



JOURNALIST TRAINING

Narratives on climate change and migration

1-3 July 2026 | ICIMOD Headquarters, Kathmandu, Nepal

AGENDA

DAY 1 | 1 July 2026, Wednesday

Time	Programme	Speaker/Moderator
08:30–09:00	Travel from hotel to ICIMOD	
09:00–09:30	Registration with tea/coffee	
09:30–10:20	Welcome by moderator (5 minutes) Welcome remarks (5 minutes) Introduction to ICIMOD's Resilient Economies and Landscapes portfolio and SUCCESS/CLAPs project (20 minutes) Keynote address: Outreach of Climate Information: From Risks to Resilience (15 mins)	Barsha Rani Gurung , Communications Officer, ICIMOD Shekhar Ghimire , Director, Administration, Finance and Operations, ICIMOD Amina Maharjan , Senior Livelihood and Migration Specialist, Intervention Manager – Foresight, ICIMOD Maheshwar Dhakal , Senior Joint Secretary and Chief, Climate Change Management Division, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Nepal
10:20–10:40	Tea break and group photo (5 mins)	
10:40–10:45	Briefing: ICIMOD safeguarding policy (5 mins)	Simran Silpakar , Gender equality and social inclusion analyst, ICIMOD
10:45–10:50	Briefing: ICIMOD safety and security (5 mins)	Dambar Bahadur Giri , Senior Administrative Associate, Liaison and Security, Administration and Finance
10:50–10:55	Overview of the training (5 mins)	Reetika Revathy Subramanian , Senior Research Associate, University of East Anglia
10:55–11:15	Migration Mic Participants share <u>one</u> select story that they reported on climate/migration (3 participants; 3 mins each)	Barsha Rani Gurung , Communications Officer, ICIMOD
11:15–12:45	Panel discussion and Q&A Beyond the Headlines: Rethinking climate mobility in South Asia (1 hour 30 mins)	Session Moderator: Reetika Revathy Subramanian , Senior Research Associate, University of East Anglia Panellists: Amina Maharjan , Senior Livelihood and Migration Specialist, ICIMOD Chandni Singh (virtual), Lead & Associate Professor, School of Environment & Sustainability, Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) Tasneem Siddiqui , Executive Director, Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) Anuradha Nagaraj , Independent journalist and Co-founder, The Migration Story

12:45 – 13:45	Lunch break	
13:45 – 14:00	Migration Mic Participants share <u>one</u> select story that they reported on climate/migration (3 participants; 3 mins each)	Nihal Ranjit , Senior Research Associate, Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS)
14:00-15:00	Participatory Workshop: Words Matter: Reporting climate mobility accurately (1 hour)	Sofia Juliet Rajan , Word Lab, Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS)
15:00 – 15:20	Tea/Coffee Break	
15:20-15:35	Migration Mic Participants share <u>one</u> select story that they reported on climate/migration (3 participants; 3 mins each)	Barsha Rani Gurung , Communications Officer, ICIMOD
15:35-17:00	Panel session: From evidence to policy: Who shapes climate mobility narratives? (1 hour 35 mins)	Session Moderator: Amina Maharjan , Senior Livelihood and Migration Specialist, ICIMOD Panellists: Ganesh Gurung , Founding chairperson, Nepal Institute of Development Studies (NIDS) Nepal Liby T. Johnson , Executive Director, Gram Vikas Chowdhury Rafiqul Abrar , Founder and Executive Director, Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) Manuela Di Mauro , Head of Climate Adaptation Research, Research and Evidence, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

DAY 2 | 2 July 2026, Thursday

Time	Programme	Speaker/Moderator
9:15 – 9:30	Keynote address: The important intermediaries bridging researchers, communities and decision makers to support evidence-based policies (10 mins) Introduction to Day 2 (5 mins)	Manuela Di Mauro , Head of Climate Adaptation Research, FCDO Reetika Revathy Subramanian , Senior Research Associate, University of East Anglia
9:30 – 9:45	Migration Mic Participants share <u>one</u> select story that they reported on climate/migration (3 participants; 3 mins each)	Nihal Ranjit , Senior Research Associate, Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS)

9:45-11:00	Panel discussion (life stories) Roots and Routes: Stories of movement, staying, and adaptation (40 mins + 20 mins Q&A)	Session Moderator: Binaya Pasakhala, Environment, social and governance specialist, ICIMOD Panellists: Tasneem Siddiqui, Executive Director, Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) Tashi Paldon (virtual), Research Associate, Royal Thimphu College (RTC) Shobhana Gurung Pradhan, Country Director, Nepal & Regional Director-South Asia, BBC Media Action Benoy Peter, Executive Director, Centre for Migration and Inclusive Development (CMID)
11:00 – 11:15	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:15-11:30	Migration Mic Participants share <u>one</u> select story that they reported on climate/migration (3 participants; 3 mins each)	Sofia Juliet Rajan, Word Lab, Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS)
11:45- 13:00	The Hot Seat: Reporting climate mobility across South Asia (1 hour 15 mins)	Session Moderator: Barsha Rani Gurung, Communications Officer, ICIMOD Panellists: Anuradha Nagaraj, Independent journalist and Co-founder, The Migration Story Roman Gautam, Editor, Himal Southasian Hom Karki, Investigative Journalist, Kantipur Media Group Zofeen Ebrahim (virtual), Independent freelance journalist
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-14.15	Migration Mic Participants share <u>one</u> select story that they reported on climate/migration (3 participants; 3 mins each)	Nihal Ranjit, Senior Research Associate, Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS)
14:15 – 15:00	Gender, inequality, and climate mobility (45 mins)	Nitya Rao (virtual), Professor, Gender and Development, University of East Anglia Simran Silpakar, Gender equality and social inclusion analyst, ICIMOD
15:00-15:15	Tea/coffee break	
15:15-15:25	Migration Mic: Participants share <u>one</u> select story that they reported on climate/migration	Reetika Revathy Subramanian, Senior Research Associate, University of East Anglia

