

# GREAT DECISIONS

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## Topic 8: Climate change, environmental degradation, and migration

### Acronyms and abbreviations

**CO<sub>2</sub>**- Carbon Dioxide.

**ICRC**- International Committee of the Red Cross.

**IOM**- International Organization for Migration.

**IPCC**- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

**SLR**- Sea-level rise.

**UHI**- Urban Heat Island.

**UN**- United Nations.

**UNFCCC**- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

**UNHCR**- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

### Glossary

**Displacement**- When people are forced to leave their homes suddenly with little choice otherwise.

**Migration**- Measured process of leaving one's home over a longer period of time. Controlled, not sudden.

**RAND Corporation**- American nonprofit global think tank providing research and analysis.

**Slow onset events**- Climate-change-related slow trends (recurring droughts or floods, rising sea levels).

**Sudden onset events**- Climate change-related sudden disasters (wildfire, Cat 5 hurricane, etc.).