

Call for Youth Contributions to a Blog Series¹ on

“YOUTH, MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION”

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The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is calling for young people² to share their experience, knowledge and recommendations on the linkages between **youth, migration, environment, climate change and disaster risk reduction**. The call aims to give youth a space to raise their voice and share related lessons learned, approaches and recommendations that can help shape policy, operations and research on the youth, migration, environment, climate change and disaster risk reduction nexus and its intersection with current and future crisis events.

Relevant contributions should focus, among other things, on:

- The role of youth as agents of change and a key constituency in addressing the environmental drivers that compel people to move, and in acknowledgement of their key role in climate-migration related policy processes;
- Raising awareness of the challenges faced by youth on the move in the context of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters, or when trapped in places where the adverse impacts of climate change represent a threat to their well-being;
- Sharing experiences from displacement situations in diverse contexts from around the world that are increasingly dealing with the adverse effects of climate change and disasters;
- The role of youth in progressing towards more resilient and sustainable cities, by fostering their creativity and sense of entrepreneurship;
- The role of youth diaspora in climate action;
- The linkages between youth-climate migration and gender/health/security or development;
- The linkages between youth mobility and water in the context of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation;
- Migration as an adaptation strategy to the changing climate that offers young people new opportunities and horizons, such as the chance to improve skills, access alternative livelihoods, pursue education;
- Indigenous young people moving in the context of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters and the use of their traditional knowledge in climate change strategies and in addressing climate-induced migration;

¹ The latest IOM blog series “COVID-19 Pandemic, Migration and the Environment” is available on [IOM Environmental Migration Portal](#)

² Noting that there is no universally agreed international definition of youth and while recognizing that the UN Secretariat for statistical purposes defines ‘youth’ as those persons between the ages of 15 and 24 years. ([UN Youth Strategy 2030](#))

Contribution should emphasize direct and indirect impacts of climate change and related mobility implications.

Interested contributors should send abstracts to iduca@iom.int, with a title, a 200-word abstract, and a short author bio for review and consideration by 31 May 2023. Joint contributions are also encouraged. Selected contributions will be published in coordination with authors within a thematic blog series on the [IOM Environmental Migration Portal](#).

IOM recognizes the plethora and diversity of voices that exist in the climate change space. Nonetheless IOM sees itself as a bridge between parties and an organization that wishes to create consensus and commonalities for priorities and concerns. We reserve the right to accept or refuse contributions based on the vision of a common interest.

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