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**IOM's Programme and Activities on Capacity Building on
Migration, Environment, Climate Change and Disasters**

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1. Background

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is committed to contribute to ambitious climate action and to supporting societies to adapt to existing and future climate change challenges.

IOM, being the only intergovernmental agency with a mandate on migration questions, is a key player on the management of climate induced migration, in particular on capacity-building, research, policy and operationalization of migration and climate activities. In 2015, IOM became the first international organization to create a division entirely dedicated to develop the Organization's work in this area - the Migration, Environment and Climate Change (MECC) Division, at IOM Headquarters – in order to step up work in this area.

IOM works towards increasing awareness, understanding and action on the linkages between human mobility and climate. The UNFCCC negotiations provide an essential framework to foster policy action on human mobility and climate and IOM has been actively engaging in the climate negotiations and with the UNFCCC since 2006. IOM is committed to bring human mobility concerns across all the substantive pillars of UNFCCC: Capacity Building, Adaptation, Loss and Damage, Mitigation, Financing, and Technological Developments and Transfers.

The Organization works in cooperation with numerous partners to engage with the UNFCCC, Parties and other stakeholders to bring the notion of human mobility on the climate negotiations agenda which is now recognized in the Preamble of the Paris Agreement and the COP21 Decision on Loss and Damage.

IOM's Focus on Capacity Building

Policy relevance

IOM's Programme and Activities on Capacity Building on Migration, Environment, Climate Change and Disasters are in line with Paragraph 14(f) of the Cancun Adaptation Framework, which first brought the notion of human mobility to international climate negotiations, the Paris Agreement and COP21 Decision, and the Marrakesh Accords on Capacity Building in developing countries (Decision 2/CP.7)

The IOM capacity building training workshops contributes to the formulation of policies on human mobility in the context of environment and climate change, as it directly targets senior level policymakers, notably those participating in international climate negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. IOM also works in coordination with relevant entities and policy processes such as the Nansen Initiative, Climate Vulnerable Forum, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, and United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Responding to Parties needs

IOM responds to the global demand for comprehensive and interactive training tools and trained experts by the development of a first-ever comprehensive training manual on migration, environment and climate change within the framework of the EU funded IOM global project, "Migration, Environment and Climate Change: Evidence for Policy (MECLEP)."

IOM has also launched a series of capacity-building trainings targeting mid to senior level policymakers and practitioners active in environmental and/or migration areas. The trainings seek to provide participants with a basic understanding of migration, environment and climate change concepts and

terminology as well as concrete tools that can support national and regional policymaking processes. This initiative is in line with the overall IOM's goal to support the integration of human mobility issues within climate change and environmental policies, and, vice versa, the inclusion of climate and environmental concerns within migration processes.

Sustainability

IOM will continue offering training courses on a regular basis in order to meet the increased needs in policymaking in the area of migration, environment and climate change. The organization of the initial three training activities – in Colombia, Republic of Korea and Tanzania – was a valuable “testing ground” for the establishment and replication of sustainable capacity-building training courses at the national, regional and global levels and to the development of the first Training Manual.

IOM is committed to building the capacity of Parties with its capacity building tools and years of experience as the leading agency on Migration, Environment and Climate Change.



2. Migration, Environment and Climate Change: Training Manual (Facilitator’s Guide)

IOM has developed a comprehensive training curriculum on migration, environment and climate change for policymakers and practitioners across different areas: migration, climate, adaption and disaster risk reduction. One key module of the training manual relates to “Migration and Adaptation” and discusses how migration and human mobility aspects can be integrated into NAPs and NAPAs.

In 2011, IOM’s Member States focused on the need to develop capacity on this theme at an inter-sessional workshop of the International Dialogue on Migration in March. Capacity needs in three main areas were identified: “building knowledge and improving data collection; strengthening policy, institutional, administrative and legal frameworks; and reinforcing operational and technical capacities.”

The Training Manual is being developed with the financial support of the European Union and the IOM Development Fund, whose wider support to the development of capacity on this issue is to be recognized.

