

# Concept Note and Schedule for Asian Climate Week Side Event

Moderated by Kyle Heitmann (MGCY Migration)

**Title:** Asian/Pacific Youth Perspectives on Climate and Migration

**Format:** Round Robin panel interview. Each panelist would either be from an Asian or Pacific Island State, or would have deep ties to, experience in, and knowledge of the region. They would also be experts in climate change and its sociopolitical and economic effects. Each panelist will be given two questions, which will be designed to elicit thoughtful and reasoned answers and explanations. Speakers will be given 12 minutes total to answer both questions and will be allowed to divvy that time up however they see fit. At the end of the event, time will be allotted to answer questions from the floor. The event is scheduled to last for two hours total, from 15:00-17:00 Tokyo time. Panelists will receive the questions no less than 24 hours in advance, but they will not be asked to prepare any formal presentations.

## **Confirmed or Likely Panelists:**

- Irfan Ullah Afridi (Pakistan), representing YOUNGO
- Heeta Lakhani (India), representing YOUNGO
- Krishneil Narayan (Fiji)
- Céline Kahn (Malaysia)

## **Potential Panelists (Pending Confirmation):**

- Qiyamud Din Ikram (Afghanistan), representing MGCY Migration
- Hajat Lomanova (Turkmenistan)
- Kayly Ober (Thailand)
- Sophia Kianni (Iran)
- Lama Ranjous (Syria)
- Diala Nouredine (Lebanon)
- Lukmon Akintola (China), representing MGCY Migration
- Sonoko Otani (Japan)
- Natasya Fila Rais (Indonesia)
- Julian Aguon (Guam)
- Vannary Kong (Cambodia)

**Topics of Conversation:** The specific topics will vary, depending on the final list of speakers, as we will draft questions intended to draw from their varied expertise. However, all lines of questioning will relate to climate change and environmentalism in some capacity. This could mean mitigation, adaptation, loss and damage, and migration. Furthermore, for panelists with experience in advocacy or youth organizing, we will ask about this work. Questions will be personalized to speakers' published works, fields of employment, or areas of study. The objective is to avoid general questions that audience members could answer using google; rather, we are hoping to facilitate discussion and encourage the presentation of novel ideas.