefs provide a synthesis of the findings of the first round of the MECLEP research project. It focuses on the impact of climate change and disasters on human mobility, and the role of migration as a coping strategy. The briefs are part of a series of evidence-based policy briefs that will be published over the course of the project.



Migration, Environment and Climate Change Policy Brief Series



When do households benefit from migration?
Insights from vulnerable environments in Haiti

Introduction:
Introduction

This brief examines the impact of migration on the livelihoods of households in vulnerable environments in Haiti. It explores the factors that influence the benefits of migration, such as the type of migration, the destination, and the characteristics of the households.



Migration, Medio Ambiente y Cambio Climático Serie de Notas de Políticas



Algunas políticas para incidir en la relación entre medio ambiente y migraciones en República Dominicana

Conclusiones y recomendaciones:
Conclusiones y recomendaciones

This brief discusses policy options to address the relationship between the environment and migration in the Dominican Republic. It highlights the need for a holistic approach that considers the environmental, social, and economic dimensions of migration.



Migration, Environment and Climate Change Policy Brief Series



Relocation as an adaptation strategy to environmental stress
Lessons from the Mekong River Delta in Viet Nam

Introduction:
Introduction

This brief explores the role of relocation as an adaptation strategy to environmental stress in the Mekong River Delta in Viet Nam. It examines the challenges and opportunities associated with relocation and provides lessons for policy-makers.



Migration, Environment and Climate Change: Training Manual (Facilitator's Guide)

February 2018

This manual is a key tool for facilitators to deliver the Migration, Environment and Climate Change Training Manual (MECLEP) to policy-makers on the migration-development nexus.



CORE MODULES

- The Migration and Environment Nexus
- Migration and Development
- Policy Frameworks and Governance
- Climate Change and Migration
- Gender and Migration
- Disaster and Migration
- Climate Adaptation and Migration

OPTIONAL MODULES

- Legal Instruments
- Regional Focus

OBJECTIVES

- To equip the development of migration and environment policy-makers and national and regional level
- To enhance the capacity of national and regional level policy-makers to address migration and environment issues
- To enhance knowledge, experience and leadership in addressing migration and environment issues

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Migration, Environment and Climate Change Policy Brief Series



Migration as adaptation?
A comparative analysis of policy frameworks on the environment and development in MECLEP countries

Introduction:
Introduction

This brief provides a comparative analysis of policy frameworks on migration as an adaptation strategy in MECLEP countries. It examines the different approaches and identifies key lessons for policy-makers.



Migration, Environment and Climate Change Policy Brief Series



Returning home after Fukushima:
Displacement from a nuclear disaster and international guidelines for internally displaced persons

Introduction:
Introduction

This brief discusses the challenges of returning home after a nuclear disaster, such as Fukushima. It examines international guidelines for internally displaced persons and provides insights for policy-makers.



Migration, Environment and Climate Change Policy Brief Series



Migration and Natural Resource Scarcity within the Context of Climate Variability in West Africa

Introduction:
Introduction

This brief explores the relationship between migration and natural resource scarcity in the context of climate variability in West Africa. It examines the challenges and opportunities associated with migration and provides insights for policy-makers.



