



Telebriefing:
MIGRATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Description:

Climate change is already having a significant impact on migration patterns. According to the United Nations, more than 40 million people worldwide were displaced by natural disasters in 2010. Over the next 20 years, as sea levels rise and once-fertile land becomes flooded and unproductive, it is likely to create sizable new flows of climate refugees and economic migrants.

In this telebriefing, funders explored...

- Which areas are likely to be most affected by climate change and how this will lead to new migration flows
- How existing international treaties and conventions can be used to assist the increasing numbers of "climate refugees"
- Strategies for how funders focusing on the environment and on human rights can collaborate effectively to increase their impact

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