

Climate Mobility Innovation Lab

Asia and the Pacific



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Over the past month, IOM's Climate Mobility Innovation Lab (CMIL) for Asia and the Pacific has continued to make significant strides in advancing climate action and addressing climate mobility challenges across the region. CMIL co-organised and participated in a series of events that strengthened its partnerships with key stakeholders—including the Stoic Foundation, the Pacific Community (SPC), and the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN). This month's newsletter also highlights a major milestone: the national launch of the Climate Catalytic Fund (CCF) in Jakarta, Indonesia, co-organised with KADIN.

Climate Catalytic Fund (CCF) – Call for Applications Now Open in Fiji

In late September, IOM Indonesia co-organized a national symposium in Jakarta to officially launch the Climate Catalytic Fund (CCF). The event brought together 85 representatives from the Indonesian government, private sector, international organizations, and civil society to introduce the Fund—designed to mobilize small, fast, match-funded grants that translate data-driven risk insights into local-level adaptation. This launch follows the Memorandum of Understanding signed with KADIN in August 2025 and marks a significant milestone in strengthening multi-stakeholder partnerships to address climate change and mobility in Indonesia, while unlocking much-needed private capital for local adaptation efforts.

In his keynote address, KADIN Chairman Anindya Novyan Bakrie highlighted the private sector's critical role in addressing the challenge of climate-induced displacement. IOM Indonesia Chief of Mission, Jeffrey Labovitz, echoed this sentiment, stressing the need for partnerships with the business community to mobilize climate adaptation financing and ensure investments are directed towards sustainable and resilient solutions.

Dr Suryani Sidik Motik, Vice Chairperson for Social Affairs and Disaster Management of KADIN, serves as a member of CMIL's Regional Innovation Committee offering technical expertise, supporting development of innovative solutions and providing strategic oversight.



Climate Catalytic Fund (CCF) – Call for Applications Now Open in Fiji

Since the launch of the Climate Catalytic Fund (CCF), CMIL has witnessed tremendous interest across the region. We thank all applicants from **Indonesia** for their overwhelming response; the application window for projects in the Regencies of Aceh Timur, Bandung, and Bandung Barat, and the City of Makassar is now closed.

Building on this momentum, the Fund continues to invite potential applicants from the **Provinces of Catanduanes and Rizal in the Philippines** to apply for grants of up to USD 25,000. The Fund supports quick-impact projects aimed at strengthening local resilience, reducing climate displacement risks, and enhancing adaptation to climate change.

Applicants from the Philippines are advised to seize this opportunity ! All eligible applicants are strongly encouraged to finalize their applications.

To learn more and apply, please visit iom.int/ccf.

For inquiries or collaboration opportunities, including providing matching funds, contact CCF-AP@iom.int.

Deadline for applications **in the Philippines: 24 October 2025, 23:59 (GMT+7)**.

Forging Private Sector Partnerships on Climate Data and Finance

Building on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed at the Regional Symposium for Climate Displacement in June 2025 between CMIL and the Stoic Foundation, CMIL convened a strategic dialogue at IOM's office in Bangkok to explore opportunities for deepening this partnership — both with the Stoic Foundation and its partner organizations, Uptoeath GmbH and We2Sure. The discussion focused on enhancing the resolution and granularity of climate risk maps, strengthening spatial understanding of hazard exposure, and improving the quality and accessibility of data available for planning and action — all of which are essential for fostering smarter, data-driven climate mobility responses.

The dialogue also explored collaboration opportunities in scaling up CMIL-AP's Climate Catalytic Fund (CCF) and advancing its Nature-based Solutions (NbS) portfolio. Among other topics, participants discussed the potential to develop a project pipeline of bankable and investment-ready initiatives, both at the local level and for larger NbS projects, as well as approaches to connect these with private sector funders within the Stoic Foundation's and other partners' networks.

CMIL looks forward to continuing this partnership and, as the project pipelines mature and a proof of concept emerges, to presenting them to partners and investors to identify concrete opportunities for collaboration, scaling, and financing. This effort aligns with IOM's broader ambition to engage more closely with the private sector to leverage expert insights and unlock additional sources of funding for addressing climate mobility.