Objectives and Focus

The Training Manual – developed as part of a global project to build evidence and capacity on the issue – seek to address the following objectives:

- a) deepen understanding of the key concepts and issues;
- b) stimulate and equip policymakers to reflect on policy options available and examples of good practice;
- c) facilitate policy dialogue across policy sectors;
- d) support the development of policy frameworks at national and regional levels;
- e) enhance the capacity of policymakers to contribute to key policy processes, in particular the climate negotiations and national and regional disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate policies and
- f) contribute through sharing this knowledge and training sessions also to more practical on the ground activities addressing the migration-environment nexus.

Audience

The modules are designed specifically for policymakers from across the spectrum of ministries and agencies having a ‘stake’ in environmental migration, including but not limited to: environment, climate change, development, disaster management, home affairs/migration, foreign affairs, agriculture, land management and planning.

The guide is designed for the facilitators who will rely on this tool to deliver training workshops, with optimal group size between 20-25 participants. Facilitators will be able to use the guide’s background information pieces and suggested exercises to prepare themselves and deliver participatory training sessions.

Structure of the training manual

- Module 1: The Migration and Environment Nexus
- Module 2: Disasters and Mobility

- Module 3: Mobility and Slow Processes of Environmental Change
- Module 4: Data and Methodological Issues
- Module 5: Legal Perspectives
- Module 6: Regional Focus
- Module 7: Integrating Mobility into National Policies (with focus on integrating mobility into national adaptation policies)

The training manual will be available in English, Spanish, French and Russian and will be published in June 2016.

For updates, please visit: <https://environmentalmigration.iom.int/training-manual>



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3. Training Workshops on Migration, Environment and Climate Change

IOM's training activities in the area of migration, environment and climate change (MECC) focus on **the complex issue of managing migration in the context of climate and environmental change** – a cross-cutting nexus linked to many policy areas, including migration, adaptation, environment, development, security and disaster risk reduction.

The **objectives of the training courses** are to:

- (a) **Build the capacity of policymakers and practitioners**, in order to factor migration into environmental and development policies, as well as climate change adaptation strategies, and to take environmental change into account in comprehensive migration management policies at the national level;
- (b) **Facilitate policy exchange** in migration, environment and climate change among policymakers and practitioners.

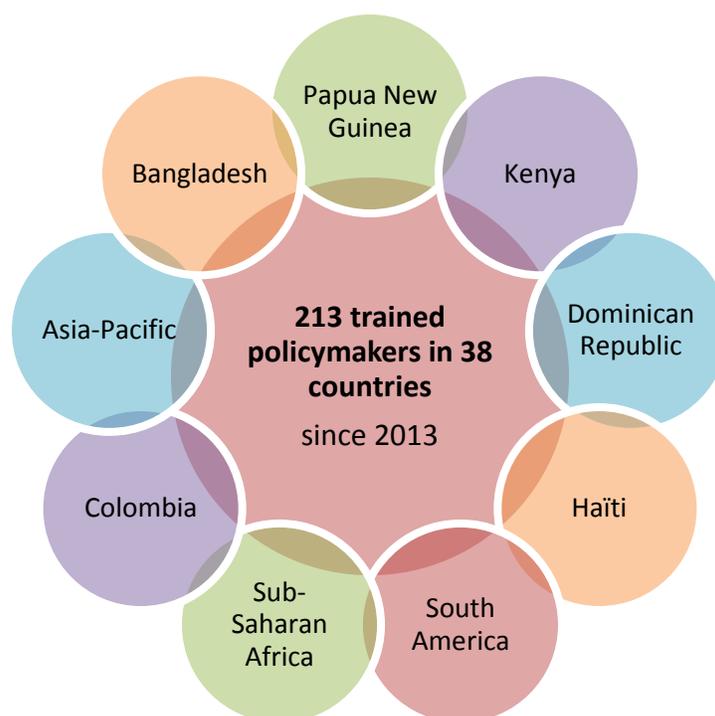


Figure 1. IOM's Capacity Building Workshops – Countries and Regions.

