

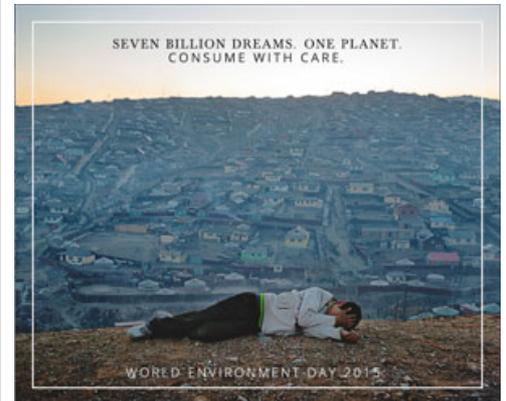


## World Environment Day 2015: "Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care."

World Environment Day gives us an opportunity to reflect on the complex linkages that relate human beings to their environment. One in seven people on this planet is a migrant and the fact that they are on the move impacts the lives of billions more people.

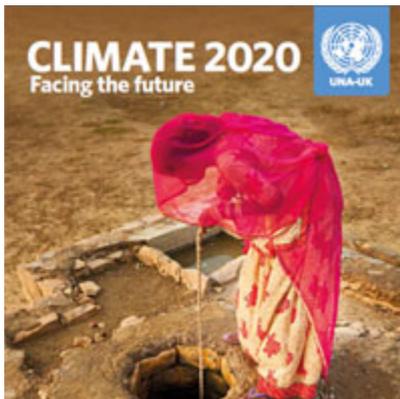
Throughout history, human beings have migrated in search of opportunities and a better life. Migration is driven by many complex, socio-economic factors and often lies at the heart of a person's wellbeing.

Some migrants leave in search of greater happiness and prosperity. Others are forced to move to escape persecution, conflict or natural disasters. But the reason that people migrate now more than ever before relates to depleted resources that have resulted in the loss of their livelihoods.



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## Managing Climate-driven Migration



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We live in the era of greatest human movement in recorded history. One in every seven people is a migrant and more people are moving today in the context of climate change. The consequences of climate change further highlight how, if well governed, migration is inevitable, necessary and even desirable.

Three points are worth noting. First, trends show that migration will rise due to climate change, and that many more people will be vulnerable if they cannot move. Second, there are significant accomplishments around the world to make environmentally related migration dignified, orderly and humane. And third, all actors need to promote a coherent, coordinated, effective and sustained approach to climate change-related mobility by integrating migration concerns into climate change, disaster risk reduction, response and development policies at all levels.

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## Environmental Change, Natural Disasters and Human Mobility in Haiti



Environmental Change, Natural Disasters and Human Mobility in Haiti captures some of the environmental challenges that Haiti is facing. The film was produced during field work carried out by an IOM Haiti survey team, as they conducted a household survey for the MECLEP project. The documentary shows the measures people have taken to adapt to the changing environment. These include changing their housing materials, changes in agricultural practices, remittances invested in adaptation measures, and moving to other areas in Haiti or to other countries.

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## The Tale of One City: Abu Qir



IOM Egypt produced the "Tale of One City" to highlight the effects of climate change on populations residing in low elevation areas southeast of Alexandria along the Mediterranean coast. The video specifically focuses on the immediate challenges faced by communities in the city of Abu Qir. The video also illustrates IOM's strategy of facilitating precautionary migration as a long-term solution to adapt to climate change before forced displacement becomes the only option for these communities. The "Tale of a City" and similar ongoing initiatives supporting the IOM Climate Change Awareness campaign are funded by the IOM Development Fund.

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