Climate Induced Displacement: Legal Opportunities and Challenges

A two-day event focusing on Climate Induced Migration and Displacement, will be hosted at the Yale Macmillan Center on October 12 and 13 with the generous support of the Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund and the Program on Refugees, Forced Displacement, and Humanitarian Responses. The purpose of this event is to draw attention to the scope and complexity of climate migration and displacement issues as the fall UNFCCC discussions and conclusion of the Global Compact on Migration approaches, and to produce useful outcomes that may accelerate global action on climate induced migration and displacement. Experts will address a number of perspectives including the economic, social and legal impacts of climate migration and displacement. A key component of the program will be a gap analysis of climate science needed to support Climate-Induced Displacement law and policy; topics will include the role of climate information in the legal and policy frameworks, and data tools, such as the Climate Resilience Toolkit, climate reports, and perspectives on future global climate change around the limits of inhabitation. The October 13 experts’ event will also summarize findings from a June 2018 technical workshop held in Asheville, NC, that was supported by Infrastructure Services Group, LLC; CASE Consultants International and the North Carolina Institute for Climate Studies / NC State University (NCICS/NCSU); NOAA-NCEI staff.

SPEAKERS:

His Excellency Anote Tong, former President of Kiribati discussing “Migration with Dignity.”
Erica Bower, formerly of UNHCR, discussing “Gender Dimensions of Climate Displacement.”
Edward Gardiner, Ph.D, NOAA-Affiliate, discussing the “Climate Resilience Toolkit.”
Robert Brammer, Ph.D., American Bar Association, discussing “Climate-Induced Displacements and Systems Thinking.”
Ayman Cherkaoui, Executive Director of UN Global Compact Morocco and Former Special Advisor of the Presidency for COP22/23 discussing “climate change and migration in Africa.”
Kanta Kumari Rigaud, Regional Climate Change Coordinator, World Bank discussing “economic development planning for population displacement.”
Professor, Benoit Mayer, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, discussing “Overview of the legal and policy architecture regarding climate-induced displacement.”
Meredith Neiss, MD, MPH, Fair Haven Community Health Care and Marietta Vasquez, MD, Director Yale Children's Hispanic Clinic, “Responding to the Puerto Rican Diaspora after Hurricane Maria.”
Mayesha Alam, Yale Global Justice Fellow, discussing “How weather related events affect Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.”

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