



HUMAN MOBILITY IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ADVISORY GROUP ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN MOBILITY COP 20 LIMA, PERU

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Climate change is a driver of human mobility and is expected to increase the displacement of populations. COP20 in Lima is an opportune moment for policy makers to ensure that adaptation measures are taken to prevent and mitigate displacement in the context of climate change, including through migration as an adaptation strategy and planned relocation as an adaptation measure of last resort.

The last **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** report includes, for the first time, a chapter addressing human security, including aspects pertaining to migration and mobility. “Climate change is projected to increase the displacement of people throughout this century. The risk of displacement increases when populations who lack the resources to migrate experience higher exposure to extreme weather events, in both rural and urban areas, particularly in low-income developing countries. Changes in migration patterns can be responses to both extreme weather events and longer-term climate variability and change, and migration can also be an effective adaptation strategy.”¹

KEY CONCEPTS

HUMAN MOBILITY

DISPLACEMENT

Situations where people are forced to leave their homes or places of habitual residence

MIGRATION

Movements that are predominantly voluntary

PLANNED RELOCATION

An organized relocation, ordinarily instigated, supervised and carried out by the state with the consent or upon the request of the community

¹ According to the IPCC's Working Group II Contribution to the Fifth Assessment Report, released in March 2014: IPCC 5AR, WG2, Volume 1, Chapter 12, (2014), available at: <http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/wg2>

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Entry points	Agenda item	Recommendation / Suggested text
National Adaptation Plans	SBI 9. National adaptation plans	➤ Include facilitated migration and planned relocation in national adaptation plans according to guidelines available at: http://www.ehs.unu.edu/file/get/11786.pdf and http://www.unhcr.org/54082cc69.html
Nairobi Work Program	SBSTA 9. Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change	➤ Consider views of the Advisory Group on available and implemented tools and methods for adaptation planning processes addressing human settlements; good practices and lessons learned in relation to adaptation planning processes, including on monitoring and evaluation, addressing human settlements; and good practices and lessons learned related to processes and structures for linking national and local adaptation planning available at: http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2014/smsn/un/160.pdf and http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2014/sbsta/eng/04.pdf
Loss and Damage	COP 8. Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts	➤ Support actions listed under activity 6. Of the Excom: Work program: Enhance understanding and expertise - and their application - of how impacts of climate change are affecting patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility
	SBI 10. Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts	➤ Support the work programme to include more practical outcomes related to human mobility, such as identification of policy options to address related regulatory gaps
	SBSTA 7. Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts	➤ Support the establishment of an international climate change displacement coordination support mechanism. The purpose of the international climate change displacement coordination support mechanism is to provide assistance to people displaced by the impacts of climate change including measures to provide support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emergency relief; • assistance in providing organised migration and planned relocation; • compensation measures.
Mitigation and adaptation projects	SBI 6. Matters relating to the mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol	➤ Consider planned relocation guidelines to avoid forced displacement caused by CDM, REDD+ and new project mechanisms available at: http://www.unhcr.org/54082cc69.html
	SBSTA 6. Methodological guidance for activities relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries	
	SBSTA 12. Market and non-market mechanisms under the Convention	