Migration, Environment and Climate Change Policy Brief Series



Remittances and disaster:
Policy implications for disaster risk management

Introduction:
Introduction

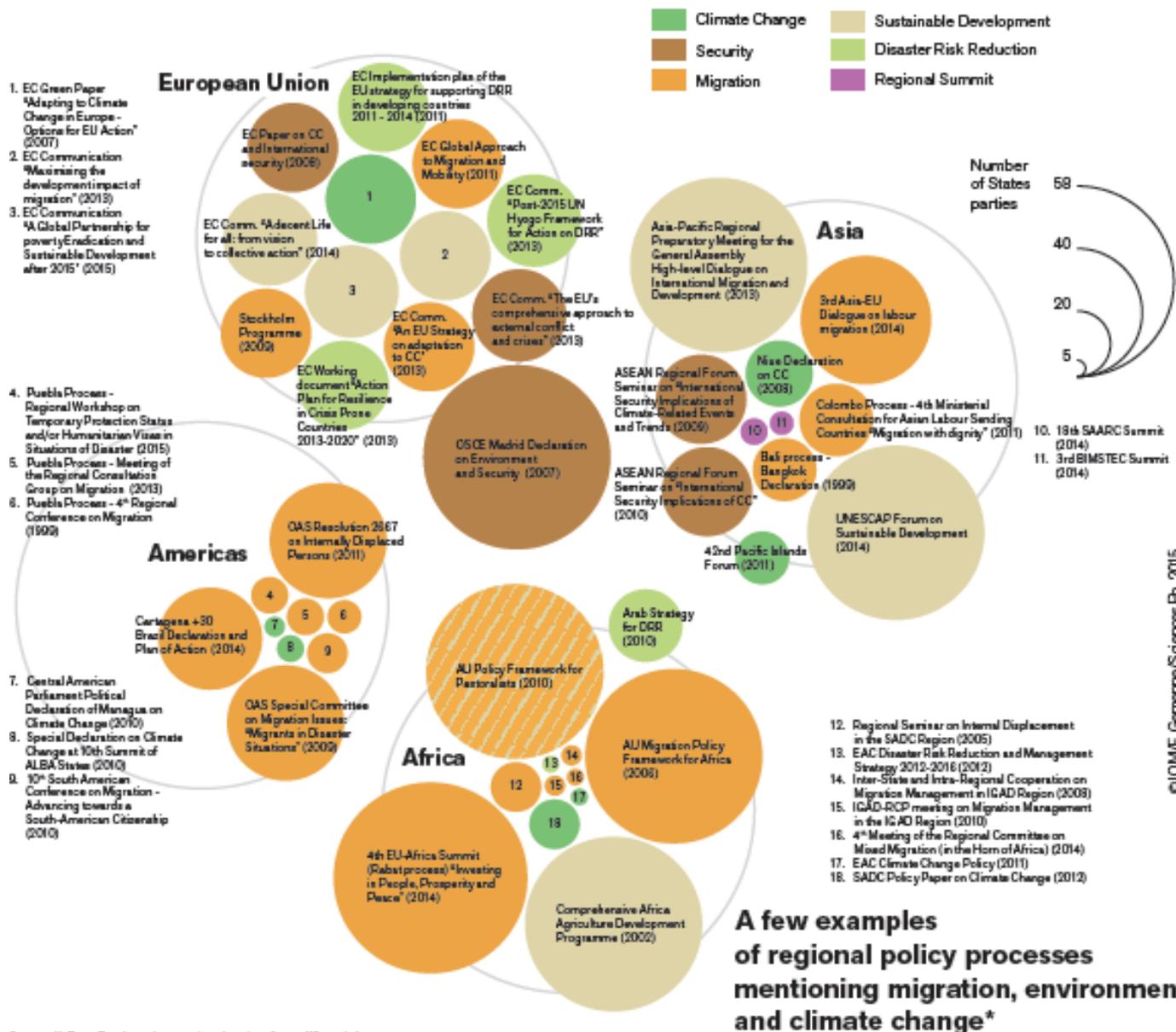
This brief discusses the role of remittances in disaster risk management. It examines the challenges and opportunities associated with remittances and provides insights for policy-makers.



Protection Focus

- Nansen Agenda, Global Consultation (Oct 2015)
- Germany: chair, Bangladesh vice chair
- Institutional Arrangements under development
- Implementation of the Nansen Protection Agenda
- IOM and UNHCR contributed as Standing Invitee of the Steering Group





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A few examples of regional policy processes mentioning migration, environment and climate change*

Sources: K. Popp, People on the move in a changing climate. What role for a regional policy? http://publications.iuii.org/bookstore/free/MigrationPolicy-PractiseJournal14_30Jan2014.pdf and Popp, K. (2014), Regional Policy Perspectives, in People on the Move in a Changing Climate: The Regional Impact of Environmental Change on Migration, Springer, Dordrecht.

