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Title: **Population and Environmental Induced Migration**

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In Africa, population migrating from rural areas to cities from time immemorial are common because of household food insecurity. Poor families are ill-equipped to respond to the shorter growing season caused by climate change and the breakdown in infrastructure. The movement of able bodied youths to major cities in most African big cities has caused huge population growth. Unemployment statistics has been rising, living condition has been deteriorating so people have to look elsewhere in search of economic opportunities. In addition, for those countries that depend more on crude oil proceeds, the dwindling returns from sale of the product have reduced income and created high unemployment rates which makes able bodies people to search for employment in developed countries.

Resources inequalities play a crucial role with regard to the capacities and willingness of authorities to support those who are affected by the dislocation of economic structure that support stability of the economy. The most affected are the youths who are left to fetch for whatever will make them live a better life. The living conditions of some people are appalling to the extent that they will do anything to find a better place to have happy life.

The objective of this session will be to consider papers that focus on the state of affairs of the origin countries and whether the authorities have been sensitive to the inequality and livelihood of the people. It will also be interesting to note if the youths who may be willing to migrate possess the basic qualification to secure employment lawfully or illegally? And whether they have the capacities to make the decision. The workshop will explore how differences in endowment and environmental influence can be addressed in order to formulate policies to reduce inequality, provide incentive and opportunities in order to make all stakeholders to be better off.

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