Climate change is now widely recognized as a key driver of migration and displacement in many regions of the world. At the same time, the public health community is investigating the health impacts of climate change, but these three dimensions have not often been linked.

Climate and migration have got a complex, non-linear and unpredictable relationship that is caused by or causes many issues but also opportunities. Migration related to climate change impacts health, but at the same time it can create opportunities to improve health security. As an example for adverse health effects, the (re)emergence of vector-borne diseases driven by climate change might be amplified by migration flows to new territories. If food security has been addressed many times as a direct consequence of disruption of agricultural activities, other socio-economical, anthropological and political issues are often set aside. On the other hand, migration could mean better life and better access to health services. Adopting a transdisciplinary approach could help understand the unclear and unpredictable nature and dynamics of human migration as a consequence of climate change.

This conference will bring together scientists and experts to share, better understand, and advise, through a transdisciplinary approach, some tangible solutions to enhance the health context of climate migrants. The two round table topics will include: migration as an adaptation strategy against climate change, climate migration and its impacts on health as well as open questions aimed at discussing the future research priorities for global health.

### Introduction (10’)

**Anneliese Depoux**, PhD, Co-director of the Centre Virchow-Villermé for Public Health, France and researcher specialised in communication sciences, health and climate migration

**Nick Watts**, PhD, Executive Director, The Lancet countdown: Tracking Progress on Health and Climate Change and Director of the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change

### Round Table 1 (40’)

**Moderate by** : **Aline Philibert**, Associated Professor, specialist of environmental health, Université de Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Centre Virchow-Villermé, France

**With** : **Manuel Carballo**, (tbc), PhD, Executive Director of the International Centre for Migration Health and Development, Switzerland

**Yves Charbit**, Emeritus Professor in Demography, specialised in migration, poverty and reproductive health in Africa, Director of the Development and Population Center (CEPED), Université Paris Descartes, Centre Virchow-Villermé, France

**François Gemenne**, PhD, Political sciences researcher specialised in geopolitics and environment, Director of the research unit «Politics of the Earth», Université Sorbonne Paris Cité, France

**Dina Ionesco**, Head of the Migration, Environment and Climate Change division, International Organization for Migration, Switzerland

**Caroline Zickgraf**, PhD, Researcher, Studies Center on Ethnicities and Migrations, Université de Liège, The Hugo Observatory, Belgium

### Round Table 2 (40’)

**Moderate by** : **Antoine Flahaut**, Professor of Public Health, Director of the Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva, Switzerland, Co-director of the Centre Virchow-Villermé, France

**Rajae El Aouad**, Professor in Immunology, School of Medicine University Mohammed V. Rabat and Resident Member, Hassan II Academy of Science and Technology, Morocco

**With**: **Albrecht Jahn**, Professor of Public Health, Institute of Public Health, Head of the research group Global Health Policies and Systems, Heidelberg University, Germany

**Emmanuel Kabengele Mpinga**, Professor in Health and Human rights, Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva, Switzerland

**Ophra Rebiere**, PhD, Vice President, Head of Corporate Social responsibility, Sanofi, France

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