Climate Change and Forced Migration

Thursday 25 June 2020

12:00 - 16:45 BST | 13:00 - 17:45 CEST

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Programme:

13.00 - 13.45 Opening session moderated by Ruben Fierens, Associate PSP Officer, UNHCR

- Welcome address by Gonzalo Vargas Llosa, Regional EU Affairs Representative
- Keynote speech by refugee advocate Sayed Abbas Kazimi
- Participant introductions

13.45 - 14.00 Comfort break

14.00 – 15.30 Session 1 - Purpose: Setting the scene. Climate Change and forced migration: what European foundations need to know

Moderated by Saskia Baar, PSP Officer, UNHCR. Expert speakers:

- Andrew Harper, Special Advisor on Climate Action, UNHCR
- Carlotta Weber, Strategy Manager, Green European Foundation, and Caroline Zickgraf, Deputy Head of Liege University's Hugo Observatory on Environment, Migration and Politics
- Alex Randall, Programme Manager, Climate Migration Coalition

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break/Screen Break

16.00 – 17.30 Session 2 - Purpose: showcase actions by foundations and find potential collaborations or ideas to follow up. What can foundations do about forced migration linked to climate change?

Moderated by Julie Broome, Ariadne's Director. Foundation speakers:

- Gregory Maniatis, International Migration Initiative (IMI), Open Society Foundations (OSF) and Kamal Amakrane, Adjunct Associate Professor of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
- Heather McGray, Climate Justice Resilience Fund (CJRF) and Salote Soqo Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)
- Linda McAvan, Executive Director for European relations, European Climate Foundation (ECF)

17.30 – 17.45 Conclusions by Andrew Harper and Julie Broome