*Note: this is a non exhaustive selection of examples of regional state-led policy processes mentioning migration in the context of environmental and climate change. The size of circles is based on the number of member countries for each process

Other Relevant Processes

Other policy responses

1. Development
2. Humanitarian policy
3. Security policy
4. Human Rights Policy
5. Urban/UN-HABITAT

HOW MIGRATION IS REFLECTED IN THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Migration in the declaration

- Highlights impact of humanitarian crises and forced displacement of people on development progress.
- Calls for the empowerment of vulnerable groups, including refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants.
- Calls for access by all – including migrants – to life-long learning opportunities.
- Commits to eradicating forced labour and human trafficking and to end child labour.
- Recognises the positive contribution of migrants for inclusive growth and sustainable development.

Migration in the goal and target framework

Specific references



4.b:
SCHOLARSHIPS
(STUDENT
MOBILITY)



5.2: TRAFFICKING
(FOCUS ON
WOMEN AND
GIRLS)



8.7: TRAFFICKING

8.8: MIGRANT
WORKER RIGHTS
(ESP. WOMEN
MIGRANTS)



10.7: PLANNED &
WELL-MANAGED
MIGRATION
POLICIES

10.c: MIGRANT
REMITTANCES



16.2: TRAFFICKING
(FOCUS ON
CHILDREN)



17.18: DATA
DISAGGREGATION
(INCLUDING BY
MIGRATORY
STATUS)

Other entry points



1.5: RESILIENCE TO
CLIMATE EVENTS
AND ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND
ENVIRONMENTAL
SHOCKS



11.5: REDUCE
DEATHS &
NUMBER OF
AFFECTED PEOPLE
& ECONOMIC
LOSSES CAUSED
BY DISASTERS



13.1-3: RESILIENCE
TO CLIMATE
HAZARDS AND
NATURAL
DISASTERS

Recommendations

1. Take stock of available policy, practices, knowledge
2. Partner to enhance action
3. Link up operational activities and policy
4. What funding for research and projections
5. Migration as a vulnerability and resilience barometer
6. Migration in its positive and negative dimensions

PORTAL:

<http://environmentmigration.iom.int>

NEWSLETTER

<http://www.iom.int/newsletters/issue53>

Environmental Migration Portal

Knowledge Platform on People on the Move in a Changing Climate

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ABOUT THE PORTAL

The Environmental Migration Portal: Knowledge Platform on People on the Move in a Changing Climate aims to provide a one-stop service website to promote new research, information exchange and dialogues, intended to fill the existing data, research and knowledge gaps on the migration environment nexus.

The Environmental Migration Portal has been created as part of the 'Migration, Environment and Climate Change: Evidence for Policy (MECCPP)' project funded by the European Union.

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Environmental events and processes

Natural hazards:

- Meteorological (extreme temperature, fog storms)
- Hydrological (floods, landslides)
- Climatological (drought, glacier lake burst, wild fire)
- Geophysical (earthquakes, tsunami)
- Impact of natural hazards is influenced by human activity (deforestation, dams, over use of land)

Disasters :

- serious disruption of the society/community functioning and losses that exceed the ability of a community or society to cope

Environmental events and processes

Climate change :

- identified change in the climate over extended periods

Climate extremes:

- Sea level rise; Change in tropical storms and cyclone emergency; Change in rainfall patterns; Increase in temperatures; Melting of mountain glaciers

Slow onset events include:

