

Human Rights, Climate Change, and Refugees

Multilateral Diplomacy

Deadline: Closed

Type:	Workshop
Location:	Web Based
Date:	7 Dec 2021 to 9 Dec 2021
Duration of event:	3 Days
Programme Area:	Climate Change, Migration, Multilateral Diplomacy, International Law
Specific Target Audience:	No
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BACKGROUND

This e-workshop on climate change and refugees will provide the participants with a broad overview of this complex topic, including how the nexus between climate change and forced migration has emerged and how it is currently governed by soft law instruments and binding conventions of refugee law and human rights law.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

Over the course of the 3 e-workshop days (12 training hours), participants will acquire a solid understanding of:

- the nexus between climate change and refugee protection under international law;

- the common challenges to the complex interactions between climate change and refugees;
- the key binding and non-binding instruments governing climate change and refugees;
- the definition of the term 'refugees' and the principle of non-refoulement under international law.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Session 1: 7 December 2021| 1:00 pm - 05:00 pm Geneva time

This first session will provide a mapping of the key issues at stake in the nexus between climate change and refugee protection, as well as an overview of the international legal framework based on the most relevant soft law instruments and other related binding conventions:

- Presentation of the Workshop;
- Introduction of the participants;
- Notions, contexts, facts and figures about the nexus between climate change and forced migration;
- Climate change and refugees under treaty law;
- Soft law instruments on climate change, natural disasters and displacement.

Session 2: 8 December 2021| 1:00 pm - 05:00 pm Geneva time

The second session will focus on the two key notions located at the intersection between climate change and refugees, namely the definition of the term 'refugee' and the principle of non-refoulement. It will discuss the limitations but also the potential of these two legal notions when applied in the context of climate change, natural disasters and environmental degradations:

- Refugee definition under the UN Convention relating to the status of refugees;
- Refugee definitions under regional instruments in Africa, Europe and Latin America and their potential in the context of climate change and environmental degradation;
- Principle of non-refoulement under human rights law as a key source of protection in the context of climate change and environmental degradation.

Session 3: 9 December 2021| 1:00 pm - 05:00 pm Geneva time

During the final session participants will be able to put what they have learnt into practice during simulation exercises.

METHODOLOGY

Interactive by nature, this e-workshop will offer space for discussion, experience sharing and critical reflection on the interactions between climate change and refugee protection under international law. The workshop therefore requires some (limited) preparation and active participation throughout.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

Government officials, international civil servants, lawyers, judges, NGO representatives, academics and private sector professionals in the field of international law and international organizations.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Certification:

Participants who actively participate in all three sessions will receive a UNITAR Certificate of Participation after the final session.

Technical Requirements

UNITAR recommends that all prospective participants test Zoom for free at [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) prior to joining the e-workshops.

Basic system requirements:

- Stable internet connection
- Speakers and a microphone
- A webcam or HD webcam
- Or, a HD cam or HD camcorder with video capture card

Please see further information about all technical requirements for participating in this e-workshop here: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362023-System-Requirements-for-PC-Mac-and-Linux>

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