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Resettlement and Livelihood Rehabilitation of Cross-Border Environmentally Displaced Persons in Pacific Small Island Developing States

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The panel “Resettlement and Livelihood Rehabilitation of Cross-Border Environmentally Displaced Persons in Pacific Small Island Developing States” aims to identify the aspects unique to Cross-Border Environmentally Displaced Persons’ livelihood re-establishment in comparison with refugees and internally displaced persons who are forced to leave their homes, either temporarily or permanently, by causes other than those associated with climate or climate change, as well as to identify the similarities among the migrants by various causes.

Based on the identified similarities and differences, suggestions will be discussed and developed regarding how past experiences should be applied to Cross-Border Environmentally Displaced Persons to enable them to re-establish their livelihoods after relocation. Due emphasis will be placed on those in Pacific-region SIDS in elaborating suggestions for smooth livelihood re-establishment after relocation.

Provisional List of Participants

MC: Carl Bruch (Director, International Programs, Environmental Law Institute)

Commentator: Oli Brown (Senior Programme Coordinator, Disasters and Conflicts Sub-programme at United Nations Environment Programme)

Speakers and title of presentation:

- Carl Bruch (Director, International Programs, Environmental Law Institute):
Legal Approaches to Protect Cross-Border Environmentally Displaced Persons (EDPs)

- Ryo Fujikura (Professor, Faculty of Sustainability Studies, Hosei University):
Involuntary displaced people’s attachment to their original home

- Mikiyasu Nakayama (Professor, Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, the University of Tokyo):
Lessons for so-called Climate Refugees from livelihood of Fukushima evacuees

- Nagisa Yoshioka (Graduate Student, Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, the University of Tokyo):
Migration as an Opportunity for Livelihood Re-Establishment of Climate Change Induced Transboundary Displaced Persons

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