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Climate Migration – Facts and Myths

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Moderator: Prof. Dr. Daniela Bobeva

Time	Programme
09:00–09:30	**Registration**
09:30–09:45	**Opening Remarks** **Prof. Dr. Irena Kirilova Zareva-Zafirova**, *Director, Economic Research Institute, BAS* **Assoc. Prof. Milena Angelova**, *PhD, Project Leader, Economic Research Institute, BAS* **Prof. Rumyana Zheleva, DSc,** *Team Leader*, *Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, BAS*
SESSION I. CLIMATE MIGRATION: BUILDING SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATIONS BASED ON DATA AND EVIDENCE	
09:45–10:00	**Bulgaria's Attractiveness as a Destination for Climate Migration - Prof. Dr. Daniela Bobeva,** *Leader WP2, Economic Research Institute at BAS*
10:00–10:10	**The Wrong Question: Climate, Mediation and the Limits of Continental Verdicts on African Migration - Dr. Anthony Kaziboni,** *Senior Researcher, Centre for Social Development in Africa, University of Johannesburg*
10:10–10:20	**Water Resilience in the face of Global Warming and Migration in the Lake Chad Basin: Perspectives from Cameroon and Nigeria - Assoc. Prof. Tata E. Sunjo; Senior Lecturer Eyole N. Monono,** *University of Buea, Cameroon*
10:20–10:30	**Climate Change Impacts on Rainfed Agriculture in the Zambezi Basin: Implications for Displacement of People – Prof. Anna Tengberg, PhD,** *Senior Advisor, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), Sweden*
10:30–10:40	**The Outbreak of Ebola in North Kivu - Dr. Richard Elelman,** *Head of Politics, EURECAT; Leader of the CASSANDRA Programme*
10:40–10:50	**Climate Migration Forecasts and the Decisions Governments Face: Evidence from Southern Africa - Walter Kasempa, MA,** *Policy Researcher, WSK Consultancy, Lusaka, Zambia*

10:50–11:00	**Willingness and Capacity to Relocate under Climate Stress: Financial Resources, Age and Place Attachment in a Bulgarian Pilot Study - Assoc. Prof. Kamelia Petkova, PhD; Dr Markus Kaiser**, *Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, BAS; higher education and development cooperation*
11:00–11:15	**Coffee Break**
SESSION II. DEEP-DIVE INTO SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTARIUM RELATED TO CLIMATE MIGRATION	
11:15–11:25	**Humanitarian Solidarity and Perceived Threats: Attitudes toward Climate Migrants in a Bulgarian Pilot Study - Prof. Rumyana Zheleva, DSc; Nadejda Miteva-Voinschi, PhD student,** *Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, BAS*
11:25–11:35	**Climate Migration in Sub-Saharan Africa - Assoc. Prof. Milena Angelova, PhD; Assoc. Prof. Teodor Detchev, PhD; Rossitsa Steliyanova, PhD student,** *Economic Research Institute, BAS; Academy of National and Information Security*
11:35–11:45	**Global Claims, Local Evidence: The Empirical Base of Climate Migration Research - Assoc. Prof. Petia Branzova, PhD; Chief Assist. Prof. Atanas V. Pavlov, PhD,** *Economic Research Institute, BAS*
11:45–11:55	**Internal climate migration – an up-to-date assessment of its scope and socio-economic consequences through the prism of Sub-Saharan Africa and the Sahel - Assoc. Prof. Teodor Detchev, PhD; Rossitsa Steliyanova, PhD student**, *Academy of National and Information Security; Economic Research Institute, BAS*
11:55–12:05	**Preliminary Assessment of the Precipitation Regime in the Western and Central Sahel (1951–2025) in Relation to Climate-Induced Migration - Assoc. Prof. Hristo Chervenkov, PhD and Assoc. Prof. Teodor Detchev, PhD**, *National Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology (NIMH), Bulgaria; Academy of National and Information Security*
12:05–12:30	**Concluding Discussion and Closing Remarks - Prof. Rumyana Zheleva,** *Team Leader*, *Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, BAS* **and Assoc. Prof. Petia Branzova, PhD,** *Leader WP7, Economic Research Institute, BAS*