



Africa at the intersection of Climate, Migration & Health challenges

GAPSYM17

28-29 November 2024

De Krook - Miriam Makebaplein 1 – Ghent

Programme

Thursday 28 November 2024

8h00-9h00 Registration and coffee

9h00-9h30 Opening and words of welcome by the presidents of the Africa Platform and co-organisers



9h30-11h00 Individual Oral Presentations - Session One (6 slots)

	Session 1A - Moderator: [Zaal De Blauwe Vogel]	Session 1B - Moderator: Birgit Kerstens & Céline Delacroix [Zaal Vos & Haas] Answer Panel - Strengthening SRHR in Africa amid Climate Change: A Review of Research and Innovative Approaches
9h30	Climate change inducing female migration: An empirical study of the Tunisian case <i>Marwa Neji (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>	Speaker 1
9h45	Climate change and sexual and reproductive health and rights research in low-and middle-income countries: a scoping review <i>Malachi Ochieng Arunda (Karolinska Institutet, Sweden)</i>	Speaker 2
10h00	The impact of climate change on gender-based violence and gender equity <i>Tomiwa Temitayo Fapohunda (University of the Western Cape, South Africa) – online</i>	Speaker 3
10h15	Gendering climate-related security risks in Eastern DRC: social cohesion, embodied knowledges and resilience practices <i>Maria Martin de Almagro Iniesta (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>	Speaker 4
10h30	Climate vulnerability and child health outcomes in developing countries: Do women's political empowerment and female education make the difference? <i>Suzie Imelda Foudjo (University of Yaoundé II, Cameroon) – online</i>	Speaker 5
10h45	When Borders Become Barriers: Improving Healthcare Access for Migrants in Africa <i>Taofeekat Adigun (University of Sheffield, UK)</i>	Discussion



11h00-11h30 Coffee break

11h30-12h30 Keynote lecture by Houriiyah Tegally (Centre for Epidemic Response and Innovation (CERI) at Stellenbosch University) & Guy Midgley (Director of the School for Climate Studies and the Center for Invasion Biology, Stellenbosch University): *Human/ecological perspectives on climate change impacts and adaptation in Africa*

12h30-14h00 Lunch break

13h00-14h00 Africa Forum – General Assembly of the Africa Platform (for UGent staff)

14h00-15h30 Individual Oral Presentations - Session Two (6 slots)

	Session 2A - Moderator: [Zaal De Blauwe Vogel]	Session 2B - Moderator: [Zaal Vos & Haas]
14h00	Health Care Worker perceptions of the effects of heat on their well-being, performance, quality of care, and current and future heat exposure adaptations in two healthcare facilities in Tshwane, South Africa <i>Pascalie Munyewende (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa)</i> - online	Through the Lens of International Media: A Critical Analysis on Climate Migration Discourse in Africa <i>Triantafyllos Gkaragkanis (Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania)</i>
14h15	The Impact of Climate Change on Children in Primary Health Care in Isiolo County, Northern Kenya <i>Beatrice Muhu (Stellenbosch University, South Africa)</i> - online	Perspectives from Literature: Intersectionality and Climate Justice in (East) Africa Wambua Muindi (University of Nairobi, Kenya) - online
14h30	Mental Health and Psychosocial Well-being in Disaster Preparedness and Response Planning- Migrants and Mainstream Communities	Migration et écologie dans l'œuvre d'In Koli Jean Bofane <i>Sara Buekens (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>



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	<i>Nidhi Nagabhatla (UNU-CRIS, Belgium)</i>	
14h45	<p>Navigating Change: Exploring the Role of Climate Change in Migratory Decision Making, and Mental Health in the Democratic Republic of Congo</p> <p><i>Ananya Bhaktaram (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA) - online</i></p>	<p>Whence Unhealthy Informal Sector? Forced Migration and Squalor Markets in the Cities of South-West, Nigeria</p> <p><i>Temitope Bello (Kola Daisi University, Nigeria) - online</i></p>
15h00	<p>Migration and primary health care in sub-Saharan Africa: a scoping review</p> <p><i>Christian L. Lokotola (Stellenbosch University, South Africa) - online</i></p>	<p>Migrants' right to health in Morocco: will and reality</p> <p><i>Oumaima Ramdani (Mohammed V University, Morocco) - online</i></p>
15h15	<p>One nexus in service of another? The interplay between the climate-migration-health nexus and the planetary health, climate, and care ethics nexus</p> <p><i>Lategan Laetus (Central University of Technology, South Africa) - online</i></p>	<p>Intersectionality and Clean Energy Transition among the Aged: An analysis of access and Use</p> <p><i>Clement Oteng (University of Cape Coast, Ghana) - online</i></p>