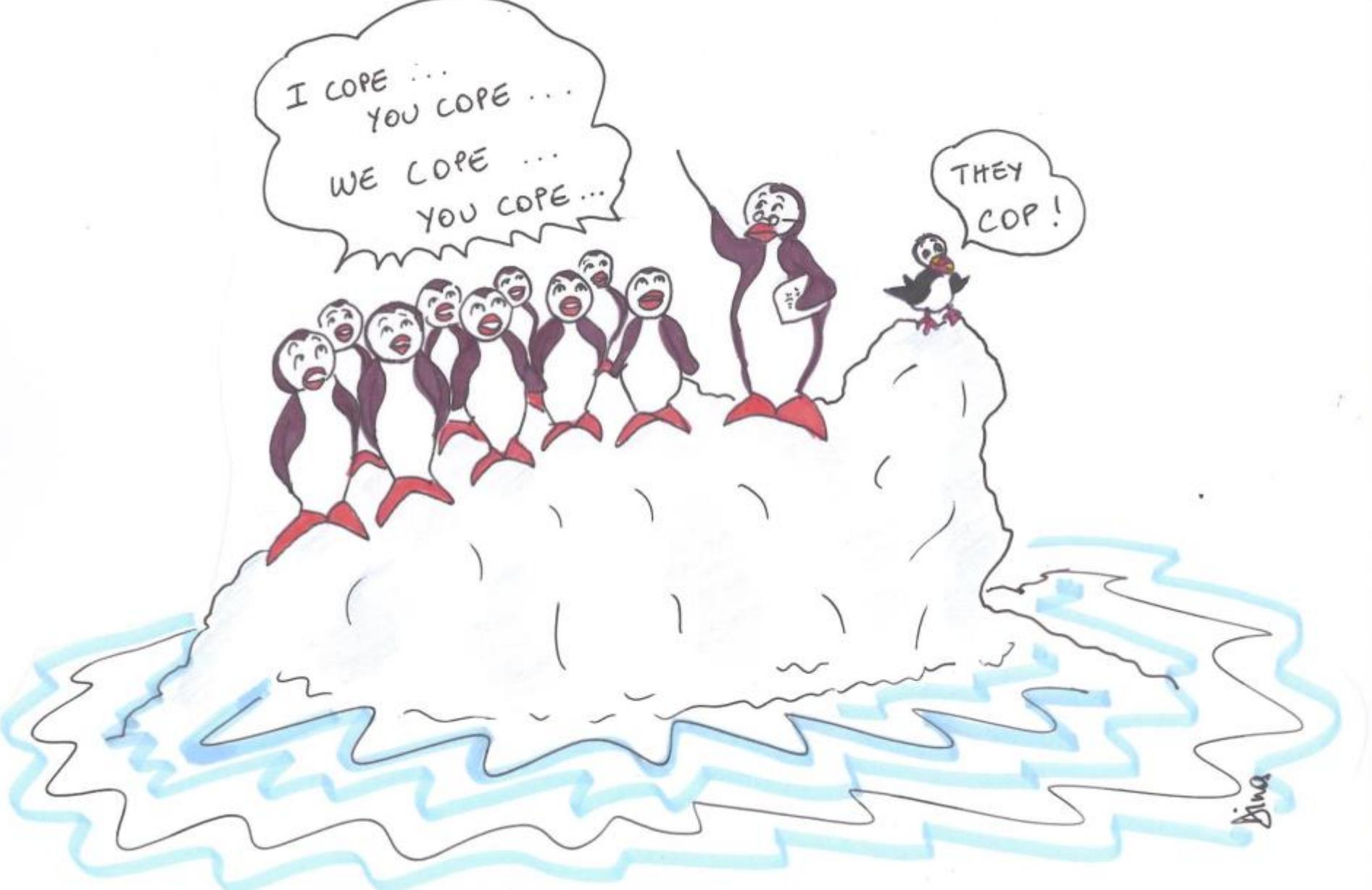
- Sea level rise; Increasing temperatures; Ocean acidification; Glacial retreat; Land salinization; Forest degradation; Desertification; Loss of biodiversity

Regional Policy

- **African Union** (Executive Council in Banjul 2006: Migration Policy Framework recognizes environment & migration
- **Council of Arab States** (Strategy for DRR 2010) recognizes environment & displacement
- **African Union Charter of Human and People's Rights** article 24 (right to a satisfactory environment)
- **AU Conference for Protection and Assistance of IDPs** (Kampala 2009) article 5 (protect and assist persons displaced by natural and human made disasters
- **Lomé Declaration on Protection Challenges to Climate Change in West Africa** (2009) UN & ECOWAS
- **Organization of African Unity Convention** governing specific aspects of refugee problems in Africa

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