

How to Integrate Migration into Adaptation Strategies and Planning

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BIO of SPEAKERS

1. **Thomas R. Loster, Chairman of the Munich Re Foundation** (appointed in July 2004). Thomas a geographer, was a member of the Geoscience Research Group at Munich Reinsurance Company, Munich, the world's leading reinsurance company, for 16 years. He was in charge of issues relating to weather perils, climate change and climate policy. His responsibilities also included the statistical analyses of worldwide natural catastrophes and trend analyses that appeared in a number of papers and publications. The Munich Re Foundation in July 2004 addresses major global challenges – environmental and climate change, water as a resource and risk factor, population growth and disaster prevention – and is committed to helping people exposed to risk situations. True to its motto “From Knowledge To Action”, the Foundation aims to prepare people to deal with risks and to improve their living conditions as well as to minimise the risks to which they are exposed. The Foundation clarifies the key issues and provides support, not only in developed but also in developing countries. Thomas R. Loster was a member of the German Council for Sustainable Development from 2006 until 2010; he is a member of the German National Committee of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.
2. **Dr. Renate Christ was appointed Secretary of the IPCC** in 2004 after having served as Deputy Secretary from 1999 to 2004. She holds a Master's degree and a Ph.D. in Biology and Geosciences from the University of Salzburg. A citizen of Austria, Dr. Christ is the general manager of the IPCC Secretariat. Prior to her assignment with the IPCC Renate Christ worked for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the European Commission. She participated in the negotiations for the United Nations Framework on Climate Change as member of the Austrian Delegation as well as in the development of the Kyoto Protocol.

3. **Riaz Hamidullah is a Director General at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, covering economic affairs and Europe.** He has served in the New York Permanent Mission, in New Delhi, and at SAARC Secretariat in Kathmandu.
4. **Dr. ANCHA Srinivasan is a Principal Climate Change Specialist at Southeast Asia Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).** As the Climate Change Focal Point for Southeast Asia, he formulates and oversees the implementation of several projects on climate change adaptation and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions including those from forestry and land use. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge, UK and has about 20 years of professional experience in interdisciplinary research and management including climate change science and policy. Prior to joining the ADB, he was a Principal Researcher and Manager of the Climate Policy Project at the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan. He has contributed to several international initiatives including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Global Environmental Outlook-IV, Millennium Ecosystems Assessment, and the System for Analysis, Research and Training (START) as an author and/or reviewer. He has edited 8 books and is an author of more than 90 publications. He serves as a member of the editorial boards of several scientific journals. He received many awards and honors including a gold medal and letter of appreciation from the Prime Minister of India, and Eisaku Sato Memorial Foundation Prize of the United Nations University. His most recent edited books include "Climate Smart Development in Asia" and "Low Carbon Transport in Asia" published by Taylor and Francis, UK.
5. **Dr. Koko Warner is the Head of the Environmental Migration, Social vulnerability, and Adaptation Section at UNU-EHS.** Warner is a Lead Author for IPCC's 5th Assessment Report, Working Group 2 on Adaptation (chapter 20). Warner researches risk management strategies of the poor in adapting to changing environmental and climatic conditions. She directs three research tracks at UNU related to adaptation: environmentally induced migration, social resilience, and the use of risk management and risk transfer measures. Warner has served on the science and management boards of European Commission (FP6 and FP7) projects such as EACH-FOR (a first-time global survey of environmentally induced migration in 23 countries) and CLICO (Climate Change, Hydro-conflicts and Human Resources). She is Co-Chair of the "Rainfalls" project supported by MacArthur Foundation and Axa Re, looking at the relationships between rainfall variability, livelihood and food security, and human mobility in 9 countries. She is Co-Chair of the German Marshall Fund project on Climate Change and Migration with Susan Martin of Georgetown University. She helped found and is on the Steering Committee of the Climate Change, Environment, and Migration Alliance (CEEMA) and works extensively in the context of the UNFCCC climate negotiations on adaptation (particularly in risk management, and human mobility). Koko is

the UNU focal point to the UNFCCC, focal point for climate adaptation and the Nairobi Work Programme. Warner is a member of the UN's Interagency Standing Committee, Task force on Climate Change, Migration and Displacement.

6. **Kevin Henry has more than 30 years of experience with CARE**, a leading international relief and development NGO. In his current role, he serves as **Project Coordinator for "Where the Rain Falls"**, an eight-country action research initiative exploring the impacts of rainfall variability/climate change on food security and human migration. Prior to taking on this assignment, Kevin served as Senior Director, Sustainable Livelihoods, providing leadership for CARE USA's global work related to agriculture (and food security more broadly), economic development and climate change.

Kevin's long-term overseas assignments with CARE include Chad, Philippines and Sri Lanka, and he served as Regional Director for East Africa in the early 1990s. In various capacities, he has been involved in CARE's response to many of the major humanitarian crises of the past three decades, including African droughts in the 1980s and 1990s, as well as conflicts in Somalia, Rwanda, Sudan, Afghanistan and Iraq. In 2004, he undertook special assignments in the Asia region, during which he led the re-establishment of CARE's program in Pakistan. Kevin has also served as Assistant Secretary General of CARE International, directed CARE USA's policy analysis and advocacy efforts, and managed CARE's relationship with major professional foundations.

Kevin earned his undergraduate degree at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and a master's degree at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

7. **Keith Alverson Coordinator, Climate Change Adaptation and Terrestrial Ecosystems Branch, UNEP (Bio from the web)** in Nairobi, Kenya. In this role he coordinates, inter alia, UNEPs Ecosystems Based Adaptation Climate Change program of work and the Global Climate Change Adaptation Network. From 2004-2011, Keith served as Head of Ocean Observations and Services at the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO and director of the Global Ocean Observing System, based in Paris, France. Prior to 2004, he was director of the International Geosphere Biosphere Programme's core project Past Global Changes (PAGES) in Bern, Switzerland.

Keith has degrees in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and East Asian Studies from Princeton University (1988) and a doctorate in Physical Oceanography from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (1995). He has over 100 publications. Keith has served on a number of high level scientific panels including as president of the International Commission for Climate of the

International Association for Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences and Chair of the United Nations Interagency Coordination and Planning Committee for Earth Observations.

8. **Dina Ionesco is a Policy Officer, responsible for the migration, environment and climate change thematic portfolio at the International Organization for Migration (IOM)**, with a special focus on integrating migration into adaptation strategies. Dina works with IOM since 2004, developing projects, research, publications and training activities in a wide range of migration related issues. Prior to joining IOM, Dina worked with the OECD on local development and entrepreneurship, as well as in the non-governmental sector, the academia and as an independent consultant. Dina trained in social sciences in the UK at the London School of Economics and Sussex University and at the French Institut de Sciences Politiques de Paris.