

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND MIGRATION IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC:
LEGAL AND POLICY RESPONSES**

**NSW Parliament House, Sydney
Thursday 10 and Friday 11 November 2011**

Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law, Faculty of Law, UNSW

DAY 1

8.30am Registration opens

9.00am **Welcome** by the Dean of the Faculty of Law, UNSW, Professor David Dixon

9.15am **Session 1: Conceptualizing climate change-related movement**

- Professor Walter Kälin, Faculty of Law, University of Bern and former UN Representative on Internally Displaced Persons: A typology for climate-induced migration
- Dr François Gemenne, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations, Sciences Po Paris: From scepticism to alarmism: conceptualizing climate-related movement
- Professor Graeme Hugo, Department of Geographical and Environmental Studies, University of Adelaide: Environmental change and migration: A complex and neglected relationship

11.00am Morning tea

11.30am **Session 2: The nature of movement – what does the evidence tell us?**

- Professor Richard Bedford, Population Studies Centre, University of Waikato: A history of mobility in Tuvalu
- Professor Jon Barnett, Department of Resource Management and Geography, University of Melbourne: Premature evacuation Issues of time, choice and power
- Dr Maryanne Loughry, Jesuit Refugee Service and Boston College: Relocation, adaptation and internal displacement in Papua New Guinea

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm **Session 3: International legal frameworks**

- Professor Jane McAdam, Faculty of Law, UNSW: Climate-related displacement and international protection frameworks

- Professor Rosemary Rayfuse, Faculty of Law, UNSW: Sea-level rise and maritime zones: Preserving maritime entitlements of ‘disappearing States’
- Professor Geoff Gilbert, Faculty of Law, University of Essex: Climate change displacement and international criminal law

3.30pm Afternoon tea

4.00pm **Session 4: International governance**

- Dr Elizabeth Ferris, Brookings Institution, Washington: Lessons learned from displacement from development projects and natural disasters
- Professor Lavanya Rajamani, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi: What role does the UNFCCC process play in climate-related movement?

5.30pm Close

7.00pm Dinner for speakers

DAY 2

9.00am **Session 1: Adaptation and ‘migration with dignity’**

- Tessie Lambourne, Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Kiribati: ‘Migration with dignity’: Kiribati and climate change
- The Hon Saber Chowdhury MP, Bangladesh: Climate change and mobility in Bangladesh

10.30am Morning tea

11.00am **Session 2: Relocation and land tenure**

- Associate Professor John Campbell, Department of Geography, Tourism and Environmental Planning, University of Waikato: Climate-induced community relocation in the Pacific and the meaning and importance of land
- Scott Leckie, Director and Founder of Displacement Solutions: Practical strategies for community relocation in the Pacific
- Professor Brian Opeskin and Gil Tabucanon, Faculty of Law, Macquarie University: The resettlement of Nauruans in Australia: An early case of failed environmental migration

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm

Session 3: Climate change migration and (human) security

- Professor Lorraine Elliott, Department of International Relations, ANU: Climate migration and climate migrants: what threat, whose security?
- Professor Ben Saul, Faculty of Law, Sydney University: The security implications of climate-induced migration in Bangladesh

3.00pm

Afternoon tea

3.30pm

Session 4: Institutional responses – where to from here?

- Rick Towle, Regional Representative, UNHCR: The role of UNHCR in climate change and migration in the Pacific
- Nina Hall, PhD Candidate in International Relations, University of Oxford: 'Institutional change and climate change in UNHCR and IOM
- Marc Limon, Legal Advisor to the Government of the Maldives: Human rights obligations and accountability in the face of climate change

5.00pm

Close

Thank you to The Hon Trevor Kahn MLC for hosting the conference at Parliament House.