15h30-16h00 Coffee Break

16h00-17h30 Individual Oral Presentations - Session Three (6 slots)



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	Session 3A - Moderator: [Zaal De Blauwe Vogel]	Session 3B - Moderator: [Zaal Vos & Haas]
16h00	Unraveling Involuntary Immobility: the Association between Unfulfilled Migration aspirations and Subjective Well-Being Among Young Adults in Senegal <i>Charlotte Scheerens (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>	Investigating rainfall and rainfall extremes over Ethiopia using high-resolution climate models <i>Bert Van Schaeybroeck (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>
16h15	Impact of climate change-induced migration on the health and well-being of pastoralist migrant communities in Kenya <i>Fredrick Okaka (Moi University, Kenya)</i>	The effect of the flood in Durban on the residents due to climate change <i>Juliet Nwakaego Nwachkwu (University of the Western Cape) – online</i>
16h30	Navigating the 'Back Way': Understanding young Gambians' irregular migration in the face of societal pressures <i>Fatoumata Sawo (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>	Spatio-temporal groundwater recharge estimation of Mount Guna, Northwest Ethiopia <i>Adugnaw Birhanu Zegeye (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>
16h45	Retain factors and staying preferences in climate-vulnerable West Africa <i>Els Bekaert (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>	Groundwater recharge and water table response to seasonal variability in diverse physiographic settings: The case of a semi-humid river catchment, northwestern highlands of Ethiopia <i>Alemu Yenehun Beyene (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>
17h00	Parental Migration and Behavioral Outcomes of Children left behind in Ethiopia <i>Getnet Tesfaw Demsie (Wollo University, Ethiopia) – online</i>	Natural and anthropogenic influences on groundwater resources of Mekelle city, North Ethiopia <i>Kaleab Adhena Abera (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>



17h15	Involuntary immobility and life (dis)satisfaction: Exploring the impact of unfulfilled migration aspirations among young adults in Asia and Africa <i>Nicolás Caso Castellón (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>	
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19h30-21h00 Ghent University Nelson Mandela Lecture, with Gulshan Khan and Adriaan van Dis, moderated by journalist Bart Luirink – with opening by UGent vicerector Mieke Van Herreweghe

21h00-23h00 Launch of Gulshan Khan's picture exhibition + reception



Friday 29 November 2024

9h00-11h00

Individual Oral Presentations - Session Four (8 slots)

	Session 4A - Moderator: [Zaal De Blauwe Vogel]	Session 4B - Moderator: [Zaal Vos & Haas]
9h00	The UGent Congo Basin forest Centre of Excellence: integrated ecosystem research in the heart of the Congo basin <i>Pascal Boeckx (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>	Being CLEAR about the Climate-Migration-Health nexus: introducing climate research at UGent <i>Kwinten Van Weverberg (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>
9h15	La forêt classée d'Amou-Mono, sous l'influence des activités anthropiques et du changements climatiques au Togo <i>Bruno Kokou (University of Lomé, Togo) - online</i>	Prevalence of floods and landslides and their impact on human settlements in Elgeyo Marakwet County, Kenya <i>Gladys Chelagat Biwott (Moi University, Kenya) - online</i>
9h30	The TREE4FLUX Project: Monitoring woody productivity and respiration to track Congo Basin Forest Carbon Dynamics <i>Pauline Hicter (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>	Drinking water treatments on trial <i>Femke Maes (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>
9h45	Bottom-up versus top-down national carbon fluxes of African rainforest countries <i>William Verbiest (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>	The Climate, Water and Migration Nexus: The impact of climate change and water security on migration trends and health in southern Africa <i>Sithabile Hlahla (University of Cape Town, South Africa) - online</i>
10h00	Protecting an artificial savanna as a nature-based solution to restore carbon and biodiversity in the Democratic Republic of the Congo	Modelling drought displacement in Africa



