



# MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT CLIMATE CHANGE



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During the drought of 2013 in the Marshall Islands, IOM worked with USAID to get supplies through. © IOM/Joe Lowry 2013

## Key Migration Opportunities and Challenges for SIDS



By William Lacy Swing  
IOM Director General

The 3rd UN International Conference on Small Island Developing States which commences today in Apia, Samoa, promises to be a rich lagoon of conversations on forced displacement, on the human impacts

of climate change and natural disasters, on the importance of migrant remittances to economic growth, and finally – on what this all means: the implications of Labour Mobility. IOM's experience in the 13 small island developing countries where it operates validates the correlation between migration, development, and the environment.

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### Forthcoming Events

September 1

- [Government of the Kingdom of Norway and Nansen Initiative Side Event - SIDS Conference "Prevent, Prepare, and Respond: Displacement in the Context of Disasters and the Effects of Climate Change"](#)

September 2

- [Climate Vulnerable Forum Side Event - SIDS Conference "The Post-2015 Climate Change Regime We Need – SIDS working together with other vulnerable groups"](#)

## IOM Calls Attention to Migration Partnerships for Sustainable Development in SIDS

### IOM Side Event – SIDS Conference, 3 Sept

"Migration Partnerships for Sustainable Development in SIDS," Apia, Samoa  
(Venue: Conference Room 2)

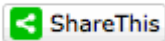
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Partnership on Migration, Environment and Climate Change

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Young girl stands near the devastation of the central Philippine city of Tacloban. © IOM 2013 (Photo by Conrad Navidad)

September 3

- [ILO and World Bank Side Event - SIDS Conference Sustainable Development, Labour Markets and Labour Migration in the Pacific](#)

September 1- 4

- [September 2014 UN Conference on Small Island Developing States, SIDS, Apia, Samoa](#)

September 3

- [IOM Side Event – SIDS Conference, "Migration partnerships for sustainable development in SIDS", Apia, Samoa, Venue: Conference room 2](#)

September 23

- [United Nations Secretary General Climate Summit 2014, New York, United States](#)

October 2-3

- [International Workshop - "Integrating Migration into Development - Diaspora as a Development Enabler," Rome, Italy](#)

October 7-8

- [Migration and Families: IOM International Dialogue on Migration, Geneva, Switzerland](#)

November 5-7

- [WMO Conference on the Gender Dimension of Weather and Climate Services](#)

November 7-8

- [Workshop on Organizational Perspectives on Environmental Migration](#)

November 17-18

- [Second Preparatory Committee meeting for the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, Geneva, Switzerland.](#)

November 25-28

- [105th Session of the IOM Council, Geneva, Switzerland](#)

December 1-12

- [20th Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC, Lima, Peru.](#)

# THE CLIMATE SUMMIT 2014: An Opportunity The Global Community Cannot Miss

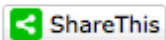


Michel Jarraud  
Secretary-General  
World Meteorological  
Organization (WMO)

The Climate Summit of 23 September 2014 aims to mobilize support from government, business, finance and civil society leaders in view of the negotiations for the new climate agreement that will take place in the context

of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. World Meteorological Organization Secretary General, Michel Jarraud proposes that Climate Science can give us the cold facts, but Climate Action is something that nations and individuals need to take.

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## Video



Case of Carteret Islands. Produced by Oxfam Australia. Watch [here](#)

## Publications

- "Environmental Migration, Human Rights and Legal Issues," Insights on Law and Society – Mariam Traore Chazalnoël and Daria Mokhnacheva



- [IOM Infosheet on Migration, Environment and Climate Change](#)



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# Crossing Borders: Relocation and Adaptation

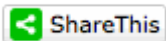


## An Interview with Professor Jane McAdam

1. In the context of SIDS, could environmental challenges and climate change cause permanent resettlement and/or relocation of its inhabitants?

While Pacific island communities stress their desire to remain in their homes for as long as possible, there is also recognition that environmental challenges and the impacts of climate change may mean that islands become uninhabitable over time. While relocation is their least preferred option, it is nevertheless one possible element in a 'toolkit' of responses. Relocation and resettlement (terms that are often used interchangeably) in essence describe the physical movement of a community from one place to another, with an attempt to re-establish the community in the new location.

