

Climate Change, Environment, and Migration Alliance

The Climate Change, Environment and Migration Alliance (CCEMA) is a multi-stakeholder global partnership of concerned actors such as international organizations, interested groups of states and representatives of the private sector, the scientific and professional community, and civil society. These actors represent a range of perspectives including environment, migration, development and humanitarian assistance. The Alliance aims to bring migration considerations to the environment, development and climate change agendas and vice versa. This objective will be pursued through a combination of awareness raising, research, policy development and practical actions.

Background

Environment and migration are among the most pressing concerns facing the international community today. The linkages between these phenomena are attracting increasing attention, including in the context of the current discussions on climate change. The Alliance was founded in response to the growing realisation that there are complex interdependencies among climate change, environmental degradation and migration and a substantial scope and need for synergies in policy and research, interdisciplinary multi-stakeholder collaboration and the development of comprehensive approaches at the country level. The Alliance was initiated in April 2008 at an expert meeting in Munich, Germany by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations University (UNU), the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the Munich Re Foundation (MRF) – the four founding members of the Alliance.

Purpose

The major aim of the Alliance is to mainstream the environmental and climate change considerations into migration management policies and practice and to also bring migration issues into the world's on-going environmental and climate change discourse.

The Alliance provides a platform for interdisciplinary broad-based regional, international and global collaboration and coordination to:

1. **Raise policy and public awareness** of the need for concerted action to address the challenges and realize the opportunities presented by the climate change, environmental degradation and migration nexus.
2. **Improve the knowledge base** of the complex relationships between climate change environmental degradation and migration in terms of cause and consequence, long-term as well as short-term patterns. This will be achieved through, inter alia, gathering, compiling and making available the latest information on these issues relevant to policy and practice, and developing innovative research approaches.
3. **Provide a neutral and open forum for policy dialogue** to identify and discuss major cross-cutting issues in the field of climate change, environment and migration. The Alliance will bring together policy makers and practitioners from multiple fields and different constituencies to contribute to a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities this nexus presents. The Alliance platform will strengthen cooperative mechanisms among governments and other key stakeholders to comprehensively and effectively address environmental change and migration.
4. **Provide practical support** to the most vulnerable countries and population groups through building the capacity of governments and other stakeholders to respond effectively to the challenges presented by the climate change, environmental degradation and migration nexus. The Alliance encourages policy coherence among these and other relevant domains, identifying success stories and evaluating solutions applied in a variety of settings such as disaster management, migration and environmental management, and emergency displacement and resettlement. The Alliance serves as a catalyst for new projects and innovative ideas which take into account existing initiatives and partnerships in order to avoid duplication of effort.

Membership

Membership in the Alliance is open to organizations and individuals with a demonstrated interest and engagement in the climate change, environment and migration field and a commitment to the purpose and objectives of CCEMA. Different types of membership and further conditions for each are described below.

Structure

The structure of the CCEMA is intended to reflect its broad-based, inclusive, cross-cutting aims. The structure is intended to be flexible and to enable the effective pursuit of its key objectives.

The governance and management structures of the CEEMA include: Steering Committee, Advisory Group and the CEEMA Network. Support for the Coordinating Unit of the Alliance will be provided to the CEEMA by IOM.

Steering Committee

Functions: development and formulation of the strategic direction of the CEEMA (including, development, facilitation and oversight of the work programme), implementation in consultation with the Advisory Group and the CEEMA Network, fund raising and external representation of the CEEMA. The Steering Committee meets at least twice a year. The Steering Committee chair will be elected by the Steering Committee members, from the ranks of that body.

Membership: Membership of the Steering Committee is designed to provide representation for all of the key constituencies concerned with CEEMA. It is conceived that at least one representative will be present from each of the following constituencies: migration, the environment, humanitarian, development, academic, inter-governmental and non-governmental. Initially, the Steering Committee will commence with partial membership, specifically UNEP, IOM, UNU, MRF, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), the University of Sussex, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) International and the Global Climate Adaptation Partnership (GCAP), and add members by invitation.

Advisory Group

Functions: provide strategic advice to the Steering Committee in matters such as the CEEMA workplan, and contribution to the promotion of the objectives of CEEMA. The CEEMA work programme will be discussed by the Advisory Group once a year.

Membership: Up to 15 non-permanent members holding three-year renewable membership and “representing” major CEEMA stakeholders from a diversity of

constituencies. Triennially, the membership of the Advisory Group will be reviewed to reflect the evolving needs and priorities of the Alliance. The Advisory Group Chair will be elected by the membership of the Group. The non-permanent membership of the Advisory Group will be approved by the Steering Committee by consensus.

CEEMA Network – an informal open-ended network to identify and discuss major issues, opportunities, challenges, weaknesses and promising practices in the field of population migration, climate change and the environment, better understanding of the migration and environment nexus and to develop and strengthen dialogue and cooperation between governments and with other key stakeholders as well as between different constituencies in order to address common challenges. The expertise and views of the Network will contribute to the CEEMA work programme.

Membership: Interest group organizations with state membership, international organizations, civil society, the private sector, national experts and practitioners and representatives of the scientific community committed to the purpose and objectives of the CEEMA can declare their interest and thus join the network as members.

Coordinating Unit of the Alliance provided by IOM includes: administration and organizational support for the CEEMA work programme development undertaken in close communication with the Steering Committee and in consultation with the Advisory Group. The Unit will assist the coordination of the work programme to facilitate synergies among work streams and avoid duplication of efforts. Further, the unit will convene Steering Committee, Advisory Group, CEEMA Network meetings and other CEEMA events. The unit will serve as a clearing house and repository for information on climate change, environment and migration. Website support will be provided by UNU in close cooperation with the coordinating unit to facilitate exchange of information and e-communication.



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