



CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT AND MIGRATION IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

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“We in the Pacific face the prospect of losing three nations altogether- the low-lying atolls of Kiribati, Tuvalu and the Marshall Islands. And even for a nation like Fiji, with our mountainous volcanic islands, we too are in the process of relocating 45 communities and have so far identified 830 that are at risk. In a worst case scenario, Fiji has offered to explore the issue of 'permanent refuge' to the people of our closest neighbors, Kiribati and Tuvalu- a sensitive discussion we hope to continue in earnest, as our moral responsibility. These are issues of real and global concern that must be meaningfully addressed in the Paris Agreement...We have of our own accord made a budgetary allocation next year to examine all the legal implications of climate change, such as climate change refugees and loss of territoriality.”



- H.E. Mr. J.V. Bainimarama, Prime Minister of Fiji

“We know that future damages are not going to be simply large, but potentially be absolute in its wrath. Resulting in mass relocations of oceanic societies with the risk of losing social and cultural ways of life, culminating in civil and social unrest, and possibly genocide of oceanic cultures.”



- H.E. Mr. Peter M. Christian, President of Micronesia

“Consider further the danger faced by island-nations such as Kiribati, Tuvalu, and the Maldives, whose existence is threatened by rising water levels. Their extinction will be a certainty, unless we pursue realizable goals that acknowledge that, for some nations, the fight against climate change is a matter of survival. In our own experience in the Philippines, we have been working to break the vicious cycle of destruction and reconstruction, where affected locales, especially our coastal communities, slide back into an impoverished state with one calamity. The primary challenge has been to move our countrymen to less vulnerable areas, on the assumption that such do exist...”



- H.E. Mr. Benigno Aquino III, President of the Philippines



World cannot ignore the masses made homeless by disasters amid a warming planet

The Role of Island Nations in Forging a Strong Climate Change Agreement

Paris deal 'should mention climate migrants'

COP21: UNHCR calls for more focus on climate-related migration

Why a Climate Deal Is the Best Hope for Peace

COP 21: Is migration the elephant in the room?

Pacific islands make last-ditch plea to world before Paris climate change talks

Don't let the Paris climate talks ignore people displaced by global warming

Australia must help Pacific islands at Paris climate summit, says PNG leader



Pacific Islands



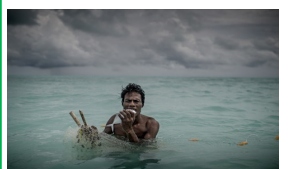
Population of Tuvalu, Kiribati and Nauru already migrating due to effects of climate change

Most Kiribatian households are mulling climate migration – and that's just the start

Australia needs US-style green card deal for climate-threatened Pacific islanders

Ready to bail: Kiribati struggles to keep its population afloat

The Marshall Islands Are Disappearing



South Asia



As climate impacts hit, Pakistan faces migration surge - experts

Dhaka: the city where climate refugees are already a reality

COP21: Rising sea levels flood Bangladesh village

Women suffer 'differently' in climate change: Study



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