

Social Protection and Jobs and Climate Change Group

Panel Discussion

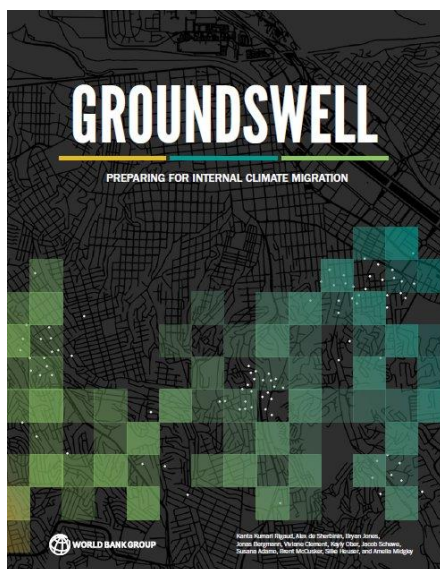
Groundswell: Preparing for Internal Climate Migration

Wednesday, April 11 2018

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

(with [video](#) viewing from 09:45AM)

Room JB1-080



The report - “Groundswell – Preparing for Internal Climate Migration” – launched on March 19th, 2018 – is the first and most comprehensive study of its kind to focus on the nexus between slow-onset climate change impacts, internal migration patterns, and development in three developing regions of the world: Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and Latin America. It finds that unless urgent climate and development action is taken globally and nationally, these three regions together could be dealing with tens of millions of internal climate migrants by 2050. These are people forced to move from increasingly non-viable areas of their countries due to growing problems like water scarcity, crop failure, sea level rise and storm surges. The report makes the point that while climate migration may be a reality, it does not have to be a crisis - if early action is taken on three key

fronts: cutting greenhouse gas emissions, embedding migration into development planning, and investing now to improve the understanding of internal climate migration.

Coffee and cookies will be served.

RSVP and add to calendar: [LINK](#)

Dial-in and WebEx information provided below.

Opening Remarks:

John Roome

Senior Director for Climate Change, Climate Change Group,
World Bank

Speaker:

Kanta Kumari Rigaud

Lead Environmental Specialist, Environment and Natural
Resources (ENR) Global Practice,
Co-chair Environmental Change and Migration-KNOMAD,
World Bank

Panelists:

Xavier DeVictor

Adviser, Fragility, Conflict and Violence

Robin Mearns

Practice Manager, Social, Urban and Rural Resilience Global
Practice

Magda Lovei (TBC)

Practice Manager, Environment and Natural Resources ENR
Global Practice, Africa Region

Chair:

Dilip Ratha

Head of KNOMAD, Lead Economist, Migration and
Remittances,
Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice, World Bank



John Roome is Senior Director for Climate Change at the World Bank. As Senior Director, John not only leads a team of specialists but works across the World Bank Group to advance the institution's climate change agenda. Prior to this assignment he was Operations and Strategy Director for Global Practices and Cross Cutting Solutions at the World Bank. He previously served as Director for Sustainable Development in the Bank's East Asia and the Pacific Region, responsible for working with 22 client countries in the region in the water, urban, transport, energy, rural, agriculture, environment, and social sectors, as well as in disaster risk management and climate change. John also worked as Operations and Strategy Director in the Bank's South Asia region and as Operational Quality Director in the Bank's Africa region for five years. He joined the World Bank in 1989, working initially in Africa. There he

focused mainly on infrastructure issues including roads programs, the aviation and water sectors and doing deals for the World Bank Group's private sector arm, IFC, in the banking, mining and agro-industry sectors. Before joining the World Bank, John worked in Europe for Monitor Company, a leading corporate strategy consulting firm, and at Old Mutual, a South African Life Assurance Company. He was educated at Oxford University, where he obtained Masters Degrees in Econometrics and in Management Studies, and the University of Cape Town where he obtained a Bachelors degree in Economics, Statistics and Actuarial Science.



Kanta Kumari Rigaud is a Lead Environmental Specialist with professional experience in natural resources management, environment management, and climate change adaptation. She is in the Environment and Natural Resources Global Practice (GEN01) and the Climate Change Focal Point for the Africa Region. She has recently moved from the Climate Change Group where she worked on climate policy, knowledge management, and tools development and led the Bank's work on the Climate Screening tools, the flagship report series on Turn Down the Heat, and the resilience work as the Bank's Focal Point on the PPCR. She led a multidisciplinary team of internal and external partners on the Groundswell- Preparing for Internal Climate Migration flagship.

Previously she worked in the MENA region and at the GEF Secretariat. She has a Ph.D in Environmental Sciences from the University of East Anglia from the UK. She is also the co-chair of the Technical Working Group on Environmental Change and Migration in KNOMAD.



Xavier Devictor is managing the Global Program on Forced Displacement (GPDF) at the World Bank. He is a French national, who joined the World Bank in 1996. Prior to joining the Fragility, Conflict and Violence Group, he held various positions working on fragile situations mainly in Africa, Europe and Central Asia, and the Middle East and North Africa. His last position was Country manager for Poland and the Baltic Countries. Prior to joining the World Bank, Mr. Devictor worked in the private sector in Central Europe and in UNHCR. He holds a Master's degree in Management and Economics from "Ecole Polytechnique" and a Master's degree in Management and Engineering from "Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussees".



Robin Mearns is a Practice Manager for Social Development (GSURR) in the Africa Region. He has served in a range of positions in the Bank both at HQ and in field assignments, including as Program Leader in the Africa Region (2013-15), and as Lead Specialist in the former Social Development Department (SDV) from where he led the Bank's engagement on the social dimensions of climate change (2008-12). Prior to joining the Bank in 1997 as a YP, he taught and conducted research at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex (1990-97), and at the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) in London (1987-89). He holds a PhD and MA in Geography from Cambridge University, and an MPhil in Development Studies from

IDS Sussex.



Magda Lovei has been working at the World Bank since 1993. Early in her career in the Bank, she worked in investment projects, policy-based lending operations, studies, and technical assistance programs in several countries from Africa to Eastern Europe, East and Central Asia, and Latin America. During the 1980s, she led the Bank's successful global initiative aimed at phasing out leaded gasoline world-wide. As Lead Environmental Economist at the Environment Department of the World Bank, she was in charge of the preparation and implementation oversight of the World Bank's first corporate Environment Strategy, approved by the Bank's Board of Directors in 2001. Since 2003, Ms. Lovei has held various management positions including Sector Manager for

Environment, in the East Asia and the Pacific Region (EAP); Manager of Policy and Operations, Sustainable Development Department (EAP); Sector Manager for Social Development, Environment, and Rural Development (EAP); and since July 2012, Sector Manager for Environment, Natural Resources, Water, and Disaster Risk Management in the Africa Region. Ms. Lovei holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Budapest, Hungary; and an MBA in finance from the George Washington University, US. She is author of several publications.



Dilip Ratha is head of KNOMAD and lead economist for the Migration and Remittances team at the World Bank. Mr. Ratha is currently working to lower remittance fees and provide innovative financing solutions for people, businesses, and governments. Over a career spanning three decades in academia, private sector and the World Bank, he has worked extensively on migration and innovative financing for development, including remittances, diaspora bonds, and prediction of sovereign credit ratings. His TED Talk “The hidden force in global economics: sending money home,” has 1.3 million views. He is the founder of KNOMAD, co-founder of Migrating out of Poverty Research Consortium, and the brain behind Africa Institute for Remittances. According to a 2008 New York Times article about his life and work, “No one has done more than Dilip Ratha to make migration and its potential rewards a top-of-the-agenda concern in the world’s development ministries.”

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