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CIFAL York - Climate Change Displacement Dialogue Speaker Series

People

Deadline: 25 Sep 2024

Type:	Public Lecture
Location:	Web-based
Date:	25 Sep 2024 to 26 Mar 2025
Duration:	6 Days
Programme Area:	Decentralize Cooperation Programme
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Partnership:	CIFAL York, , CIFAL Philippines, , York University, , York University, , York University

BACKGROUND

One of the worse impacts of climate change is forced displacement. Climate change is fueling internal and international migration and refugee trends through the extreme weather events (e.g. abnormally heavy rainfall, prolonged droughts, heatwaves, and cyclones), sea level rise, water and food insecurity and associated conflicts. The United Nations General Assembly's New York

Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, explicitly recognised that displacement are happening “in response to the adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters (some of which may be linked to climate change), or other environmental factors” ([UNGA, 2016](#): article I.1). Climate change related displacement is on top of international agenda. Estimates show that climate change related events have been linked to 23.7 million internal displacements worldwide in 2021 and it is estimated that annually 20 million will be displaced. While majority of displacement occur internally, cross border displacement is also happening. As situation can get worse during the next few decades, it is crucial to better understand the significance of the problem, here climate displaced population, researchers, and experts to reduce the vulnerability, increase coping capacity, and enhance effective planning and policy alternatives at local, regional, national, and global levels. The aim of this speaker series is to critically examine the current and future of climate displacement by hearing voices from different parts, sections, and viewpoints.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

The key goals and objectives of the speaker series are to:

- To examine current and emerging trends and challenges of climate displacement
- To understand the impacts of climate change on internal and international displacement.
- To share lessons learnt and best practices of climate displacement in different parts of the world
- To examine the critical role of public, private and non-governmental organizations in climate displacement management
- To understand the vulnerability, equity, diversity, and inclusion aspects of climate displacement

- Examine complexities and consequences of climate displacement of vulnerable population and indigenous communities
- To examine the role of science and technology in prediction and management of climate displacement
- Analyze recent cases of climate displacement in different parts of the world
- Examine the people perceptions, reflections, choices, behaviour, and response to potential climate displacement.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Session 1:

Redefining Climate Frontiers: Migration, Displacement, and Global Resilience

Session 2:

Beyond a Bed for the Night: The Limits of Humanitarianism for Responding to Domestic Climate Disasters

Session 3:

Reimagining “community” engagement: lessons from climate-related planned relocation

Session 4:

TBD

Session 5:

TBD

Session 6:

TBD

METHODOLOGY

Experts in the field present case studies from their work on their chosen topic. The presentations are followed by a moderated Q&A session to discuss what has been presented with those in attendance.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

- Public officials
- Government agencies responsible for displacement, migration, and refugees
- Researchers
- Students
- NGOs involved in migration and refugees' settlement
- Representatives of intergovernmental organizations
- Civil Society and Community Leaders

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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