

Women in Refugee Law (WiRL) 2024/25 public seminar series Seminar Three: Climate Change, Displacement and Gender

Date: **Monday 28 October 2024**

Platform: Zoom to be recorded (link to be circulated after registration)

The United Nations estimates that 80% of people who are displaced by the impact of climate change are women. Climate change not only affects where people live; it can exacerbate existing gender inequalities and expose women to increased risks such as SGBV. In this panel discussion we consider some of the ways that climate change specifically affects women and reflect on ways this is being addressed in refugee law, policy and practice.

Agenda

3.00 Welcome to WiRL's public seminar series (5 mins)

WiRL Convener: **Moira Dustin**, Lecturer in Law, University of Sussex

3.05 Introductory remarks (5 mins)

Chair: **Seyran Khalili**, Climate Lead, New Women Connectors

3.10 Panel (10-15 mins each)

Alice Farmer, Fellow at the Centre for Advanced Study in the Behavioural Sciences, Stanford University. To discuss building women's resiliency in climate adaptation strategies

Kate Jastram, Sérgio Vieira de Mello Chair of International Refugee Law, University of California College of the Law, San Francisco; Director of Policy & Advocacy, Center for Gender & Refugee Studies. To discuss the use of existing refugee and human rights law for cross-border climate displacement. To discuss the use of existing refugee and human rights law for cross-border climate displacement.

Bushra Ali Khan, Managing Editor at The Migration News and Behavioural Journalism Fellow at The Atlas of Behaviour Change in Development. To discuss the urgent need for India to revise its laws for climate refugees.

3.45 Q&A

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