**Tianjin Climate Change Talks (04-09 October 2010)**

**UNU side event:**

**Migration & Displacement: Policy Gaps & Options for Adaptation**

Speakers: Invited delegates from the Senegal, Mexico and Bangladesh, with further invited delegate comments from the floor

Invited experts: UNU (Koko Warner), Germanwatch (Sven Harmeling)

Date: Tuesday, 05 October 2010

Time: 18:00—19:30 *(see detailed programme below)*

Location: Yinchuan (Meijiang Convention and Exhibition Center, Tianjin)

Format: Short statements (10 -12 minutes) & audience discussion

Topic: Findings of the German Marshall Fund Study Team on Climate Change and Migration

Moderator: Koko Warner, UNU

**Objectives of the session**

The purpose of this side event during the October Climate Change Talks in Tianjin is threefold:

1. **To explore** findings from the German Marshall Fund-supported Study Team on Climate Change and Migration, and their implications for paragraph 4(f) of the draft AWG-LCA negotiating text;
2. **To discuss** policy alternatives for managing migration and displacement in the context of adaptation by attending delegates;
3. **To put forward ideas and options** for feasible, catalytic COP decisions on adaptation whihch may help raise awareness and foster policy dialogue on migration and displacement.

**Background**

Human migration is a mechanism through which people manage the risks associated with variability and change in climate, but the direct and determinative causal linkages between climate change and migration are difficult to identify. Rather, environmental change enters into migration decisions along with other considerations, such as the presence of networks in destinations (urban areas within one’s country and other countries), income disparities between source and destination areas, and the availability of other risk management strategies (e.g., crop insurance).

The Transatlantic Study Team on Climate Change and Migration was established with generous funding from the German Marshall Fund of the United States in June 2009 to promote greater understanding of the interconnections between environmental change and the movements of people within their own countries and across international borders. The study team is composed of experts, policymakers and practitioners from the migration, environment and humanitarian communities. Team members are from a broad range of institutions in the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, Mexico and Senegal, representing potential source and destination countries for migration associated in whole or in part by climate change. These findings have also been discussed at the 2010UNU-Munich Re Foundation Summer Academy on Social Vulnerability (<http://www.ehs.unu.edu/article/read/summer-academy> ), and policy fora in Berlin, Brussels and Washington DC.

Findings and background papers can be found at: <http://www.ehs.unu.edu/article/read/gmf> and <http://www.gmfus.org/cs/publications/publication_view?publication.id=650> .

**Programme outline**

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| **Introduction &****Moderation** |  |  |
| **18:00 – 18:45****Expert Panel** | **Koko Warner,** **UNU****Sven Harmeling, Germanwatch**Representative of **Bangladesh delegation** | Presentation of the Findings of the German Marshall Fund Study Team on Climate Change and MigrationResponse to the findings of the German Marshall Fund Study Team on Climate Change and Migration from a civil society perspectiveReflections on the Study Team findings from a delta´s perspective |
| Representative of **Senegal**Representative of **Mexico** (tbc) | Reflections on the Study Team findings from a dryland´s perspectiveReflections on the Study Team findings from a dryland´s perspective |
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| **18:45 –19:30** | **Audience Discussion** |  |

**About CCEMA**

The Climate Change, Environment and Migration Alliance (CCEMA) is a multi-stakeholder global partnership of concerned actors such as international organizations, interested groups of states and representatives of the private sector, the scientific and professional community, and civil society. These actors represent a range of perspectives including environment, migration, development and humanitarian assistance. The Alliance aims to bring migration considerations to the environment, development and climate change agendas and vice versa. CCEMA pursues this objective through a combination of awareness raising, research, policy development and practical actions.