

Addressing Climate Change and Migration through South-South partnerships

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1. Frame climate-induced migration in a development agenda

- ▶ Climate-induced migration has often been presented in a humanitarian or security agenda.
 - ▶ Diverts the attention from crucial development issues.
 - ▶ Might induce maladaptive responses aimed at preventing migration.
- ▶ Priority remains to avoid forced migration > reinforce resilience of communities.
- ▶ People should have the choice between staying and leaving.



2. **Strengthen adaptation through migration**

- ▶ Migration can greatly reduce the vulnerability of both the migrants and the communities of origin.
- ▶ For the migrants
 - ▶ Relocation to a safer place, lesser exposure to risks
 - ▶ Diversification of income.
- ▶ For the communities of origin
 - ▶ Alleviation of the pressure on resources
 - ▶ Remittances and disaster relief.
 - ▶ But they can also be deprived of workforce
 - ▶ Need to provide more migration opportunities for the poor.



3. Improve the knowledge base

- ▶ For many countries in Asia and the Pacific, there is a lack of data on:
 - ▶ Local climate impacts and scenarios
 - ▶ Patterns of local and international mobility.
- ▶ Several countries will need assistance to improve the data:
 - ▶ Statistical collection of internal and external migration flows
 - ▶ Downscaling of climate models
 - ▶ Also a need to improve qualitative studies and increase their number. > local researchers



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4. **Develop capacities and international protection**

- ▶ International cooperation will be needed for reasons of both equity and efficiency:
 - ▶ Regional cooperation for knowledge sharing, risk pooling and security provision
 - ▶ For possible cases of relocation – and especially in small island states – international cooperation and communities' participation will be needed.
 - ▶ Adequate protection frameworks are also needed on regional and international levels
 - ▶ Gathering existing norms and instruments could be a first step, so that they can be publicised and better implemented.
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5. Set up sustainable funding mechanisms

- ▶ Importance to assess the outcomes of migration: costs and benefits.
- ▶ Role of insurance and new funding mechanisms.
- ▶ Sharing of the financial burden.
- ▶ Cost of uncertainty.
- ▶ Providing resources to the poor so that migration becomes affordable.





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