

International Law and Climate Displaced People

2-5:30pm, 23 June
Workshop, Room Méditerranée

As climate change intensifies over the next years, it is likely to become the single greatest cause of displacement. Its effects will likely induce multiple scenarios and forms of displacements: short-term, long-term, permanent; gradual, sudden; internal, international; low-scale, large-scale. Each of these scenarios will create specific categories of displaced people, generating a variety of challenges for the international community. Yet, many of the displaced resulting from the effects of climate change are currently not clearly protected under international law.

The International Law and Climate Displaced People workshop will explore those gaps that exist in terms of protection and assistance for this emerging wave of displaced people. It will attempt to ascertain, in particular, the most sensible avenues for addressing these gaps through specific legal and policy actions.

Chair: Adrew Clapham, Director, Academy of International Law and Human Rights, Geneva (Adh); Professor of International Law, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva (IHEID)

Program

Time	Speakers	Affiliation
14:00 – 15:30	Vincent Chetail	Research Director, Adh; Research Director, International Migration and Refugee Law, Programme for the Study of Global Migration, Graduate Institute, Geneva
	Jean-François Durieux	Focal Point for Climate Change, UNHCR
	Walter Kälin	Professor of Constitutional and International Law, University of Bern; Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 17:30	Kate Half	Head, Internal Displacement Monitoring Center, Norwegian Refugee Council
	Jean Ziegler	Member, Human Rights Council Advisory Committee; UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food (2000-2008)