

WORKSHOP SERIES on CLIMATE CHANGE and HUMAN MOBILITY

September 6th-9th, 2022

CONCEPT NOTE



BACKGROUND

The climate crisis increasingly influences and shapes patterns of human mobility around the world, for example in the form of migration, disaster displacement, planned relocation, or human immobility. The interlinkages between mobility and the sudden- or slow-onset impacts of climate change are complex, multi-causal, and multi-directional. They can be understood in the context of adaptation and resilience-building but also as a form of non-economic loss & damage depending on a multitude of factors.

For effective climate action and policies on human mobility, it is pivotal to **enhance the evidence base, amplify voices from the ground, and transform evidence into action**. Climate policies, plans, and processes can enable safe, secure, and orderly forms of mobility while preventing maladaptive mobility, allowing people to move or stay with dignity depending on local context, needs, capacities, and constraints.

This workshop series aims to **build on existing work to facilitate a deeper conversation on human mobility in the context of climate change**. Through contributions from leading experts and practitioners, it will explore how human mobility can be managed through policy and action, including Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and national or sectoral policies, plans, and actions.

OBJECTIVES

The workshop series **aims to achieve the following main objectives** and contribute to the conversation around human mobility in the context of climate change:

- Increase and deepen the awareness and understanding of different forms of human mobility in the context of climate change;
- Collect input on the roles of different stakeholders such as national and local governments and policymakers, the private sector, civil society organizations, academia, research institutions, practitioners, community groups, women-led groups, and youth;
- Build on the technical capacity of key stakeholders working on thematic areas connected to climate change and human mobility;
- Identify entry points for incorporating human mobility considerations into national and international policies, plans, and processes;
- Further explore options to address human mobility through the UNFCCC process, including the role of NDCs, NAPs, and loss & damage negotiations, particularly in the lead-up to COP27;
- Share knowledge, experiences, best practices, and lessons learned.

THEMATIC SESSIONS

The first round of the workshop series will comprise four thematic tracks with different focus areas that add to the overall discussion and work toward the objectives listed above. It aims to include a diverse range of participants working on climate change, sustainable development, risk management, social protection, food systems, health, human settlements, finance, entrepreneurship, migration, displacement, relocation, and other related fields.

Overview of thematic tracks	
<p>Track 1: Human mobility in climate policies</p> <p> September 6th, 2022</p>	<p>Integrating human mobility considerations into processes under the UNFCCC as well as climate-related national plans and policies has the potential to harness the adaptive potential of human mobility while avoiding, mitigating, and addressing adverse impacts. This thematic track will focus on how climate-related policy and planning processes can support migrants, their families, and host communities to retain agency, diversify their livelihoods, manage climate risks, facilitate the exchange of knowledge and skills, and retain social cohesion, health, wellbeing, and resilience.</p>
<p>Track 2: Human mobility and National Adaptation Plans</p> <p> September 7th, 2022</p>	<p>Countries formulate and implement NAPs as a means of identifying and addressing their adaptation needs and developing national strategies and programmes. With regard to human mobility, NAPs can access levers of change and create an enabling environment to facilitate safe, secure, orderly, legal, and adaptive forms of mobility. This thematic track will focus on key considerations for incorporating human mobility into NAPs and national adaptation planning, focusing on elements such as data and evidence, institutional setups, implementation modalities, participatory and inclusive processes, and monitoring and evaluation.</p>
<p>Track 3: Human mobility and addressing loss & damage</p> <p> September 8th, 2022</p>	<p>Human mobility can be a successful adaptation strategy and present opportunities for resilience-building and exchange between rural and urban areas. However, there are many cases where mobility is either a result or the cause of climate-induced loss & damage, which can be economic or non-economic and severely impact individuals, households, communities, and ecosystems in a variety of ways. This thematic track will focus on human mobility in the context of loss & damage and the need for support as well as innovative mechanisms or approaches to address harmful mobility.</p>
<p>Track 4: Integrating human mobility in climate action</p> <p> September 9th, 2022</p>	<p>Bringing together key takeaways from the previous sessions, this thematic track will focus on turning evidence into action and finding practical ways to manage human mobility in the context of the ongoing climate crisis. This includes the implementation of climate-related plans and policies, but also synergies and feedback loops, localization of actions and indicators, sub-national and sectoral strategies, and best practices, success stories, experiences, and lessons learnt from across the world.</p>

TIMEFRAME & STRUCTURE

The first series of workshops will be held online on September 6th to 9th, 2022 under the four thematic tracks. Sessions under these thematic tracks will consist of discussions with inputs from national and international experts and build on previous research findings and consultations conducted by SLYCAN Trust and others.

Sessions can include panel discussions as well as **interactive modes of engagement**, such as virtual whiteboards, breakout group discussions, polls, and others. **Inputs and findings from the workshop series will be collected and converted into a knowledge product** that will be freely available for all interested actors to serve as a foundation for conversations leading up to COP27 and beyond.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The workshop series aims to engage different actors working on climate change and human mobility as co-leads or collaborators. **SLYCAN Trust invites all interested individuals and organizations to contribute in one or more of the following ways:**

- Lead or co-lead a session on one of the thematic tracks.

- Speak as an expert panelist or share a case study during open discussion.
- Register and participate in some or all of the sessions: [Registration link](#)
- Share resources, case studies, articles, and media relevant to the thematic areas.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

SLYCAN Trust is a globally recognized non-profit think tank conducting research on thematic areas of climate change adaptation and resilience, risk management, sustainable development, ecosystem conservation, social justice, and animal welfare. SLYCAN Trust's activities include research, legal and policy analysis, education and awareness creation, capacity-building and training, multi-stakeholder engagement, and ground-level interventions.

With a presence in Sri Lanka, Niger, and Germany and a team of multi-disciplinary professionals, SLYCAN Trust aims to facilitate and contribute to multi-stakeholder driven, inclusive and participatory actions for a sustainable and resilient future for all.

For further information on this thematic area, please visit our [Adaptation & Resilience Knowledge Hub](#). If you want to engage in the workshop series, please contact SLYCAN Trust by email to chathuri@slycantrust.org.