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## ROOTS ARE NOT JUST FOR TREES BE THE FORCE FOR CHANGE

Photograph: Anand Mankin/Indy Photo/Unsplash  
Green gardening: One to water shortage in the region of Mozambique, its inhabitants must find other ways of planting vegetables.

"Best Photo" awardee at the regional photo competition themed "Adaptation to Climate Change" (in collaboration with the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) and UNDP).

## Get Involved



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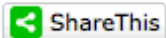
# The Other Migrants Project: Providing Adaptive Livelihood Lifelines



*An Interview with the IOM Mauritius Chief of Mission  
Lalini Veerassamy*

Beyond recognising that small island States face starker challenges and risks that border on extinction, IOM Mauritius conducted studies to identify appropriate alternative livelihood that could be offered to displaced communities. The “Other Migrants” Project was implemented with the financial support of the IOM Development Fund and under the guidance of a Project Implementation Committee led by the Mauritian Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development.

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## Loss and Damage in the Context of Small Islands

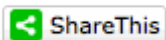


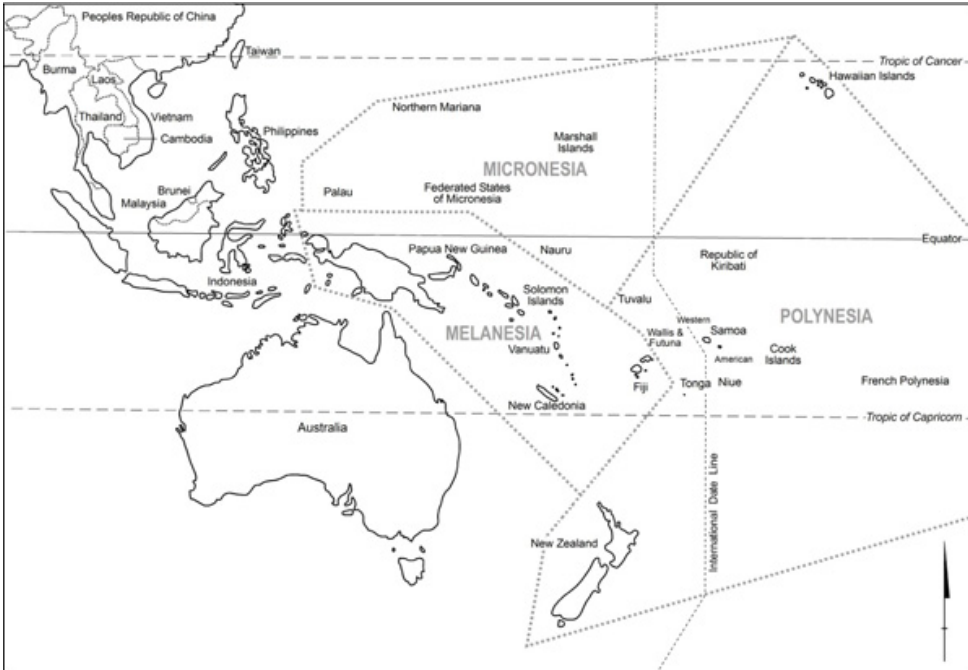
Yana Nazarova

SIDS are currently threatened by submergence, coastal flooding and coastal erosion; and these threats intensify year after year due to the increasingly significant impacts of climate change. Over the past

several decades, the SIDS have come to understand that the traditional policy tools - climate change mitigation and adaptation - will no longer be sufficient. Through united and multilateral efforts, strides have been taken and made on issues of loss, damage, and "compensation" – if at all possible.

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All of the 22 Pacific Island countries are small island states. While Papua New Guinea's population is 7,321,000, the others vary between 1,000 (Niue) and 881,000 (Fiji).

