

**Reference document on Action Area 6, activity (a)
of the initial two-year workplan of the Excom**

Action Area 6: Enhance the understanding of and expertise on how the impacts of climate change are affecting patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility; and the application of such understanding and expertise

Activity (a): Invite relevant organizations and experts to provide scientific information on projected migration and displacement based on projected climate and non-climate related impacts in vulnerable populations

Expected results: Enhanced understanding, based on sound science, of migration and displacement, including of characteristics of vulnerable populations that may become mobile owing to factors related to climate change impacts

Enhanced understanding and collaboration

Synthesized information made available on the relevant information, lessons learned and good practices from the activities of organizations and experts

From Excom 2 to Excom 3

1. A working group at Excom 2 developed a draft letter of invitation to relevant organizations and experts to provide scientific information on projected migration and displacement based on projected climate and non-climate related impacts in vulnerable populations and expanded a list of relevant organizations as developed at Excom 1.
2. Excom 2 agreed a group of champions to finalize the letter. The draft letter developed by the group of champions was shared with the Excom on 10 March for their comments by 19 March.
3. The finalized letter, as cleared by the co-chairs, was sent out, on 30 March, to the organizations according to the recipients of the letter as agreed at Excom 2. The letter was also made available at the UNFCCC website at <www.unfccc.int/9503> and an announcement was made through the Climate-L mailing list.
4. Annex 1 to this reference document contains the organizations to which the letter was sent individually.
5. As at 22 April 2016, seven organizations and experts submitted a total of 19 sets of information.¹
6. Annex 2 to this reference document contains a list of the organizations and experts who submitted information.

¹ Available at <www.unfccc.int/9508>.

Annex 1

List of organizations to which the letter was sent individually:

- Action Aid
- Alaska Institute for Justice
- All India Disaster Mitigation Institute
- ANU College of Asia and the Pacific
- Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Ateneo School of Government, Ateneo de Manila University
- Australian National University
- Brookings
- CARE International
- Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)
- CIESIN, Earth Institute, Colombia University
- Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)
- Climate Justice Programme (CJP)
- Columbia University
- Cook Islands Red Cross
- COST Action on Climate Change and Migration
- Danish Refugee Council
- Department of Geography, University of Florida
- Dhaka School of Economics
- Displacement Solutions
- Facultad Latinomericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO)
- Georgetown University
- Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR)
- Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD)
- International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
- International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)
- Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies IFRC)
- Institute for International Environment and Development (IIED)
- International Center For Human Rights of Migrants (CIDEHUM)
- International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD)
- International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
- International Centre of Comparative Environmental Law
- International Council of Voluntary Agencies

- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- International Labour Organization (ILO)
- International Law Commission
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice
- Nansen Initiative Secretariat
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
- Overseas Development Institute (ODI)
- Project Counselling Service (PCS)
- Quaker UN Office
- Refugee Consortium of Kenya
- Refugee Law Initiative, School of Advanced Study, U. London
- Refugees International
- Regional Mixed Migration Secretariat
- Riamiriam Network
- School of Global Studies, University of Sussex
- Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD)
- Secretariat of the Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
- Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
- Stellenbosch University
- Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)
- The International Peace Institute
- The Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House
- Transatlantic Forum on Migration and Integration
- UK Climate Change and Migration Coalition
- UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
- United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)
- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- UN Advisory Group on Climate Change and Human Mobility:
 - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
 - International Organization for Migration (IOM)
 - United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)
 - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
 - Norwegian Refugee Council/Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (NRC/IDMC)
 - Refugees International
 - Center for International Relations Studies de Sciences Po (Sciences Po CERI)

- Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED)
- Universal Rights Group
- University for Peace
- University of London
- University of Nairobi
- University of New South Wales
- University of Oxford
- University of South Pacific
- University of the Arts London
- Waikato University
- World Resources Institute (WRI)

Annex 2

List of organizations and experts who have submitted information as at 22 April 2016:

- **Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)**
 - *Loss and Damage Gap Analysis from Climate Change: Samoa Country Report, June 2015*
 - *Loss and Damage Gap Analysis from Climate Change: Vanuatu Country Report, June 2015*
 - *Loss and Damage Gap Analysis from Climate Change: Kiribati Country Report, June 2015*
 - *Consolidated Reply by the Climate Change & Development Community of the Pacific Solution Exchange on the query “Promoting Economic Migration as a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. Experiences; Advice”, June 2014*
 - *Consolidated Reply by the Climate Change & Development Community of the Pacific Solution Exchange on the query “Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts–Advice; Experience”, August 2013*
 - *Case Study on Loss and Damage in Kosrae (Micronesia), Simpson Abraham*

- **Dr. David Cantor, Refugee Law Initiative**
 - *Migrants and natural disasters: National law, policy and practice in the Americas, February 2016*
 - *Regional Discussion Paper: Focus on the Latin American Experience, February 2016*
 - *Disasters and displacement in a changing climate, May 2015*
 - *Law, policy and practice concerning the humanitarian protection of aliens on a temporary basis in the context of disasters, February 2015*

- **Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO)**
 - *Evaluando el relacionamiento entre la seguridad alimentaria como un factor de migración interna y externa dentro de un contexto de violencia y crimen en los países del triángulo norte: Guatemala, Honduras y El Salvador, April 2015*
 - *Las Interrelaciones de la conflictividad, la inseguridad alimentaria y la migración en Guatemala, October 2014*

- **International Centre of Comparative Environmental Law (C.I.D.C.E.)**
 - *Draft Convention on the International Status of Environmentally-Displaced Persons, by Michel Prieur*
 - *Universal Declaration on Environmentally-Displaced Persons, prepared by the International Centre of Comparative Environmental Law*
 - *Recommendation sent to the Conference of Rio+20, Symposium of Limoges, October 2011*

- **Overseas Development Institute (ODI)/Southern Voice**
 - *Africa’s humanitarian action in migration policy: adjusting to environment and climate change, Summary and proposed policy actions for the first 1,000 days of the SDGs, April 2016*

- **Mr. Michael van der Valk**
 - *Climate change, water stress, conflict and migration, 2012*

- **Center for Participatory Research and Development (CPRD)**

- *Climate-Induced Displacement and Migration: Policy Gaps and Policy Alternative, November 2015*
- *Displacement and migration from the climate hot-spots: causes and consequences, December 2011*