



Migration and Global Environmental Change

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MODERATOR:

Andrew Steer

*Special Envoy for Climate Change
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PRESENTER:

Professor Richard Black

*Head, School of Global Studies,
University of Sussex, UK, and
Chair of Lead Expert Group for Foresight Project on
Migration and Global Environmental Change*

*The US launch of the United Kingdom's
Foresight Project Report:*

*To understand the interaction between
migration and global environmental change,
out until 2060 - to help those who move,
those in host areas, and those who stay behind;
and the policy implications*

** Reception and refreshments to follow presentation*



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DISCUSSANTS:

- **Jeni Klugman**, Director, Gender and Development, The World Bank
- **Elizabeth Ferris**, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution and Co-Director, Brookings-LSE Project on Internal Displacement

RECEPTION SPEAKERS:

- **Sandy Thomas**, Head, Foresight Programme, UK Government Office for Science
- **Susanna Moorehead**, UK Executive Director to the World Bank

Overview

[*Migration and Global Environmental Change*](#) is the latest publication from the UK Government's Foresight Programme. Commissioned by Sir John Beddington, the UK's Chief Scientific Adviser. Launched in the UK on October 20, 2011, the report assembles and analyses the latest evidence and research on these two interconnected global processes to fill a gap in the current literature/knowledge base. Whereas existing literature tends to focus on estimating numbers, this project goes beyond previous studies, to analyze why people move, for how long, and what kind of challenges or opportunities this movement presents. Based on robust evidence, expert steering and innovative methods, this project provides a concrete platform for understanding policy implications and responses.

International Scope and Policy Significance

- The Foresight project addresses the issues of human migration and global environmental change over the next 50 years.
- With international significance, it explores this relationship specifically in low-elevation coastal areas, drylands and mountain regions.
- Assessing key issues in areas including humanitarian assistance, international governance, climate change policy, and urban development, the Foresight project provides timely, policy-relevant analysis to a global audience.

Peer Reviewed, Robust Evidence

The Foresight publication has drawn on state of the art evidence, provided in over 70 papers commissioned specially for the project. These papers were peer reviewed to a scientifically accredited standard and incorporate innovative analytical tools such as future scenarios and driver reviews. Based on this robust evidence, some existing conventions on environmental migration are challenged and potential responses, interventions and technologies are identified.

Leading Experts and Stakeholders

The Foresight project receives technical direction from six leading experts, including Professor Richard Black (University of Sussex, chair), Professor Neil Adger (University of East Anglia), Professor Stefan Dercon (University of Oxford), and Professor Andrew Geddes (European University Institute). Evidence was based on the coordinated research of academics from across the globe and complemented by a series of workshops held in South Africa, Bangladesh, Turkey and Nepal. High-level stakeholders such as the World Bank, OECD, Asian Development Bank and UNDP provide strategic advice on catalyzing policy options. Collectively, around 350 international experts contributed to the making of this report.