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Conference and Debate: Human Rights and Climate Change (Protection of climate displaced people and their laws), education and health.

Date and location: November 11 - The Blue Zone Pavilion (FRANCE) at 10:30 to 11:15

Speakers:

Marine Frank – *Expert Climate Change and Nansen Initiative - UNHCR GENEVA*

Fredrick Ouma – *African Youth Initiative on Climate Change – AYICC*

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The Earth's climate is changing at a rate that has exceeded most scientific forecasts. Some families and communities have already started to suffer from disasters and the consequences of climate change, forced to leave their homes in search of a new beginning.

Climate change and displacement

Since 2009, an estimated one person every second has been displaced by a disaster, with an average of 22.5 million people displaced by climate- or weather-related events since 2008 ([IDMC 2015](#)). Disasters and slow onsets, such as droughts in Somalia in 2011 and 2012, floods in Pakistan between 2010 and 2012, and the earthquake in Nepal in 2015, can leave huge numbers of people traumatized without shelter, clean water and basic supplies.

In recent years, millions of people have been uprooted by natural disasters, most of which are considered a direct result of climate change. Brutal weather events - such as Cyclone Nargis in 2008, flooding in the Dadaab refugee camps in Kenya in 2006 and the drought in Ethiopia in the 80s - can traumatize entire populations and leave them without shelter drinking water or staple foods.

Among those crossing borders during their displacement resulting from climate change, some will be refugees while others do not meet the criteria. Many of them still need protection and assistance.

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