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	<i>Brice Yannick Djioufack (Ghent University)</i>	<i>Robert Oakes (United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security, Belgium)</i>
10h15	Regards croisés sur la gouvernance climatique dans la Région des Grands Lacs: défis, perspectives et approche pédagogique <i>Nguweneza Espoir B. Rwakira (ISP Bukavu, DRC) – online</i>	West African Fishing Communities' Mobility Response to Climate Anomalies <i>Kikè Yra Fonton (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>
10h30	Untangling forest history in the Central Congo basin through fossil charcoal analysis <i>Sheria Kadorho (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>	Irrigation as a mitigator for migratory aspirations following drought <i>Alix Debray (Ghent University, Belgium)</i>
10h45	Light-demanding canopy species are no indicators of past human disturbance in the Yangambi rainforest (Democratic Republic of the Congo) <i>Nestor Luambua Kashikija (University of Kisangani, DRC) – in French</i>	Effet de la vulnérabilité du système sanitaire au changement climatique sur la migration : une évidence des économies de l'Afrique Subsaharienne <i>Komlan Olakossan Gbegnon (Université de Kara, Togo) – online</i>

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Coffee Break

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Keynote Lecture by Leander Kandilige (Centre for Migration Studies, University of Ghana): *Odd bedfellows or conjoined twins? Migration and health linkages in a*

12h30-13h30

Lunch Break



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Individual Oral Presentations - Session Five (8 slots)

	Session 5A - Moderator: [Zaal De Blauwe Vogel]	Session 5B - Moderator: [Zaal Vos & Haas]
13h30	<p>Landscapes of conflict: Analyzing environmental and geophysical impacts in the Lake Kivu region <i>Ivan Lizaga (Ghent University, Belgium)</i></p>	<p>Causes and effects of rural-urban migration in Ethiopia: Child migration from Wag Hemra Zone under spotlight <i>Aschalew Abeje (Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia) - online</i></p>
13h45	<p>Loss and Damage: Insights from the Ruzizi Plain, Burundi <i>Tomas Van Acker (Ghent University, Belgium)</i></p>	<p>Impact de l'interaction transferts de fonds des migrants et changements climatiques sur la production agricole soutenable en Afrique subsaharienne <i>Christian Ndzie Omgba (Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal) - online</i></p>
14h00	<p>Climate change and conflict: Using space technologies to build resilience <i>Elizaveta Barabanova et. al. (University of Milan, Italy)</i></p>	<p>Examining the Consequences of Sudanese Refugee Migration on Healthcare and the Environment in Benshangl Gumiz since 2023 <i>Tadie Degie Yigzaw (Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia) - online</i></p>
14h15	<p>Post Malabo CAADP Agenda Towards Eradicating Hunger in Africa: An Overview <i>Chibuzor Charles Ubah (UNU-CRIS, Belgium)</i></p>	<p>The Tail End of Migration: Assessing the Climate Resilience of Migrant Households in East Africa <i>Ann-Christine Link et. al. (Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany)</i></p>
14h30	<p>Policy Framing in the Context of Climate-Influenced Migration and Mobility: A Comprehensive Review Abstract <i>Solomon Abebe (Joint Labour Migration Programme, ILO - Addis Abeba) - online</i></p>	<p>Rural-Urban Migration Enigma in South Africa: Key Trends and Issues <i>Daniel Nkosinathi Mlambo (Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa)</i></p>



14h45	<p>Integrating Climate Change Adaptation and Migration Management Strategies in Nyanga district-ward 15 and 16, Zimbabwe <i>Chamunorwa Huni (University of the Western Cape, South Africa)</i> - online</p>	<p>The Role of Indigenous Communities in Combatting Climate Change <i>Lindsay Maasdorp & Stanley Ehiane (University of South Africa, South Africa)</i> - online</p>
15h00	<p>The Global Gateway towards a Resilient Development-Migration-Climate Nexus. Literature Review and Policy Implications <i>Daniele Bregoli (Maastricht University, the Netherlands)</i></p>	<p>Land Use Change and the Socio Economic Challenges of Rural People in Case of Dembecha Zuria Woreda, West Gojam Zone, Amhara, Ethiopia <i>Tsegaye Eskezia Almaw (Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia)</i> - online</p>
15h15	<p>Improving the Implementation of E-Government Services in Nigeria: An Organizational Development Perspective <i>Henry Ejike Akwuebu (University of South Africa)</i> - online</p>	<p>Embracing Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Approaches to Address Climate Change. Case Study: Kairouan region Tunisia <i>Khaoula Charrek (Ghent University, Belgium)</i></p>

15h30-16h00 Coffee Break

16h00-17h30 Documentary screening: *Sculpting this Earth* - <https://sculptingthisearthfilm.com/>

17h30-18h00 Closing