

## SYMPOSIUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND MIGRATION

2 May 2024  
Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin

### Programme

**9.00 – 9.30 Registration**

**9.30 – 10.30 Opening remarks and keynote speakers**

Opening remarks

Caoimhín Mac Maolain, Head of the School of Law, Trinity College Dublin

Keynote speakers

Ugochi Daniels, *Deputy Director General of Operations, International Organization for Migration (IOM)* (online)

Patrícia Galvão Teles, *Member of the United Nations International Law Commission and Professor of International Law, Autonomous University of Lisbon* (online)

**10.30 – 10.50 Presentation of report by IOM Ireland**

Report: Assessing the evidence: Migration, environment and climate change in Ireland

**10.50 – 11.15 Coffee break**

**11.15 – 12.45 Panel 1: Framing the discourse on climate change and migration**

Sian Cowman (Maynooth University): ‘The reproduction of ‘climate migration’: Racialisation and future social disorder in media framing of an unstable category’

Daniel Pakpahan (National University of Singapore): ‘Sea-level rise and migration: Beyond the mainstream International Law vocabulary’

Manasa Sainidhi Venkatachalam (Blue Ocean Law): ‘A TWAIL perspective on how climate migration violates the right to self-determination’

Maryam Yabo (Trinity College Dublin): ‘Reframing the climate migration discourse through epistemologies of the South’

**12.45 – 13.45 Lunch**

**13.45 - 15.15 Panel 2: Policy perspectives on the climate change and migration nexus**

Alejandra Díaz (University of Essex): ‘Climate-health risk (in)visibility in the context of humanitarian practice’

Esmatullah Khyber (University of East Anglia): ‘Climate change as a catalyst for migration: Understanding the multidimensional and gradual impact of climatic-environmental changes on global migration patterns’

Rebecca Vining (Maynooth University): ‘Food sovereignty and migrant labour on the island of Ireland’

Emily Cunniffe (Trinity College Dublin): ‘Migrant fishers in the sustainable blue economy’

**15.15 – 15.45 Coffee break**

**15.45 – 17.15 Panel 3: Legal approaches to the climate change and migration nexus**

Dave-Inder Comar (Leiden University): ‘Preserving the self-determination of peoples in an era of mass displacement and climate diasporas’

Inji Mammadli and Morgiane Noel (Trinity College Dublin): ‘Human rights and international protection of climate migrants: The case of pacific islanders’

Emily Rowe (Human Rights Lawyer, London): ‘Transforming climate: Transforming legal protections? Asylum in the Anthropocene’

Ronald Serwanga (International Development Law Organisation): ‘Climate Change and Migration Laws in Fiji: A Study After the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)’

**17.15 – 17.30 Closing remarks**