Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is CMARN?

CMARN is the Climate Mobility Africa Research Network. It was established in November 2021 with the following objectives:

- To **promote and facilitate critical and independent research** on law and policy responses to disaster and climate change-related human mobility in Africa, including as recommended by the 'Research Agenda for Advancing Law and Policy Responses to Displacement and Migration in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change' (the main output of the Virtual Workshop Series);
- To **foster collaboration between researchers and policy experts** with the goal of supporting evidence-based development and implementation of law and policy responses to displacement and migration in the context of disasters and climate change; and
- To **develop knowledge and capacity among researchers** in and from Africa on these issues, including early career researchers.

2. What is 'climate mobility'?

'Climate mobility' refers to all forms of human mobility that occur in the context of natural hazards, disasters, environmental degradation and climate change. These include : (forced) displacement, (voluntary) migration, planned relocation and evacuations. CMARN aims to advance research relating to law and policy responses to climate mobility in Africa. Relevant law and policy responses include continental, regional and national frameworks in fields such as climate change, disaster risk management, migration, free movement of persons, transhumance, human rights, refugee protection, IDP protection and planned relocation.

3. How was CMARN established?

CMARN was established following the Virtual Workshop Series on Developing a Research and Policy Agenda for Addressing Displacement and Migration in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change in Africa, which took place from April to July 2021, as a platform for further collaboration between participants in the Virtual Workshop Series and others working on this issue.

4. Is CMARN bi-lingual?

Yes, CMARN is run in English and French. Interpretation will be provided for all core CMARN events (see Q. 13).

5. How is CMARN managed?

Administrator

Day-to-day management of CMARN will be provided by a part-time **Administrator**. The Administrator will process applications to join the network, manage the network's email and other communications and provide logistical support for core CMARN events.

- Questions regarding CMARN should be directed to the Administrator at cmarnetwork@gmail.com.

Overall leadership of CMARN is provided by a **Steering Group** of researchers with expertise in one or more aspects of displacement and migration in the context of disasters and climate change in Africa. The Steering Group is responsible for overall leadership and coordination of core CMARN activities. The members of the Steering Group are:

- Dr Nicodemus Nyandiko, Masinde Muliro University of Science & Technology, Kenya (Co-Chair)
- Dr Tamara Wood, Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law UNSW, Australia (Co-Chair)
- Professor Edwin Abuya, University of Nairobi, Kenya
- Dr Oluwatoyin Adejonwo-Osho, University of Lagos, Nigeria
- Dr Annette Akoth, Masinde Muliro University of Science & Technology, Kenya
- Professor Ademola Jegede, University of Venda, South Africa
- Dr Cheikh Tidiane Wade, Assane Seck University, Senegal
- Dr Caroline Zickgraf, Hugo Observatory, University of Liège, Belgium
- Christina Daszkiewicz, IOM (observer)

6. Who can join?

Members of CMARN

The following individuals are invited to join as **Members** of CMARN:

- Individual researchers (including early career or postgraduate researchers), practitioners or policy experts (including policy makers, government representatives and members of civil society organisations) working in fields relating to displacement and migration in the context of disasters and climate change in Africa.

Relevant fields include (but are not limited to): climate change, disaster risk management, migration, free movement of persons, transhumance, human rights, refugee protection, IDP protection and planned relocation.

Friends of CMARN

Those interested in joining CMARN but who do not meet the criteria above (including institutions and individuals working in/on other regions) are invited to join as **Friends** of CMARN.

7. What are the benefits of being a 'Member' of CMARN?

As a **Member** of CMARN, you can:

- Join CMARN events (see Q. 13) including bi-monthly webinars and networking events, and the CMARN annual research-policy roundtable;

- Network with other researchers, practitioners and policy experts via CMARN events and the CMARN email list;
- Share research, resources and opportunities with members of the network via CMARN events and the CMARN email list; and
- Receive regular communications about research, resources and opportunities relating to displacement and migration in the context of disasters and climate change in Africa.

Members of CMARN are encouraged to generate their own events and collaborations and to publicise these within the network.

8. What are the benefits of being a 'Friend' of CMARN?

As a **Friend** of CMARN, you can:

- Share research, resources and opportunities with members of the network via the CMARN email list (please email the CMARN Administrator at cmarnetwork@gmail.com if you wish to share something);
- Receive bi-annual updates from CMARN about the network's activities and about research relating to displacement and migration in the context of disasters and climate change in Africa; and
- Join public events held by CMARN.

9. How do I join?

To apply to join as a **Member** or **Friend** of CMARN, please complete the application form here. Your application will be forwarded to the CMARN Administrator for approval.

10. Is there a joining fee?

No, it is free to join as a Member or Friend of CMARN.

11. I don't work in/on Africa, but I would love to learn more. Can I join?

If you are interested in the work of CMARN but not directly working in/on Africa, you can join as a **Friend** of the Network.

12. My institution/organisation would like to join. Is this possible?

Your institution/organisation can join as a **Friend** of the Network.

13. Will CMARN hold any virtual events in 2022?

Yes! The core CMARN events for 2022 are set out below. The 2022 CMARN events schedule will also be shared by email with Members upon joining CMARN.

DATE	CMARN Event	
Tuesday 25 January 2022	Meeting 1	First hour – webinar

		Second hour – networking
Tuesday 29 March 2022	Meeting 2	First hour – webinar
		Second hour – networking
Tuesday 24 May 2022	Meeting 3	First hour – webinar
		Second hour – networking
Tuesday 26 July 2022	Meeting 4	First hour – webinar
		Second hour – networking
Tuesday 27 September 2022	Meeting 5	First hour – webinar
		Second hour – networking
October 2022	Research-Policy Roundtable	
Tuesday 29 November 2022	Meeting 6	First hour – webinar
		Second hour – networking

14. Are all of CMARN's events virtual? Does CMARN ever meet in person?

In 2022, all core CMARN events will be virtual due to COVID-19 travel and related restrictions. We hope to offer in-person events in the future. Members of CMARN are welcome to use the CMARN email list to arrange their own in-person networking or other events with other members of the network.

15. Do you provide interpretation for CMARN events?

English–French interpretation will be provided for all core CMARN events in 2022 (see Q. 13). We are unable to provide interpretation for any additional events or activities organized by CMARN Members.

16. How does CMARN support researchers?

CMARN provides a platform for Researchers to learn, develop their networks, share resources and opportunities, collaborate and build their own capacity. CMARN does not provide direct financial support to researchers or for research activities.

17. Does CMARN provide research funding or employment?

No, CMARN does not provide research funding or employment.