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2026 CLIMESD INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

“GLOBAL FRAMEWORKS AND STRATEGIES TO CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL MIGRATION, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES”

CALL FOR PAPERS

We are pleased to announce a Call for Papers for the upcoming International Conference on ***Global Frameworks and Strategies to Climate Change, Environmental Migration, and Sustainable Development Challenges***, which will take place at the University of Macerata on **19-20 February 2026**.

This Symposium is a key event in the research project ‘*The Phenomenon of Environmental and Climatic Migrations and its Impact on Economic and Social Dynamics in the Euro-Mediterranean Region*’, which is funded by the University of Macerata and involves several Italian and European researchers.

Conference Theme

As the effects of climate change on ecosystems, economies and societies become increasingly apparent worldwide, new patterns of climate- and environment-related migration emerge and development pathways are reshaped. As climate change increasingly affects ecosystems, economies, and societies worldwide, it drives new patterns of climate and environmental-related migration and reshapes development pathways. This interdisciplinary conference aims to bring together researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to explore the complex interactions between climate change, environmental migration, and sustainable development. Participants will engage in discussions around international law, human rights, and policy reform, aiming to foster constructive dialogue on the intrinsic links between these issues, highlighting how climate change impacts migration flows and, in turn, how these flows affect the achievement of long-term development goals. Additionally, the conference aims to facilitate the development of innovative solutions that can effectively address global challenges, promoting policies and practices that balance social justice with environmental sustainability.



Topics of Interest

We invite submissions that address, but are not limited to, the following key areas:

1. Climate Change Impacts and Environmental Migration

- An analysis of the primary climatic drivers of environmental migration, encompassing both acute events (such as hurricanes, floods, and wildfires) and gradual processes (including sea-level rise, desertification, and alterations in precipitation patterns), also with a view to predicting evolutionary trends in the phenomenon.
- An investigation of migration modalities, focusing on internal, short- to medium-distance, and temporary movements, with particular attention to the vulnerabilities of displaced populations and their adaptation strategies.
- Critical insights into the socio-environmental consequences at local, regional, and global scales, examining the compounded effects of climate change in conjunction with poverty, conflict, and governance issues.

2. Policy Measures and Legal Approaches

- An assessment of national and international policy responses to climate-induced migration, paying particular attention to human rights protection and legal framework development for environmental migrants and displaced persons.
- An analysis of the role of local governments and institutions in addressing the challenges posed by climate-related migration, focusing on the formulation and implementation of policies that promote adaptation, social inclusion, and the protection of vulnerable populations.
- A critical examination of governance challenges, including multilevel coordination issues, in the sustainable and humane management of migration flows induced by environmental factors, with an emphasis on the need for integrated, cross-border approaches to policy development and implementation.

3. Sustainable Development Strategies

- Integration of climate-induced migration issues within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a focus on promoting sustainable livelihoods and mitigating associated social and economic impacts.
- Design and implementation of urban and rural planning interventions that account for increased human mobility driven by climate and environmental factors, aiming to enhance community resilience and foster social inclusion.
- Environmental restoration initiatives and the sustainable management of natural resources in both migrants' areas of origin and destination, with the



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objective of reducing ecological vulnerability and promoting long-term sustainability.

4. Technological and Socio-economic Innovations

- Application of advanced technologies for forecasting and managing climate-induced migration flows, including Geographic Information Systems (GIS), big data analytics, and early warning systems.
- Comprehensive analysis of the socio-economic and cultural impacts of environmental migration on both host and origin communities, promoting participatory methodologies and context-sensitive approaches.
- Investigation of innovative strategies aimed at enhancing the well-being and integration of climate migrants, with particular attention to intersectional factors such as gender, age, and socio-cultural status.

Submission Guidelines

Please submit your **abstract (max 500 words, plus a short bibliography) and a short CV by 20 October 2025 to ciram.unimc@gmail.com**. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **31 October 2025**.

Key Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline: **20 October 2025**
- Notification of Acceptance: **31 October 2025**
- Submission of draft article: **20 January 2026**
- Conference Dates: **19-20 February 2026**
- Submission of final article: **30 April 2026**

All accepted articles will be published in the **CiRAM Series** by 'Editoriale Scientifica'. The volume will be available as an eBook in open access format. The expected publication date is June/July 2026.

The organisation covers the costs of accommodation and travel for the selected speakers in Macerata (Italy).

For more information, please visit [conference website] or contact the organizing committee at ciram.unimc@gmail.com.

We look forward to your contributions and to advancing scholarship and dialogue on this critical global challenge.