

# 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?

People in arid and semi-arid lands of Kenya have been affected by the worst drought in 40 years. Over 5 million people have lost their livelihoods, therefore a number of families have moved to towns with hope to find work or humanitarian support. The men and boys in these communities have been on the move in search of water and pastures for more than a year. Other people have moved to internally displaced persons (IDP) camps. Others have been forced to or moved by the country Governments to areas where they can receive humanitarian assistance.

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

The UN provides guidance and support to the international community to develop enhanced protection for refugees and other people displaced in the context of disasters and climate change, and catalyzes international discussions on their rights, supports or undertakes registration for people on the move, and provides legal services.



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