



THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MIGRATION AND
DEVELOPMENT (IIMAD), KERALA &
INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE, BANGALORE



is jointly organizing

6TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION CONFERENCE 2026

on the theme

Climate-Induced Migration: Global Challenges, Transnational Dynamics, and Policy Responses

6th & 7th
August, 2026

Institute for Social and
Economic Change, Bangalore

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Climate change is increasingly reshaping patterns of human mobility across the world. Rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and environmental degradation are not only triggering internal displacement but are also intensifying cross-border migration flows. In this context, migration must be understood both as a crisis response and as a potential adaptive strategy. The conference aims to examine these dynamics while situating them within broader questions of inequality, governance, and development.

The urgency of this issue is underscored by projections suggesting that more than 200 million people could be internally displaced by 2050 due to climate-related factors.

These movements are deeply intertwined with existing socio-economic vulnerabilities, including poverty, weak governance systems, and conflict. At the same time, the absence of a universally recognized legal framework for “climate refugees” highlights significant gaps in international protection mechanisms, making it imperative to rethink current policy approaches.

Against this backdrop, the conference seeks to explore the drivers and patterns of climate-induced migration, assess its implications for labour markets and social systems, and examine the role of governance frameworks in shaping migration outcomes. It also aims to analyze the transnational dimensions of migration, including remittances and diaspora engagement, while addressing persistent inequalities in access to mobility. Ultimately, the conference will foster interdisciplinary dialogue to generate evidence-based insights and policy-relevant solutions.

THEMATIC CLUSTERS

- 1 Climate Migration & Global Governance**
 - Climate refugees & international law
 - Protection frameworks & policy gaps
 - Global and regional migration systems

- 2 Transnational Lives & Livelihoods**
 - Labour mobility & migration systems
 - Remittances & resilience
 - Migration as adaptation

- 3 Inequality & Climate Justice**
 - Who migrates—and who cannot
 - Structural inequalities (class, caste, gender)
 - Mobility vs. immobility

- 4 Gender & Migration**
 - Gendered migration decisions
 - Care economies & labour
 - Intersectional vulnerabilities

- 5 Children, Youth & Education**
 - Education disruption
 - Youth migration pathways
 - Intergenerational mobility

- 6 Transformative Adaptation**
 - Planned relocation
 - Systemic socio-economic shifts
 - Data and evidence gaps

CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference invites original and unpublished research papers, policy analyses, and case studies aligned with the conference theme and sub-themes.

Submission Guidelines

- Abstract length: 300–500 words
- 4–6 keywords
- Author details and affiliation
- Indication of relevant sub-theme

Submission Process

- Abstracts Submission link:
<https://forms.gle/TWZMeAUBWvACFEXjZ>
- Peer-review based selection process
- Selected participants invited for full paper submission

REGISTRATION FEES

- Students: **INR 2,500**
- Faculty/Academicians/Practitioners: **INR 4,000**
- Foreign Participants: **\$100**

Important Dates

15
may

Abstract Submission
Deadline

Acceptance
Notification

29
may

31
july

Full Paper
Submission

Conference
Dates

6,7
august

Note: There is no fee for abstract submission. However, upon acceptance, formal registration and payment of the prescribed fee are mandatory to ensure the inclusion of your paper in the conference proceedings and the final presentation schedule.

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