



Migration, Environment, Climate Change: Capacity Building Training Workshop in Papua New Guinea

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The volcano of Manam Island. The island is too dangerous for local population to return.
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In recent years, the increased frequency and intensity of natural disasters and environmental degradation pose high risks for the displacement of the populations. It presents new challenges in managing migration and forced displacement resulting from these environmental and climate changes.

The Independent State of Papua New Guinea (PNG) is the largest and most populated country in the Pacific, under threat from the impacts of environmental and climatic changes. The volatile environment makes its communities vulnerable to many hazards, increasing the risk of displacement. For PNG, both slow onset processes (coastal erosion, salinization, sea-level rise, drought, frost) and rapid onset events (cyclones, flooding, volcanic eruptions, storm surges, landslides, earthquakes, tsunamis) are a reality.

While PNG experiences a significant number of displacements triggered by the changing environment and climate, there is no existing policy framework that specifically deals with people displaced by environmental reasons.

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The discussions on national, regional and international levels are critical in developing viable and specific solutions and policies to transform such voluntary and forced movements into well-managed human mobility that will foster the resilience of individuals and communities.

Therefore, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in coordination with the Office of Climate Change and Development (OCCD), with the financial support of the European Union and the IOM Development Fund, will organize a 3-day training workshop for policymakers working in the fields of migration, environment and climate change.

This workshop will take place in the framework of the project “Migration, Environment and Climate Change: Evidence for Policy (MECLEP)”. National and international experts facilitate the modules on:

- Key concepts and definitions;
- Disasters and mobility, the concept of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR);
- Gradual environmental changes and mobility;
- Data collection challenges and research methods;
- Legal perspective: the principles, rights and instruments;
- Strategic policy making and integration of mobility in national adaptation plans to climate change.

Objectives

- ✓ Build capacity of policymakers and practitioners:
 - 1) To include migration in environmental and development policies and strategies in adaptation to climate change and disaster risk reduction (DRR);
 - 2) To consider environmental change in migration policies at national and regional levels.
- ✓ Facilitate policy exchange among the policymakers and practitioners on migration, environment, climate change and adaptation.