

# CLIMATE ACADEMY

Supporting community choices in a changing climate –  
Learning from planned relocations

WEBINAR SERIES

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The impacts of climate change are being increasingly felt around the globe, often more intense than what was anticipated just a few years ago. There is a growing consensus that the next few years are the last window of opportunity to steer the world in a better and safer direction and avoid the worst consequences of climate change. The scale and ambition of the climate challenge require new ways of thinking and working – across sectors and thematic silos. Achieving sustainable development in countries across the globe will furthermore require innovative forms of social engagement, along with new and improved technologies and collaborative mechanisms.

## Climate Academy 2023: Supporting community choices in a changing climate – Learning from planned relocations

The growing frequency and severity of negative climate change impacts have given rise to concerns about the long-term habitability of climate change “hotspots” for populations around the world. Differences in culture, circumstance, and identity condition how local communities and individuals within them perceive and respond to climate change risks and impacts, what they consider makes a place (in)habitable, and their perceptions of mobility. Research on human mobilities in the context of climate change shows that moving is but one possible response in the face of climate change risks and impacts. Many people prefer not to move, while others would have moved regardless. When people move, their movements can take many forms, of which planned relocation is just one.

United Nations University and the Munich Re Foundation in collaboration with the UN Climate Secretariat and IOM are convening the 2023 Climate Academy to bring together a diverse set of speakers to collectively explore the overarching question: “What do decision-makers in policy and communities of practice need to know about Planned Relocation to support communities in making just and timely mobility decisions related to climate change?”.



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While the decision to move ultimately lies with individuals in affected communities, they are likely to require external support in implementing their decisions, whether they aim to move now, in the future, or adapt to stay. This assistance may need to come from a diversity of stakeholders, in collaboration with communities and one another. Further, this support can take various forms, including but not limited to risk expertise, legal and policy frameworks, stakeholder dialogue facilitation, technical and logistical assistance, financial resources, social and mental health support, and support in finding new livelihood opportunities. Relocation processes, when they take place with free and informed consent, also represent opportunities to correct historical inequalities in areas such as access to quality housing, exposure to environmental risks and pollution, and economic opportunity. The question of when and under which conditions relocations can occur also poses deeper political and philosophical questions about the allocation of responsibilities for implementing community decisions, about the connections of people and culture to place, about mourning and memory, and the meaning of home in a changing climate.

Spread over the week of 11-15 September 2023, online webinars will feature succinct and policy-oriented conversations based on cutting-edge scientific research and practice. Speakers will share their perspectives from their work at and across several scales - in communities, national government agencies, and global policymaking circles. They will share their latest findings and tools, identify knowledge and implementation gaps, and highlight opportunities for collaboration between stakeholders.

## EVENTS

2023	Event number	Event time (CEST)	Theme
11 Sept Mon	A1	15:00-16:30	Opening event: Why talk about planned relocation?
12 Sept Tue	A2	11:00-12:30	National perspectives on planned relocation
12 Sept Tue	A3	16:30-18:00	Assessing the evidence base
13 Sept Wed	A4	08:30-10:00	Decolonizing policy, practice and research on planned relocation
13 Sept Wed	A5	13:00-14:30	Policies and normative principles for planned relocation: Experiences and experiments in national contexts
13 Sept Wed	A6	17:30-19:00	Centering community in adaptation vs. relocation decision-making
14 Sept Thu	F1	11:00-12:30	«Migrations, relocalisations planifiées et recomposition territoriale face aux risques climatiques»
14 Sept Thu	A7	13:00-14:30	Choosing to move, choosing to stay: local experiences of risk, resistance, and support in relocation decision-making
14 Sept Thu	A8	15:00-16:30	After relocations: on community wellbeing, cohesion, and livelihoods
15 Sept Fri	A9	13:00-14:30	Closing event: How to support communities effectively – steps forward and do's and don'ts

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