	(3 participants; 3 mins each)	
15:25-17:15	Hands on workshop and panel discussion Seeing climate mobility: Visual storytelling beyond crisis imagery (1 hour 50 mins)	Session facilitators: Yashodara Udupa, Media Lab, IIHS Sofia Juliet Rajan, Word Lab, IIHS Panellists: Yashodara Udupa, Media Lab, IIHS Anik Rahman, Photojournalist, Bangladesh Tulsi Rauniyar, Photojournalist, Nepal Saffron O'Neill (virtual), Co-director, C3DS (Centre for Climate Communication and Data Science) and Professor, Climate & Society, Geography, University of Exeter

DAY 3 | 3 July 2026, Friday

Time	Programme	Speaker/Moderator
9:05-9:20	Keynote address: Shaping discourse on contentious issues (10 mins) Introduction to Day 3 (5 mins)	Chowdhury Rafiqul Abrar, founder and executive director, Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) Barsha Rani Gurung, Communications Officer, ICIMOD
9:20-9:30	Migration Mic Participants share <u>one</u> select story that they reported on climate/migration (3 participants; 3 mins each)	Reetika Revathy Subramanian , Senior Research Associate, University of East Anglia
9:30-10:30	Presentations Reading the media: How climate mobility is framed across South Asia India – (10 mins) Nepal – (10 mins) Bhutan – (10 mins) Q&A (25 mins)	Session moderator: Reetika Revathy Subramanian, Senior Research Associate, University of East Anglia Nihal Ranjit, Senior Research Associate, Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) Anusha Khanal and Barsha Rani Gurung, ICIMOD Pallavi Majumdar, Professor of Journalism & Media Studies, Royal Thimphu College
10:30-10:40	Presentation Making sense of the numbers: Data, evidence, and climate stories (Part 1) ICIMOD Regional Database System and Regional Information Service (7 mins + 3 mins Q&A)	Session moderator: Barsha Rani Gurung, Communications Officer, ICIMOD Bikram Shakya, Geospatial Application Development Analyst
10:40-10:55	Tea Break	

10:55- 13:00	Making sense of the numbers: Data, evidence, and climate stories (Part 2: Hands-on workshop) (2 hours)	Yan Naung Oak (virtual), Founder, Thibi
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:10	Migration Mic: Participants share <u>one</u> select story that they reported on climate/migration (3 participants; 3 mins each)	Nihal Ranjit , Senior Research Associate, Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS)
14:15-15:15	Story Pitch Lab: Pitching nuanced climate mobility stories How it works (1 hour) Context setting (5 mins) What is a good pitch? (10 mins) Divide into pairs. Each pair brainstorms and develops: • One potential story idea • 150-word pitch • A list of sources (key interviewees) • Data source • Visual elements • Any missing pieces to the puzzle • Ethical risks/Potential biases • Publications/Media outlets to pitch to Each pair creates a slide for the story idea (total 2-3 slides) Encourage: • Avoiding “crisis-only” narratives • Including adaptation or agency • Integrating gender or intersectional analysis	Session Lead: Anuradha Nagaraj, Co-founder, The Migration Story Facilitators/note takers: Anusha Khanal Barsha Rani Gurung Reetika Revathy Subramanian Sofia Juliet Rajan
15:15-15:30	Working tea break	
15:30 -16:30	Story pitch Lab: Pitch clinic and editorial feedback CONTINUED (1 hour) Each pair/group presents their story pitches to the larger group (3 mins elevator pitch per pair): - Presentation of pitches - Feedback from senior journalists and editors - Q&A and discussion/ feedback for each group (things done well, ideas for	Editorial Feedback: Anuradha Nagaraj , Co-founder, Migration Story Roman Gautam , Editor, Himal Southasian Anik Rahman , photojournalist Benoy Peter , Executive Director, Centre for Migration and Inclusive Development (CMID) Zofeen Ebrahim (virtual), Independent freelance journalist



	further development/ gaps/ challenges, etc.)	
16:30- 16:45	Closing session Certificate distribution Closing remarks	Session moderator: Barsha Rani Gurung, Communications Officer, ICIMOD Tasneem Siddiqui, Executive Director, Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU)