



Migration, Environment and Climate Change: Policy Brief Series

Background and Justification

Recently, the topic of environmental migration has received increased attention from both policymakers and the academia. A growing body of literature acknowledges the positive role that migration can play as an adaptation strategy to climate change. Despite these advances, however, there are still numerous obstacles preventing migration from delivering its full potential as an adaptation strategy. Research on environmentally induced migration remains scattered and poorly coordinated. Empirical studies, in particular, are hardly comparable and often use different methodologies that make it difficult to relate them to each other.

Policymakers are in need of an avenue through which to explore both the topic of migration, environment, and climate change, and the benefits of migration as an adaptation strategy to climate change. The *Migration, Environment and Climate Change: Policy Brief Series* aims to investigate the empirical linkages between environmental changes, including climate change, and migration, at a time when there is an urgent need to design and implement adaptation strategies that incorporate the human mobility dimension.

The overall objective of the *Migration, Environment and Climate Change: Policy Brief Series* is to contribute to the global knowledge base on the relationship between migration and environmental change, including climate change, and the formulation of

related policy options. The series provides reliable and precise information on the topic and identifies recommendations, good practices and lessons learned to harness the positive impact of migration in adapting to environmental changes.

Purpose and Scope

The *Migration, Environment and Climate Change: Policy Brief Series* produces articles for policymakers working in the field of migration, environment and climate change adaptation policies.

Following are key features of the series:

- The series is published online.
- As a general rule, articles follow a non-academic and reader-friendly style (they are, however, subject to a strict editorial policy that ensures the accuracy and scientific rigour of each contribution).
- Articles are written for the benefit of, and as often as possible by, policymakers in national/ EU/international public agencies and in civil society.
- Articles are published after consultation with relevant members of the editorial board, based on their policy relevance, their topicality, and the quality of the policy solutions or options they provide.
- The series aims to follow a time-efficient review and publication process, including consultation with relevant members of the editorial board.



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Submission of Articles

The *Migration, Environment and Climate Change: Policy Brief Series* welcomes submissions from policymakers and researchers worldwide. Articles should:

- Not exceed 2,000 words and be written in a non-academic and reader-friendly style;
- Cover any area of migration, environment and climate change policy, and discuss, as far as possible, particular solutions, policy options or best practices relating to the theme covered;
- Provide, as often as applicable, lessons that can be replicated or adapted by relevant public administrations or civil society in other countries.

Articles giving account of evaluations of specific migration, environment, and climate change policies and interventions, including both evaluation findings and innovative evaluation methodologies, are particularly welcome.

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