



Expert Roundtable
**Climate Change and Displacement:
Identifying Gaps and Responses**

*Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center
22-25 February 2011*

Agenda

Tuesday, 22 February 2011

Arrival of participants

19:30 **Welcome dinner**

Wednesday, 23 February 2011

9:00-9:30 **Opening Remarks and Introductions**

Erika Feller, UNHCR

Setting the Scene

9:30-11:00 **Session 1 - Climate Change and Adaptation Strategies: The State of Play**

This panel will present current policy developments on climate change adaptation strategies, in particular as they relate to displacement.

Chair: Volker Türk, UNHCR

Speakers: Koko Warner, United Nations University
 Annette Windmeisser, Government of Germany

11:00-11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15-13:00 **Session 2 - Global Warming, Local Challenges: Reports from the Field**

This panel will present several case studies illustrating the impact of climate and environmental change on population movements, based on a study conducted by Professor Roger Zetter, and will discuss the study's findings.

Chair: Erika Feller, UNHCR
Speakers: Roger Zetter, University of Oxford
H.E. Ms. Amina Mohamed, Government of Kenya
H.E. Mr. Abdul Hannan, Government of Bangladesh

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Internal Displacement Dimensions

14:00-16:00 Session 3 - Climate-Related Events and Internal Displacement: Implementing Rights-Based Approaches

This panel will address protection concerns for those who have become internally displaced as a result of climate-related events, reflecting also on the relationship between climate change and conflict.

Chair: Volker Türk, UNHCR
Speakers: Chaloka Beyani, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons
Elizabeth Ferris, Brookings Institution
USEC Severo Catura, Government of the Philippines

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

External Displacement Dimensions

16:30-18:00 Session 4 – Climate-Related Events and Cross-Border Displacement: Identifying Legal and Policy Gaps, and Responses

This will be the first of two sessions on existing normative gaps with respect to cross-border displacement resulting from climate-related events, particularly sudden onset disasters.

Chair: Erika Feller, UNHCR
Speakers: Jane McAdam, University of New South Wales
Rolf Fife, Government of Norway
Shahidul Haque, International Organization for Migration

Thursday, 24 February

9:00-10:30 Session 4 – Continued

The discussion on cross-border displacement resulting from climate-related events will continue during this session.

Chair: Volker Türk, UNHCR

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

Statelessness Dimensions

11:00-13:00 Session 5 - Statehood, Statelessness, “Sinking Islands”: Developing Comprehensive Arrangements

This panel will examine protection concerns arising from the impact of climate-related events on small island States, assess the adequacy of prevailing international norms for the populations of these States and examine ways forward.

Chair: Erika Feller, UNHCR

Speakers: Jane McAdam, University of New South Wales
Lavanya Rajamani, Centre for Policy Research
Cletus Springer, Organization of American States
Andrew Teem, Government of Kiribati

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Working Groups

14:00-17:00 Working Group Sessions: Developing a set of common understandings

Participants will be divided into three working groups:

- Sudden-onset cross-border displacement;
- Statelessness and “sinking islands”; and
- Internal displacement.

The purpose of these working group discussions is to elaborate a set of common understandings or, at a minimum, to identify and assess various options and their comparative advantages. These common understandings will feed into the Summary Conclusions of the roundtable, but will also be used to guide the next steps in the development of adequate international legal and policy responses in these areas. The Working Group discussions will continue on Day 3.

Each group should appoint a rapporteur to report back to the plenary.

17:00-17:30 Closing Session

Friday, 25 February

9:00-9.30 Opening Session

9:30-11:00 Working Group Sessions - cont'd

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-13:00	Working Group Sessions - cont'd
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	Report back from the Working Group Sessions
15:00-15:15	Coffee Break
15:15-16:15	Discussion on Working Group Conclusions
16:15-16:30	Close of meeting