A productive meeting between CMIL and partners from Stoic Foundation, Uptoeath GmbH, and We2Sure at IOM Thailand to deepen collaboration on climate-mobility innovation and finance.

Scaling Up Nature-Based Solutions with a Climate Mobility Lens

CMIL, in collaboration with experts on nature-based solutions (NbS), is exploring the intersection between NbS and climate mobility to develop practical outputs — including a conceptual study, project pipeline, analytical tools, and guidance for small-scale finance mechanisms. The primary objective is to understand how NbS can be leveraged to achieve positive migration outcomes, such as reducing the likelihood of climate-induced displacement, while addressing a critical gap in the literature examining the link between NbS and climate mobility.

The initiative is structured around four main components:

1. **Conceptual Study** – establishing the link between NbS and climate mobility, especially in terms of identifying when and how NbS can lead to positive migration outcomes;
2. **Project Pipeline** – identifying medium- and large-scale NbS projects that meet the criteria established in the conceptual study and exploring innovative ways to identify climate finance for the project;
3. **Analytics** – conducting natural capital assessments, modelling and assessing potential to contribute to standard and bespoke metrics such as 'avoided displacement'; and
4. **Guidance** – providing practical direction for implementing small-scale, locally led NbS projects through the Climate Catalytic Fund.

Launching the CMIL-AP's youth engagement initiative for climate mobility

In its forward planning, CMIL has officially launched a new initiative on youth engagement to address climate mobility. At this inception phase, CMIL will conduct a scoping assessment to map and evaluate the current state of youth engagement in the region. It will also organize national and regional youth consultation sessions to identify young people's specific needs—particularly in relation to climate mobility—and explore ways in which CMIL can support youth-led climate initiatives that cultivate the next generation of climate mobility leaders.

The findings and recommendations from this process will inform an upcoming roadmap consolidating key insights, good practices, and strategic directions for CMIL's work with youth on climate mobility, including ways to bridge youth action with private sector engagement. The initiative will start in Hong Kong and is expected to expand successfully across the region.

Summary of Activities

Hong Kong SAR, China | 11 September | Shared insights on the strategic implications of climate-induced displacement for human security and the critical need for downscaled climate science during ReThink HK 2025's session on climate risk management, reinforcing CMIL's value in integrating scientific insights with cross-sectoral urban resilience planning.

Thailand | 30 September | Shared insights on the private sector's role in financing local climate adaptation programmes at an Asian Development Bank (ADB) side event during the APAN Forum, which led to a follow-up meeting to explore deeper collaboration on climate mobility.

Thailand | 1 October | Shared insights on CMIL's flagship tools at the Stronger Together in a Hotter World roundtable, highlighting ongoing efforts to integrate heat maps into the RICD's risk modelling to pave the way for new partnerships on heat resilience.

Fiji | October 2025 | Met with key regional partners, including the Pacific Community (SPC), to align priorities and ensure the Risk Index for Climate Displacement (RICD) is impactful and grounded in Pacific realities.

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IOM's [Climate Mobility Innovation Labs \(CMIL\)](#) across Asia-Pacific, Africa, and the Mediterranean serve as dynamic hubs for innovation, capacity strengthening, and collaboration. By prioritising scalable solutions and meaningful community engagement, CMIL empowers communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change and respond to the challenges of climate mobility. Globally, CMIL initiatives play a vital role in advancing evidence-based, community-led action for resilient and sustainable futures. CMIL's work includes:

- [Risk Index for Climate Displacement \(RICD\)](#) - a decision support tool co-created by CMIL, in collaboration with a broad network of government, scientific, academic, and other partners in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Pacific.
- [Climate Catalytic Fund \(CCF\)](#) - a blended finance mechanism, that mobilizes rapid and flexible match-funded grants to translate data-driven risk insights from the RICD into concrete, locally-led adaptation action.

CMIL welcomes partners to contribute their expertise, resources, and influence to our mission—whether through technical assistance, financial support, or advocacy. Join us at cmil-ap@iom.int.



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