

EU Pavillion Side Event  
At the COP 14 Climate Talks in Poznan 2008

## Climate Change and (Forced) Migration



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**EU Pavillion**  
**Poznan, Poland**

**EACH FOR**  
Environmental change and forced migration  
scenarios project (EACH-FOR)

### Overview

Although it has often been argued that environmental change (including climate change) hold the potential to displace millions of people during the next few decades, there are widely varying estimates of the likely number of people who may be affected by environmental migration. Such estimates, although often highly speculative, draw attention to the fact that we know very little about the likely impact of changes in the Earth's climate on migration. Nor do we know much about how expected changes in migration patterns are likely to affect the environment. Policy makers lack the information necessary to prepare for, prevent, or respond to environmental migration in an effective manner. This session will present the outcomes of the first global scoping project on environmental change and migration, sponsored under the EC 6th Framework Program. The case studies find a clear environmental signal in current migration patterns, and urge the scientific and policy community to devote more effort to understanding the dynamics of migration in the face of climate change.

This working session identifies necessary actions to move understanding about migration and climate change, especially as it affects adaptation alternatives, solidly forward in the post-2012 climate negotiations. Presentations and discussion papers will provide a point of departure for concrete discussions on:

1. **Empirical evidence about climate change impacts and migration today**
2. **Challenges and opportunities for science and policy—can they move together to develop sound policies for managing migration in the face of climate change?**
3. **Concrete next steps to further explore and implement adaptation alternatives**

### Side Event Schedule

<b>Introduction &amp; moderation</b>	Dr. Lars Müller Climate Change and Environmental Risks Unit DG Research	
	Dr. Koko Warner, UNU-EHS	Scientific rationale for researching links between climate & environmental change and migration
	Mr. Francios Gemenne, CEDEM	Is environmental migration happening? Empirical findings from Central Asia, Asia, and the Pacific Islands
<b>Expert Presentations</b>	Mr. Marc Stal, UNU-EHS	Rapid-onset flooding and relocation: The Zambezi River Valley in Mozambique
	Ms. Olivia Dun, UNU-EHS	Migration and displacement triggered by flood regime change in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam
<b>Audience discussion</b>	Moderated by Dr. Lars Müller	<b>Discuss specific challenges and concrete next steps</b> for managing the impacts of climate risks on migration.

**Information about the EACH-FOR project and ongoing research and collaboration on environmental change and migration**

[www.each-for.eu](http://www.each-for.eu) , [www.efmsv2008.org](http://www.efmsv2008.org), [www.ccemaportal.org](http://www.ccemaportal.org)