

# MIGRATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

## In Preparation for the United Nations Summit on Refugees and Migrants

Today, all over the world, people are displaced by climate change. Affected communities already develop solutions and approaches to the impacts of climate change including migration. In order to make these solutions and approaches sustainable, they must be supported by a legal framework. A legal framework needs to be brought into the climate change process at the local, national and international levels in order to protect rights, reduce risk, build resilience, empower people and facilitate positive migration.

Carrying already a disproportionate burden of the impacts of climate change, people in developing countries are already struggling to adapt to the impacts of climate change, since the impacts are acting as a risk multiplier, affecting people's livelihoods, health, food security, water security and human mobility. It is important that their rights are safeguarded, including their right to migrate or their right to development. The number of people choosing to migrate due in whole or in part to climate change is alarmingly increasing and proves the limitations of the adaptation strategies and policies.

In this context, without an international framework in place, people choosing to migrate due to climate change face unregulated statuses, undignified conditions or conflict at destination areas. Some of them face highly hazardous journeys, and many are vulnerable to human trafficking.

This workshop will explore solutions, options and practical perspectives drawing on and, using global level experiences to inform the participants at the United Nations Summit on Refugees and Migrants on September 19, in New York, opening a great opportunity to start addressing the needs of the people affected by climate change.

This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

### WHEN

Sunday, September 18, 2016  
from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM (EDT)

### WHERE

Columbia Law School  
[Jerome Greene Hall, Room 105,](#)  
[435 West 116th Street at Amsterdam Avenue,](#)  
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