

# Environment and Migration: Overview of linkages in North Africa, current research projects and preliminary results

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## Environmental migration

- Evidence?
- Very hard to draw a clear relationship.
- Other factors interfering
- Debate about environmental migration.
- Sensitivity of the issue

# **Environmental Change and Forced Migration Scenarios (EACH-FOR)**

- **Objectives**
- **Goals**
- **Methods**
- **Regions and case studies**
- **Consortium members**



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- ***Expert group meeting (Spring 2008)***
  - ***Summer Academy (Summer 2008)***
  - **International Conference on  
Environment, Forced Migration and  
Social Vulnerability - EFMSV (Autumn  
2008)**

# **Sub-package Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region**

- **Countries (Egypt - Morocco - Turkey)**
- **Desertification and water shortage (common factors)**
- **Northern Africa: arid region**
- **Egypt: Water shortage and soil degradation**
- **Morocco: a drought in one out of every 3 years over the past century. Agricultural losses in 1992, 1995 and 1997.**
- **Turkey: Human induced soil degradation**

## **Sub-package Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region (cont.)**

- **Two main regions of destination for labour migrants from MENA countries: Europe and Arab Gulf Countries.**
- **Poor data on internal migration or local displacement.**
- **Egypt: Rather temporary migration (both types are encouraged by government)**
- **Morocco: Migration backs to the colonial era (1912 - 1956), mainly to France**
- **Turkey: 1960s migration to WE, 2002, 3.6 million emigrants, 3.1 million in Europe.**

## **The case study Egypt**

- **Agro-ecological zones in Egypt:**
  - Nile Valley, Nile Delta, Newly Reclaimed Desert Lands, North Coastal Zone, Inland Sinai and the Eastern Desert, and Western Desert.**
- **Regions covered in the field:**
  - Nile Valley, Nile Delta, Nely Reclaimed Desert Lands, Cairo slums.**
- **Internal rather than international environment induced migration**

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape, likely in Egypt, showing a dirt road winding through a field of palm trees and other vegetation. The image is in black and white and serves as a background for the text.

## **The case study Egypt (main outcomes)**

- **Role of land ownership.**
- **Role of livelihood possibilities.**
- **Role of means of migration in moving internally and internationally.**
- **Role of other push/pull factors in Egypt and hosting countries respct.**



A photograph of a lush green field with palm trees and buildings in the background. The field is filled with tall green grass and some purple flowers in the foreground. In the background, there are several palm trees and some buildings, including a large yellow one. The sky is overcast.

**Thank you for your kind attention**

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