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Social Dimensions of Climate Change Task Team

Social Talks - COP17- Durban

Interactive discussions on social dimensions of climate change.

Friday 2 December, 18.00-19.00

Climate change, environment degradation and migrants as actors of adaptation

Organizer: **IOM with UN Habitat and UNESCO**

"Digital Media Lounge" (DML) connected to a bloggers work area and the secretariat's "Climate Change Studio" with its climate change TV connection.

Participants will be representatives of social media, mainly bloggers, from 10 to 20, which belong to special groups different from general observers and will be in charge of disseminating our messages through different social communication tools.

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Climate change and environmental degradation are already triggering migration and displacement. In 2010 the UNFCCC Climate Conference adopted the Cancun Agreement that includes 14F paragraph on human mobility. The text calls upon "Measures to enhance understanding, coordination and cooperation with regard to climate change induced displacement, migration and planned relocation, where appropriate, at the national, regional and international levels".

What does this mean in practice? What is being done and what can be done concretely? What resources are needed? How to reach out and best involve communities affected?

- The Social talk will be facilitated by **International Organization for Migration (IOM), Ms Mukondi Mpeiwa, Regional Policy and Liaison Officer**. As the leading organization on migration; IOM has taken a pro-active role on environmental migration, developing a research, policy and operational portfolio of activities, dealing with all types of migration in the context of climate change and environmental degradation.
- **UN-HABITAT, Mr John Mwaura, Assistant Programme Officer, Urban Environment and Planning Branch** will bring the urban perspective to the discussion, with special attention to gender and youth dimensions and the role of the local government. This will be based on UN-Habitat experience of

our Cities and Climate Change Initiative, working with intermediate cities in 20 countries.

- **UNESCO, John Crowley, Chief of Section, social and human sciences.** As the current Chair of the Global Migration Group (GMG), UNESCO will present the adopted GMG statement on the impact of Climate Change on Migration.
- **UNU Institute for Environment and Human Security: Ms Koko Warner, Head of Section, Environmental Migration Social Vulnerability and Adaptation (tbc).** The institute is undertaking major research on migration due to climate change, and will also provide insights about how migration entered and evolved in the climate change negotiations.
- **ACP Migration Observatory:** the detrimental effects of climate change and their links to migration are of particular relevance for the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States. A Paper of the Observatory on the thematic will be distributed.