

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?

Communities in the Bay of Bengal are constantly on the move from an ingressing sea. While some communities' histories and geographies have already been engulfed by the sea, there are many villages who are on the verge of being displaced by an ever-advancing sea. We have directly engaged in actions with more than 5,000 such vulnerable people who are facing displacement due to sea level rise and distressed migration triggered by this displacement. We are also constantly engaged with other stakeholders—at a macro level—to work towards climate justice for these communities through ensuring proper relocation and other support systems.

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

We have so far not seen any direct involvement or on-the-ground presence of UN agencies in addressing climate-induced displacement and migration in the Bay of Bengal, at least in the areas where we are working in India. However, we are in touch with UN agencies and have always been alerting them about the issues and challenges these communities face.



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