



Policy Dialogue on Environmentally Induced Migration in Brussels

4 July 2008

10:00 to 13:00 followed by a light lunch

European Parliament, Brussels, room PHS 1C47

CONTEXT

Environmental degradation and climate change pose significant challenges to human security and sustainable economic and human development. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC 2007), global warming is accelerating the degradation of drylands and other ecosystems prone to deforestation, salinization, soil erosion and desertification. In affected areas, both lives and productivity levels are increasingly at risk with more and more devastating extreme events, such as heat waves, floods, droughts, and sea levels rising along low-lying coastal areas.

As the negotiations for a post-Kyoto climate regime are now under way, the timely issue of migration flows triggered by environmental change attracts increasing attention and appears as an important challenge for environmental and migration policies, but also for development strategies and external relations.

With increasing awareness of the issues at stake, a consensus is emerging on the need for comprehensive strategies to study, plan for, adapt to and mitigate the processes and effects of environmental change. Factoring in the movement of people and the implications for sound migration management will be key elements of this endeavour. Gradual and sudden environmental changes are resulting in substantial human movement and displacement. The scale of such flows, both internal and cross-border, is expected to rise, with unprecedented impacts on lives and livelihoods.

For policy makers whose work is affected by or deals with environmental change and/or migration, this topic area has growing urgent importance. Research on climate change suggests that one of the major consequences of these impacts will be migration flows from areas adversely affected by extreme events and creeping processes. However, the limited availability of empirical research is a gap that hinders progress in shaping policy to deal with migration related to environmental factors today, and wider scale policy responses for the future.

The Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM) and the Institute for Environment and Human Security at the United Nations University (UNU-EHS) are hosting a small group of European policymakers and experts for an open discussion on the topic of environmentally induced migration. The policy dialogue will highlight current field knowledge and emerging European policy discussions about environment, climate change and migration.

OBJECTIVES

To help fill this research-for-policy gap, the upcoming policy dialogue in Brussels is aimed at achieving the following objectives:

- **Raise awareness** about recent (including EACH-FOR) empirical research findings on environmentally induced migration.
- **Engage policy makers** in thinking about issues linked to environmental change and human movement, identifying policy-oriented research needs, and discussing possible policy responses.
- **Outline necessary steps** for gaining more understanding of environmentally induced migration

PROGRAMME

Moderator: François Gemenne, Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM)

- 10:00 Presentations:
- Dr Hassan Bousetta
Deputy Director, Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM),
University of Liège
Welcome and introduction
 - Prof. Han Entzinger
Erasmus University, Rotterdam
Insights from the EACH-FOR project
 - Dr Philippe Boncour
Head, International Dialogue on Migration, International Organisation for
Migration (IOM)
Policy aspects of environmentally induced migration
 - Prof. Roger Zetter
Director, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford
*Protecting Environmentally Displaced People: The Role of Legal and
Normative Frameworks*
 - Prof. Janos Bogardi
Director, UN University Institute for the Environment and Human Security
(UNU-EHS)
The state of research on environmentally induced migration
- 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:15 Discussion of policies and future research
- Introduced by
Angela Liberatore
European Commission, Directorate General for Research
Climate Change and Security: A European Perspective
- 12:30 Next steps and future outlook
- 13:00 *Lunch (sandwiches)*

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Professor Janos Bogardi

Vice Rector/Director of United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)

Janos J. Bogardi graduated in Civil Engineering with special emphasis on water resources and agricultural water resources development at the Technical University of Budapest, Hungary. After obtaining a post graduate Diploma on Hydrology from the University of Padua, Italy, he earned his PhD in Civil Engineering at the University of Karlsruhe, Germany. He was honoured to receive the title of 'Doctor Honoris Causa' from the Agricultural University of Warsaw, Poland, and the Technical University of Budapest. After his activities as Assistant Professor at the Institute for Water Resources Management of the Technical University of Budapest, his professional activities took him as scientific staff to the Federal Institute for Hydraulic Engineering in Karlsruhe, and the University of Karlsruhe, respectively. He alternated these posts with expert assignments for German consulting engineers in Darmstadt and Essen. In the following three years he was then seconded by the German Agency for Technical Co-operation (GTZ) to the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in Bangkok, Thailand. Subsequently he became professor for Hydraulics and General Hydrology at the Agricultural University of Wageningen, The Netherlands, for almost eight years. Janos Bogardi's trajectory at the United Nations started at the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, France, as Senior Programme Specialist and then Chief of the Section on Sustainable Water Resources and Management. In 2003 he was appointed Director of the United Nations Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) in Bonn. He has authored, co-authored, and edited more than 170 publications including books, journal papers, research reports, lecture notes, as well as numerous articles for the media.

