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Sustainable Management of
Human Mobility in the Context of Climate Change
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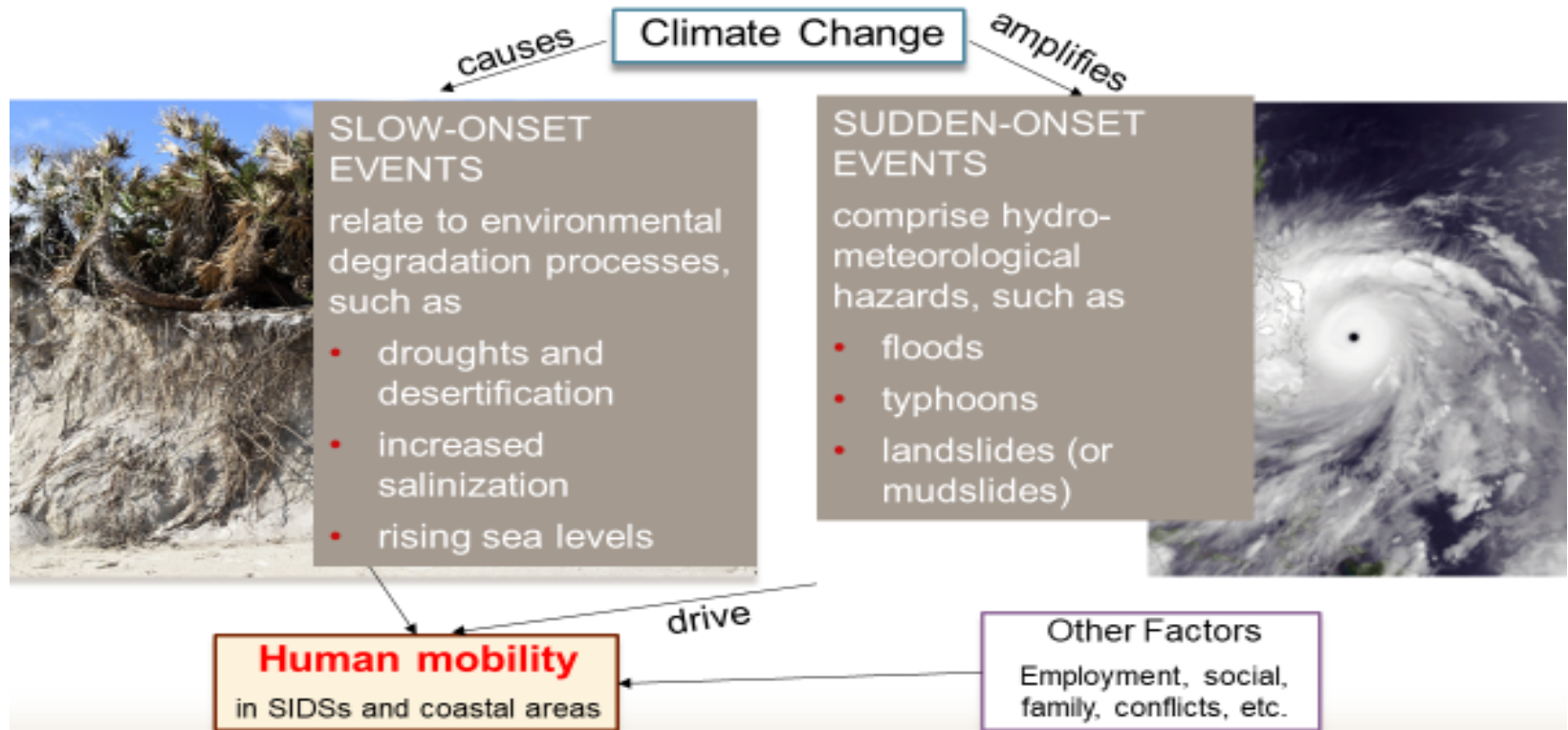


