

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.

Rae Itinterunga



Rae Itinterunga is of Banaban and Kiribati origins and his commitment to the environment and social justice is linked to the history of his people, who have had to relocate from Kiribati to Fiji due to environmental degradation and whose sacred land has been rendered uninhabitable by mining pollution. Rae Itinterunga founded several youth and community NGOs in Kiribati and New Zealand and currently serves on Pacific, regional and international boards. Rae Itinterunga is the Pacific Youth Focal Point for Climate Mobility and now runs his own consulting firm supporting Kiribati and Banaban CSOs in good governance, social work, and policy.

How is displacement and migration happening in your community?

Frequent and slow-onset disasters continue to displace our communities internally when these events take place. Cyclones and king tides are getting stronger. Every time there is a disaster, our people move to safer areas but will always return to rebuild their homes because their connection to the land is so important.

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

The UN plays a vital role in facilitating and ensuring that loss and damage funds are paid to communities in small island developing states for reparations. We want our small island states to be liveable in the future. To achieve this, the UN must, as a global family, play their part in fixing this global crisis for communities that contribute the least to this problem.

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