Dr Phillippe Boncour

Head of the International Dialogue on Migration Division at the International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

Phillippe Boncour is currently the Head of the International Dialogue on Migration Division and the Migration and Environment focal point in IOM. From 2002 to 2005, he was working in the Office of the Director General as a Special Advisor to the Deputy Director General of IOM. Prior to joining IOM, M. Boncour was the Director of Development and Communication of the Worldwide Network of the Alliance Française. A French civil servant, M. Boncour has worked for the Ministry of Cooperation and for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in various capacities. From 1987 to 1991, he was seconded as an Advisor to the Minister of Education in Cameroon and was managing the French technical cooperation and capacity building activities in the country. Then he was assigned to the French Embassy in Dakar as Counselor in charge of Education and Research until 1995. Over this period, he supervised all the French technical assistants in the education sector and the French scholarship program for Senegal. From 1995 to 1998, M. Boncour was Special Advisor to the Minister of Culture of Côte d'Ivoire and managed the French ODA for the cultural sector. M. Boncour holds a Master's degree and a Doctorate from the University of Paris-Sorbonne. He then specialized in development, with a particular focus on capacity building for education systems and on project management.

Dr Hassan Bousetta

Deputy Director, Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM), University of Liege

Hassan Bousetta is doctor in Social Sciences from the Katholieke Universiteit Brussel (Belgium). He is currently a FNRS (National Fund for Scientific) Research Associate at the University of Liège (Belgium). He joined the CEDEM at the university of Liège in February 2003. He was previously at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and is a former Marie Curie Visiting Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship in the Department of Sociology of the University of Bristol (UK). Hassan Bousetta holds an MA in Political Science and Public Administration and an MA in the Sociology of Developing Countries, both from the University of Liège (Belgium). Between 1994 and 1997, he was a visiting fellow at the European Research Centre on Migration and Ethnic Relations at the University of Utrecht (Netherlands) and held a Human Capital and Mobility Fellowship from the European Commission. From January 1997 till September 2000, he was involved in the Institute for Political Sociology and Methodology of the Katholieke Universiteit of Brussel where he completed his PhD on the political mobilisation of Moroccans in European cities. His work focuses on the political participation of immigrant minorities and on local multicultural policies. Hassan Bousetta has also collaborated to a number of consultancy projects both for private foundations (King Baudouin Foundation), international organisation (Council of Europe), cities (Paris, Antwerp, Bristol) and networks of cities (Eurocities).

Professor Han Entzinger

Professor of Migration and Integration Studies at Erasmus University Rotterdam

Han Entzinger studied sociology with economics at the universities of Leiden, Rotterdam and Strasbourg. He obtained his doctorate at Leiden in 1984. Since April 2001 he has been a Professor of Migration and Integration Studies at Erasmus University Rotterdam, where he also heads the Department of Sociology. From 1986-2001 he held a chair in General Social Sciences at Utrecht University, where he also served as the Scientific Director of the Netherlands School for Social and Economic Policy Research (1993-2001). Prior to that he worked, inter alia, at the Scientific Council for Government Policy (Ministry of the Prime Minister) in The Hague and at the International Labour Office in Geneva.

He has been studying international migration and related issues since the mid 1970s and he has published extensively in several languages. He regularly acts as a consultant to the European Commission, the Council of Europe and various European governments. He is past president (1994-2002) of the Research Committee on Migration of the International Sociological Association.

Dr Angela Liberatore

Directorate General for Research of the European Commission

Angela Liberatore works in the Directorate General for Research of the European Commission –Unit Governance and Ethics–on issues of governance, citizenship, human rights, conflicts and security. She previously worked in the Environment research programme on socio-economic aspects of global environmental change. She holds a PhD in Political and Social Sciences and a degree in Philosophy and published various articles on climate change and environmental policy, science/policy relations, risk management, European governance, security policies and human rights implications.

Professor Roger Zetter

Director of the Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford University – Leopold Müller Reader in Refugee Studies

Roger Zetter has been Director of the *Refugee Studies Centre* in the Department of International Development, University of Oxford since 2006. He has nearly 30 years research, publication, teaching and consultancy experience in forced migration, refugee and humanitarian issues with funding provided by the EU, UK Home Office, ESRC, Oxfam, Housing Corporation, Swiss Agency for International Development, Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement, UNHCR, UNDP, UNFPA, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Paul Hamlyn Foundation. From 1988 until, 2001, he was Founding Editor of the *Journal of Refugee Studies* published by Oxford University Press.

His research focuses on institutional and policy dimensions of the refugee regime, the impacts of humanitarian assistance on refugees and asylum seekers and has included all stages of the 'refugee cycle' from exile to reception and settlement policies, the experience of protracted exile and integration, repatriation and post-conflict reconstruction. Shelter and settlement for refugees and in post-conflict reconstruction has been an enduring theme of his research.

He has directed large-scale research projects in Southern Africa and, more recently, in the EU and the UK where his research has addressed the associational life of refugees and other migrants, issues of social cohesion and social capital and undocumented migration.

He has extensive research and consultancy experience for governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental agencies in many aspects of refugee and humanitarian assistance, with a specialist capability in policy analysis and evaluation, and project and programme evaluation. He has also published extensively in the field of urbanization, land and housing in the developing world.

Currently he is working with SEI developing a research programme on environmental change and population displacement. He is also a partner in a Framework 6 European research programme on conflict, household livelihoods and forced migration.