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# CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES ON MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

IOM is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. As an intergovernmental body, IOM acts with its partners in the international community to: assist in meeting the operational challenges of migration, advance understanding of migration issues, encourage social and economic development through migration, and work towards effective respect of the human dignity and well-being of migrants.

## Training Series 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.



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The training is **structured around specific modules** that can be adapted according to the regional context and the needs of the participants. The modules are as follows:

- Conceptual Framework, Definitions and Terminology
- Policy Overview
- Research and Data Collection Tools
- Fundraising
- National, Regional and International Legal Instruments
- Overview of Regional Issues
- Climate Change Adaptation\*
- Disaster Risk Reduction and Humanitarian Assistance\*
- Migration, Climate Change and Development\*
- Human Security\*
- Strategic Framework for Policy Planning

*\*Thematic modules*

### Asia-Pacific Training for Policymakers and Practitioners on Migration, Environment, Climate Change and Adaptation

Republic of Korea, 21–23 March 2013

IOM conducted a **pilot training** for policymakers and practitioners in Asia and the Pacific on the migration, environment and climate change nexus.

The training gathered **20 government officials from 15 countries in the Asia-Pacific region**: Australia, Bangladesh, China, Cook Islands, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Vanuatu and Viet Nam. Participants included policymakers and practitioners with diverse backgrounds, including climate change adaptation, development, disaster risk reduction, environment, foreign affairs, labour and migration.



The training was **hosted by the IOM Migration Research and Training Centre**, located in Ilsan, Republic of Korea.

### Outputs

The workshop allowed IOM to pilot-test its training tools and methodology and adjust them based on participants' feedback.

An online information-sharing platform on climate change, environment and migration issues, the **Asia-Pacific Migration and Environment Network** (website: [www.apmen.iom.int](http://www.apmen.iom.int)), was created by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and IOM.



### Trainers

Experts from the ADB, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations, International Institute for Humanitarian Law, IOM, University of Oxford, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh and the United Nations University.

### Partners

The training was held in partnership with and with financial support from the Government Office for Science of the United Kingdom (under the Foresight Programme), the Asian Development Bank and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy.





## Enhancing Capacities of Policymakers and Practitioners on Migration, Environment and Climate Change in Sub-Saharan Africa United Republic of Tanzania, 11–13 March 2014

IOM offered its second **regional training with a focus on East Africa**, bringing together policymakers from both the migration and climate areas.

A total of **27 participants** attended the workshop, representing seven countries (Ethiopia, Kenya, Mauritius, Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania\*); two regional organizations (the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC)); IOM's Geneva Headquarters, Kenya Regional Office, and Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda Country Offices; the NGO CARE; and Oxford University.

Feedback collected from the participants indicated a **high level of overall satisfaction** and highlighted the demand for concrete capacity-building activities (that IOM offers).

The training was **hosted by the African Capacity Building Centre (ACBC)** in Moshi, Tanzania.

*\* Hereafter referred to as "Tanzania" due to space constraints on this info sheet.*

### Output

A **report** comprising a regional overview of migration, environment and climate change issues in East Africa, as well as policy

recommendations from the policymakers who attended the workshop, was produced. The documents are available at [www.dropbox.com/sh/okjcaxkbikp4eg0/cmpjHGOFa0](http://www.dropbox.com/sh/okjcaxkbikp4eg0/cmpjHGOFa0).



### Trainers

Experts from the Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CARE), Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC), IOM and the University of Oxford.

### Partners

The training was held in partnership with and with financial support from the Government Office for Science of the United Kingdom (under the Foresight Programme).



## IOM–Ministry of Environment National Workshop: “Building a Conceptual Framework for Migration and Climate Change” Republic of Colombia, 28–29 November 2013

As part of a recently **signed Memorandum of Understanding**, IOM Colombia and the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development organized a workshop to help develop a conceptual framework to address migration and climate change.

A total of **22 participants attended the event**, including representatives from Colombia’s Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Agency for Disaster Risk Management, as well as from private and state universities, Meteorología y Estudios Ambientales de Colombia (IDEAM), production sector research institutes and civil society (national and international NGOs and international organizations).

New concepts and information debated by the participants have helped to **raise awareness**

and **improve understanding** of the economic, environmental and social processes that influence population movement in the context of climate change and climate variability.

### Output

A **report** presenting the national challenges and offering strategic recommendations was produced and circulated.

#### Trainers

Experts from the Andean University, the Instituto de Hidrología, Meteorología y Estudios Ambientales de Colombia (IDEAM), IOM, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia (MADS), and independent experts.

#### Partners

The workshop was held in partnership with and with the financial support of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia (MADS).



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## Training Materials

The training packages featured:

- (a) **Training folders**, each with training modules documents, exercises and background documentation;
- (b) **CDs and USB drives** containing a selection of documents, in particular, key IOM documents on migration and the environment, as well as publications and selected articles from partners;



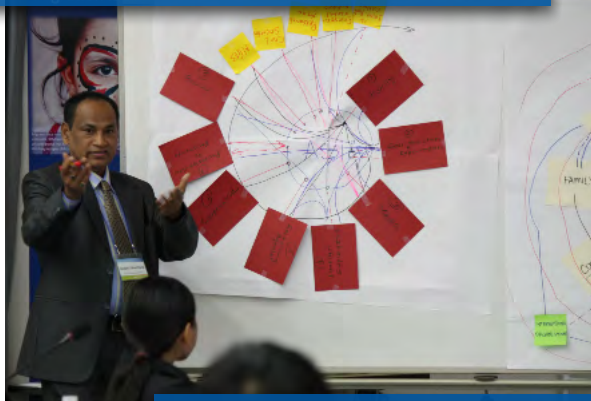
*"Participants from 7 countries in [the] sub-Saharan region took part in the training, and now we have more knowledge on how we can integrate migration in plans of our governments."*

– Juma Limbe, Office of the Vice-President, United Republic of Tanzania



*"Very useful for increasing understanding and capacity... successful through an interactive methodology."*

– Indri Mustikorini, Coordinating Ministry for People's Welfare, Indonesia



*"A very important topic that should be taken to a regional level."*

– Caroline Njuki, Intergovernmental Authority on Development

- (c) **Recent key reports** distributed in hard copy (ADB's *Addressing Climate Change and Migration in Asia and the Pacific*; Care International and the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security's *Where the Rain Falls*; the Foresight Report: *Migration and Global Environmental Change*, IOM's *International Dialogue on Migration No. 18: Climate Change, Environmental Degradation and Migration*).



*"A great eye-opener!"*

– Jonah Auka, Office of Climate Change and Development, Papua New Guinea



*"[There is an] urgent need for incorporation of migration into government policy."*

– Philip Malsale, Meteorology and Geoscience Department, Vanuatu



## IOM's Focus on Capacity-building in Migration, Environment and Climate Change



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### Sustainability

IOM intends to **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 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.

### Responding to Member States' needs

IOM aims to respond to the global demand for comprehensive and interactive training tools and trained experts by **developing a trainer's manual on migration, environment and climate change** within the framework of the IOM global project, “Migration, Environment and Climate Change: Evidence for Policy (MECLEP).”

**Partnerships with IOM Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations** will be key

to developing the trainer's manual and implementing increasingly effective training activities.

These training events will allow the Organization to build internal staff capacities in order to better support Member States. 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.

### Policy relevance

These IOM training activities are in line with Paragraph 14(f) of the Cancun Adaptation Framework, which brings the notion of human mobility to international climate negotiations. The training series **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 policy processes such as the Nansen Initiative, Climate Vulnerable Forum, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Climate Summit.

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