

# An Equitable Response to Climate Change

In order to increase the visibility of climate-induced migration and displacement in the context of climate change and mobility, the Climate, Migration and Displacement Platform (CMDP) in collaboration with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) organizes a trip of delegates from five regions around the world to the [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change SB 58 in Bonn](#) and to the [53rd Human Rights Council Session in Geneva](#). The objective is to include perspectives of directly impacted communities and vulnerable populations and identify approaches and resources necessary to address people's rights in just and sustainable ways when it comes to climate change, migration, and displacement. The delegates bring in the results from four previously held regional consultations in the Pacific, South and Southeast Asia, Africa, and Latin America, as well as the Republic of Georgia, conveying emerging advocacy messages and priorities from the regions to multilateral spaces. There are 11 delegates this year to the conference.

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### How is displacement and migration happening in your community?

The semi-arid regions of Latin America are particularly susceptible to climate change. Much of their population is engaged in family farming and, as the effects of these changes become more pronounced, the challenges they already face—such as access to water, land, and forest conservation—are often exacerbated, which promotes insecurity in their communities, driving internal displacement or migration to other countries.

### What is the role of the UN in supporting your community in addressing climate-induced displacement and migration?

Although the impacts of climate change are felt and experienced locally, its origin is a global issue. Therefore, the responsibilities for addressing it also belong to the international community. In this way, it is fundamental that the UN supports advocacy processes in public policies to guarantee the rights of access to natural resources and the permanence of people in their territories, as well as the right to migrate with dignity. In addition, it is also essential to carry out actions that promote local adaptation and mitigation, in coexistence with semi-arid conditions.

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