## Mobility, Climate Change and Development in Pacific Small Island and Developing States



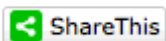
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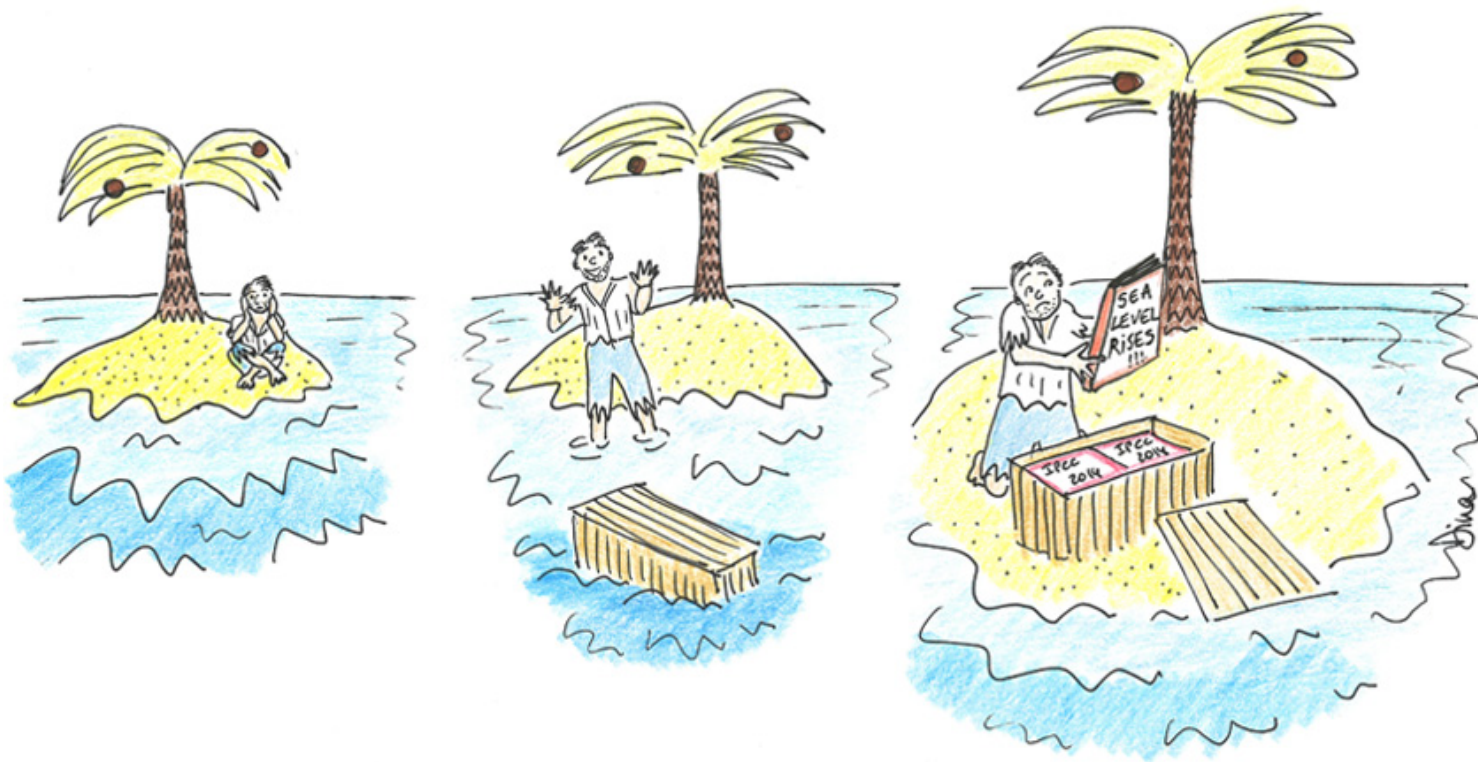
**Richard Bedford**  
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Economic Analysis  
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Pacific has the highest per capita level of international mobility among its resident populations and of all world regions. It is forecasted to experience the most rapid population growth in the high mobility groups aged 15-34 years over the next two decades. Unfortunately, local economies have limited capacity to absorb such a growth. It is central to the global discussion on climate change, and several countries are tagged as being the most vulnerable places in the world.

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## The Bottom Line



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