



# People on the Move in a Changing Climate: Comparing the Impact of Environmental Change on Migration in Different Regions of the World

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Each chapter will be written by leading experts of the region under a unified framework, in order to produce an evidence-based and exhaustive assessment of the state of knowledge on the environment/migration nexus for every major region of the world. It will include:

- An historical overview of migration related to environmental events;
- A brief synthesis of the regional forecasts regarding climate change, with a special emphasis on those which are likely to lead to displacements of populations;
- An overview of the main current environmental issues in the region;
- An assessment of the main migration flows to and from the region;
- A synthesis of existing case studies on the links between migration and climate-change related events.

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Climate change is one of the major concerns for the international community. Although precise estimates are unavailable, it is commonly held that more and more people will migrate in coming years, due to changes in the environment. At the same time, migration will most likely have a growing impact on the environment. For example, internal migration to cities is expected to continue to increase. Today, over half of the world's population live in urban areas, many of which are in coastal areas and are particularly vulnerable to sea-level rise. The effects of these changes will vary and the impact will differ between each region of the world.

Despite a growing body of case-studies and several overall syntheses on the topic of migration and climate change, there is no volume which provides a synthesis and comparison of how each of the major regions in the world is likely to be affected by this nexus in the coming years. *People on the Move in a Changing Climate* will therefore fill an important gap in the literature, and at the same time inform regional policy discussions. At present, most of the policies that exist to promote cooperation between States on migration issues at the regional level, such as regional consultative processes on migration, do not include policymakers charged with environmental issues. This book will serve as an important tool for policymakers interested in promoting regional cooperation on issues relating to migration, the environment and climate change.

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