Since the first regional training workshop in the Asia Pacific in 2013, held at the IOM Migration Research and Training Centre in the Republic of Korea, IOM has conducted 8 regional or national policymaker training workshops in various parts of the world, including East Africa, Asia Pacific and Latin America; and total of 213 policymakers have been trained. The content for the two regional workshops in the Asia Pacific and Sub-Saharan Africa were developed in collaboration with the lead author of the Foresight report and with funding from the UK Foresight Programme. Many of the national training workshops were conducted with core funding by the IOM's internal fund focused on capacity building, the IOM Development Fund.

In organizing these events, IOM also benefits from the expertise of its internal research and training centres, such as the African Capacity Building Centre in Tanzania and the IOM Migration Research and Training Centre in the Republic of Korea.

IOM has also conducted an internal training on migration, environment and climate change for regional focal points on the topic in September 2015. This will help to respond to the rising demands on capacity building across the world and in various languages.

For more information on all past training workshops, refer to the Annex I. Infosheet on Capacity Building or visit the Environmental Migration Portal's Capacity Building page:

<https://environmentalmigration.iom.int/training-workshops>

Full training workshop reports are available at:

- [Enhancing Capacities of Policymakers and Practitioners on Migration, Environment and Climate Change in sub-Saharan Africa \(Summary Report of the Regional Training Workshop\)](#)
- [Relatoría. Taller de Capacitación: “ Migración, Medio Ambiente y Cambio Climático en América del Sur”](#)



4. Key Documents on Migration, Environment and Climate Change

In addition to the Training Manual, IOM has many tools to enhance knowledge and facilitate the capacity building of Parties on the issue. Below are list of key documents.

- [IOM Outlook on Migration, Environment and Climate Change](#)
- [Glossary - Migration, Environment and Climate Change: Evidence for Policy \(MECLEP\)](#); Also available in [Spanish](#) and [French](#)
- [Atlas of Environmental Migration, forthcoming](#)
- [International Dialogue on Migration N°18 - Climate Change, Environmental Degradation and Migration](#)
- [Assessing the Evidence: Environment, Climate Change and Migration in Bangladesh](#)

Key Documents related to UNFCCC COP

- [Recommendations from the Advisory Group on Climate Change and Human Mobility for Paris COP21](#)
- [IOM Contributions to the “Year of Climate” - Paris 2015](#)
- [Human Mobility in the Context of Climate Change: Elements for the UNFCCC Paris Agreement](#)
- [Human Mobility in the Context of Climate Change: Recommendations for the Advisory Group on Climate Change and Human Mobility COP20 Lima, Peru](#)

Building capacity is also linked to enhancing evidence and knowledge base on migration, environment and climate change. In this regard, IOM is equipped with tools such as the [Disaster Tracking Matrix \(DTM\)](#). IOM as the Global Cluster Lead for Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) in emergencies induced by natural disasters has been using DTM as the main tool for tracking and monitoring sites and camps hosting internally displaced populations. Existing CCCM field implementations are using DTM not only in emergency response operations but also as a preparedness measures by integrating DTM into capacity building activities.

For related IOM publications, see: <https://environmentalmigration.iom.int/iom-publications>

5. Partnerships

IOM is developing strategic partnerships for greater visibility and improved action on migration environment and climate activities. IOM is working closely with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) with a focus on the land and migration nexus and with the Nansen Initiative with a focus on disaster induced displacement across borders. Activities are also developed with other key actors such the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate change (IPCC), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), the Internal Displacement Monitoring Center (IDMC) and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD).

6. Further Action for Capacity Building

IOM is committed to continue capacity building action for policymakers and decisions on MECC, and this objective is part of IOM's Strategic Programme of Work for 2016 to 2018. IOM would welcome engagement and partnership with UNFCCC in continuing these efforts.

In 2016, IOM will continue to build capacity of policymaker around the world: training workshops will take place in Morocco (March 2016), the host of COP22, Azerbaijan (May 2016), Mauritius (July 2016) and Viet Nam. IOM is also in discussion with external partners to create synergies and for further capacity building workshops and to implement the new Training Manual on Migration, Environment and Climate Change.

For IOM's activities on Migration, Environment and Climate Change,
please visit the **Environmental Migration Portal**: www.environmentalmigration.iom.int