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WEEK 6 LECTURE – (Im)mobilities and Mitigation: Sustainable Development, Disaster Risk and Resilience-Building

Monday, 10 July 2023 – 17:00 – 19:00 BST

ZOOM ACCESS: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89628313216>

OVERVIEW

Building and enhancing the resiliency of individuals, households and communities to cope with the impacts of climate change, disasters and environmental degradation is vital to preventing and responding to environmental (im)mobilities. Such processes must encompass policy agendas, measures and programs which simultaneously seek to mitigate such impacts, champion adaptation in their wake and respond to growing and devastating loss and damage. While migration can serve as a form of adaptation to ecological crises, mitigation and adaptation efforts must also be advanced as tools for slowing and curbing forced migration and displacement. The overlaps between these pillars of intervention raise critical questions for climate change policies and agendas broadly, and sustainable development and disaster risk reduction and management frameworks, in particular. The stratification amongst related sectors and the lack of focus on environmental (im)mobilities within these policy frameworks in recent decades have contributed to lacking preparedness, prevention and effective response to those who are displaced or at risk of displacement related to climatic and environmental impacts. Approaches to responding to environmental (im)mobilities must be strengthened within and across a nexus of resilience-building, mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage efforts.

Week six explores the role of mitigation in building resilience against climate change impacts and natural disasters and (forced) displacement. It considers the role that disaster risk reduction and planning can, should, and already is – in some contexts – having on absolving vulnerable individuals and communities from the threat of displacement. Speakers will offer pertinent examples of disaster risk reduction and adaptation initiatives that hold promise for building the resilience of affected communities from climate change, disasters, and compounding mobility concerns.

EVENT STRUCTURE

17:00 – 17:15 – Welcome participants, opening remarks & frontline speaker introduction

Caitlin Burrows, ISCM Program Manager

17:15 – 17:25 – Frontline Speaker

Anakwa Dwamena, Ghanaian journalist and writer

17:30 – 17:35 – Introduction to panel moderator

Caitlin Burrows

17:35 – 18:35 – Discussion Panel

Moderator: Patrick Marchman

Speaker 1: Dr. Bayes Ahmed - *'Debunking the myths about climate migration'*

Speaker 2: Prof. Lisa Schipper - *'The inherently complex intersection between climate change and development'*

Speaker 3: Dr. Nicodemus Nyandiko - *'Enhancing resilience and adaptive capacity to compounding impacts of climate change and forced displacement: An integrated human mobility "toolbox" policy approach'*

18:35– 18:5- Q&A

18:57 – 19:00 – Closing Remarks

Lauren Grant

VISITING EXPERT BIOS

Frontline Expert

Anakwa Dwamena is a Ghanaian journalist and writer, who writes on politics, culture, history and art. His interest is in the everyday, common experiences of people of African descent everywhere. He is currently and Alicia Patterson Foundation Fellow researching and writing on Youth Climate Activism and Democracy in West Africa.

Panel Presenters

Bayes Ahmed is an Associate Professor at the Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction (IRDR) at University College London (UCL). His research experience spans across disaster risk reduction (DRR), conflict and migration, climate change adaptation, community vulnerability assessment, climate mobility, and disaster displacement. Bayes specializes in the intersection of conflict and disaster, with a vision to improve the quality of life of displaced persons and stateless populations. He is driven by a passion for collaborating with frontline communities to understand their disaster vulnerabilities and generate practical policy recommendations to address their needs.

Lisa Schipper is Professor of Development Geography at the University of Bonn. Her work focuses on adaptation to climate change in the Global South, and looks at gender, religion and culture to understand what drives vulnerability. By examining how development affects the extent to which people are likely to be affected by climate change, she seeks to address the question of whether fair and just development is possible in a changing climate. Lisa was Co-ordinating Lead Author of

Chapter 18 of the Working Group 2 contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) ('Climate Resilient Development Pathways'). She is co-Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Climate and Development* (Taylor and Francis). Lisa holds a PhD in Development Studies and an MSc in Environment and Development from the University of East Anglia, and a BSc in Environmental Science from Brown University.

Dr Nicodemus Nyandiko is a Senior Researcher fellow in the Department of Disaster Management and Sustainable Development of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Kenya. He holds a PhD in Disaster Management and Sustainable Development. His research interest that spans over 20 years' focuses on food security, climate change, disaster risk reduction and climate mobility. He is a member of the Africa Science and Technology Advisory Group for DRR. Dr Nicodemus is the current Co-Chair of Climate Mobility Africa Research Network (CMARN). In 2022, Dr Nicodemus was appointed to join the Platform on Disaster Displacement's Advisory Committee.

Panel Moderator

Patrick Marchman wears a number of hats including Principal at KM Sustainability, an umbrella for his freelance consulting projects, Associate Director, Climate and Sustainability for InnSure, a nonprofit working to advance the insurance industry's response to climate change and Senior Advisor – Hazard Mitigation, Climate and Resilience for Jacob Green & Associates, a comprehensive local government consulting firm. He has almost 20 years of experience in the intersection of climate adaptation, resilience, and hazard mitigation planning, and has become a leader in thinking through the implications of climate migration and managed retreat. After 16 years of public-sector experience working for the U.S. government, including 5 years with FEMA in hazard mitigation and in early climate resilience work, he moved to the private sector, supporting climate risk assessments and adaptation planning for a wide range of clients, including airports, transportation infrastructure, and hospitals. He also serves on the board of the Natural Hazards Mitigation Association and founded the Climate Migration and Managed Retreat member-led interest group at the American Society of Adaptation Professionals, which became ASAP's most popular interest group and is still operating as an affiliated group.