

HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELOCATION

DISCUSSION IN BREAK-OUT GROUP

Relocation forced by CC is not a an adaptation to CC but an impact !

Group noted that relocation from ancesatral lands (and especially internationally) entails loss of cultural identity.

International law has no provision for (recognition of) environmental refugees, but the Inuit case (they sued the USA) did give some legal status.

Labour migration (common for some PICs but not others) is voluntary and reversible.

Much migration has already taken place to 'central' islands, for employment and education. It would be good if those seeking work and not finding it could move on (internationally) ..

A key issue in relation to resettlement (for whatever reason) is timing: don't want to wait for a nation-wide crisis.

Discussion but no agreement of need for regional high-level discussion of issues of domestic and international population mobility. (Some member felt this was "too political" and ran against national policy to not concede that CC would force interantioanl relocation because vigorous mitigation and adaptation could avoid this.)

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- **Rec.1. To protect the human right of Pacific people to live in their own countries, needs both adaptation and mitigation at a global level.**
- **Rec. 2. We need to prepare our peoples to be resilient, including through DRR and upskilling.**
- **Rec.3 We urge the international community to recognize that migration impelled by climate change is an impact and not an adaptation.**