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Population, Justice and the Environmental Challenge

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Facilitators:

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Speakers:

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In the last year, climate change has rocketed to the top of the public agenda, prompting a resurgence of interest in the relationships among population growth, climate change and other environmental issues. But, too often, the conversation about population issues is framed in a way that threatens human rights, focusing on "population control" and severe restrictions on immigration. Is it possible to confront our growing numbers and environmental impact while advancing human rights and wellbeing? Yes, answered the panelists in this session, who lay out a justice framework for addressing rapid population growth and environmental degradation, and showed how to apply that framework.