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Climate Change Impacts





- Human mobility in the context of climate change -

MIGRATION	DISPLACEMENT	PLANNED RELOCATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People migrate when they have the necessary resources and capabilities (e.g. financial resources and health) to choose between different options • Temporarily to seek employment due to deteriorating living conditions. <i>or</i> • Permanently due to dramatic changes (e.g. frequent extreme events) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primarily a situation where people are forced to leave their home temporarily or permanently • Mostly associated with extreme weather events or to avoid the effects of armed conflict • Typically communities are affected as a whole. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned process of settling individuals or groups of people to a new location • Process organized by the state or (local) government with strong participation of the affected communities and the hosting communities

TRAPPED POPULATIONS: CAN NOT LEAVE their hometown due to worsening livelihoods and increasing poverty

*Advisory Group on Climate Change and Human Mobility, 2014
Platform on Disaster Displacement Page 7/3*



Analysis leading to the design of the program

- Lack of experience, approaches and knowledge in dealing with human mobility induced by climatic change
- Lack of resources and capacity in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
- Need for knowledge production and transfer
- Wanting to enable voluntary migration decisions
- Driven by the reduction of (internal) displacement
- Realizing that planned relocation should happen in a transparent, participative and demand-oriented manner



Program objective

Progress in the **applied knowledge** in the field of sustainable management of human mobility in the context of climate change in our partner countries/regions: Philippines, Pacific and Caribbean, Germany and International Cooperation

BMZ advice & support of international policy processes (output A)

e.g.: International dissemination of methods and knowledge developed in cooperation with partner countries

Generation and dissemination of knowledge (output B)

- e.g: Identification of the most promising methods through knowledge generation and transfer

Support for project partners at national and local level (output C)

- e.g: Supporting the partners in dealing with HMCCC through policy gap analysis, policy development, capacity development



Eastern Caribbean Context

- Limited possibilities for internal migration in the island states
- Lack of national and regional legal regulations on climate-induced mobility
- Opportunities: Free Movement of Persons within the OECS (Revised Treaty of Basseterre 2010)
- Causes for displacement are mainly extreme weather events and disasters (hurricanes, tropical depression, droughts...)
- Few links between policy makers in the migration/immigration field and the climate change field



Program activities

- Inception WS with OECS MS on HMCCC in September 2018
- Workshops on strategic foresight in November 2018, April and June 2019
- Conduct of training courses on Climate Risk Management and Climate-Induced Migration for technical staff in government ministries (in cooperation with IOM) in March 2019
- Delegation visit of three program components to Germany
- Knowledge products: baseline studies, fact sheets, posters, pictures, documentary movie, video statements, etc.
- OECS webpage HMCCC
- Awareness Campaigns in communities of three OECS MS
- Pilot projects to increase resilience (e.g. riverbank stabilization)



Awareness campaigns

- Objective: raise awareness on the impacts of climate change, migration and urgent relocation caused by natural disasters
- need to better understand human mobility including migration, displacement and planned relocation and climate change to proactively address the topic
- importance of community-level dialogue to effectively share information and sustainably manage the inevitable displacement of persons in a disaster
- it is important that the residents be fully involved in identifying appropriate solutions
- “We cannot predict the future, but we can prepare for it.”
(Resident of Anse-La-Raye)



- Symposium International Disaster Reduction Day
- Support the Caribbean Migration Consultations WG on Human Mobility in Contexts of Disasters and Climate Change - develop a Plan of Action
- Establishing a technical working group to link different departments of the OECS Commission
- Identifying HMCCC focal persons in the OECS MS
- Document lessons learned from Hurricane Maria and Irma
- Sensitization of immigration/customs officers concerning identification of victims of human trafficking and traumatization/psychological support
- Other areas of support, e.g. resilience fund, support of vulnerable groups, digitalization





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Thank you for your attention!
Any questions or comments?

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