

International School on **CLIMATE MOBILITIES**

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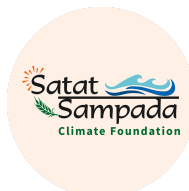


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About the ISCM.

Unpacking climate-related (im)mobilities in the 21st century

Delivering an enriching, interdisciplinary educational program, the ISCM equips curious and change-driven scholars, researchers and practitioners with the tools needed to critically analyze the complexities of climate-induced displacement as they interact with development challenges and barriers to rights-based protection. By unpacking the many nuances of problematizing climate-related mobilities across disciplines and geographies, the ISCM provides a dialogical forum for co-knowledge production across historical, political, sociological, legal and developmental perspectives in furtherance of creating durable, needs-responsive and sustainable solutions.

Uniquely, the ISCM places compounding threats to the livelihoods, wellbeing, rights, and lives of those most vulnerable to environmental change at its center. Granting particular attention to underlying conditions of marginality that render women and girls, racialized, minority, Indigenous groups and economically disenfranchised persons highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, the ISCM brings researchers, advocates and experts together to research and collaborate towards the advancement of a more environmentally just world.

The International School on Climate Mobilities responds to gaps in teaching and thinking on climate-related (im)mobilities and equips future leaders with insights into varied perspectives and approaches dealing with the complexity of the climate change-migration nexus that might inform their own future research and considerations for policy and planning responses, as well as protection agendas.

Mission

Established in 2022, the mission of the International School on Climate Mobilities is to connect and engage emerging scholars, practitioners and change-makers in critical knowledge exchange and to equip them with tools to advance timely, creative, cross-sectoral and just solutions to the climate change, environment and (im)mobilities nexus.

Objectives

- To facilitate an educational forum for critical dialogue, evidence-based learning and solutions-driven engagement
- To embolden the knowledge and approaches taken by emerging scholars as they grapple with the nuances of climate-related (im)mobilities
- To advance research around the climate-mobility nexus
- To expand the network of educated scholars and practitioners contributing research to and advocating in the climate mobility space

2026 ISCM Programme.

May - July 2026

In its fifth year, the International School on Climate Mobilities brought **111 participants** – students, academics and practitioners from **51 countries** around the world – together with more than **36 visiting experts** to engage in enriching online lectures and rigorous seminars over the course of the eight-week summer school. Placing climate justice at the centre of our program, each week we unpacked and built upon topical themes related to climate mobility throughout the lecture and seminar sessions. ISCM participants had the opportunity to connect with, learn from and alongside their peers and visiting experts and to engage with tough questions, contribute their insights and expertise and draw on relevant experiences from their research and work.

Week Zero | Introduction to the ISCM

Week One | Multiple and Complex Drivers and Agency in Climate-related (Im)Mobilities

Week Two | Environmental (Im)Mobilities, Health, Food and Livelihood Security

Week Three | Unpacking Coloniality, Gender, Race, Class, Indigeneity and Climate-Related Displacement

Week Four | Climate Mobility, Human Rights and Refugee Law, Human Rights and Refugee Law

Week Five | From Structural Violence to 'Resource Wars': The Climate Change, Conflict and Displacement Nexus

Week Six | Building Resilience in the Context of Environmental (Im)Mobilities: Mitigating Risks, Enhancing Adaptive Capacity and Addressing Loss & Damage

Closing Week | Reflect on radical (re)imaganiation, participant's portfolio and action planning



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Lecture & Seminar sessions

Each week, we covered topical themes with a lecture session on Mondays. All lecture sessions concluded with a Q&A, where participants had the opportunity to ask questions and share their ideas and reflections.

Corresponding and rigorous seminar sessions followed lectures on Wednesdays. To accommodate our global cohort, three parallel seminar sessions were offered each week across different time zones. Each week, we were joined by different renowned visiting seminar convenors who guided us to unpack the weekly theme by curating a dialogical forum for scholastic engagement. Through large and small group discussions and brainstorming activities, participants engaged in co-producing new knowledge, drawing on examples from their work and presented case studies and to drive inquisitive and explorative conversations.

Situated Inquiry & Reflective Action Portfolio

Throughout the ISCM, participants developed a portfolio that documented their learning, reflections, and engagement with course topics. Through weekly assignments, participants connected programme concepts to their own experiences, research interests, professional practice, and communities. The portfolio encouraged critical reflection on positionality, accountability, and knowledge production, valuing lived experience and creativity alongside academic and policy perspectives. It culminated in a final reflection and an action plan outlining how participants will apply ISCM insights in their future work, research, advocacy, or community engagement, and selected reflection pieces will be published on the BCC website.

Side-Event Worldmaking in Motion: Mapping Climate Mobility Injustice

In the build up the launch of the ISCM, an interactive workshop was co-convened by Beyond Climate Collaborative (BCC) and the Othering & Belonging Institute at UC Berkeley. The session explored how global power structures, historical inequalities, and political-economic systems shape climate- and environmental-related (im)mobilities. Using mapping as both an analytical and creative tool, participants examined links between carbon emissions, climate vulnerability, migration, extraction, finance, and food systems to identify patterns of climate injustice. Through collaborative discussions and mapping exercises, the workshop encouraged critical reflection on structural drivers of climate mobility and invited participants to envision more just and equitable futures grounded in solidarity, care, and shared responsibility.

2026 ISCM Programme.

Visiting Experts

Week 0 Introduction and Keynote

Keynote: **Colette Pichon Battle**, Taproot Earth

Week 1

Lecturers

Dina Ionesco, UNHCR

Dr. Elizabeth Ferris, Georgetown University

Salote Soqo, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

Seminar Convenors

Madhurima Majumder, Wageningen University

Lauren Grant, BCC

Dr. Erica Bower, Human Rights Watch

Week 2

Lecturers

Hossein Ayazi, Othering & Belonging Institute (OBI), UC Berkeley

Dr. Lucy Szaboova, University of Vienna

Seminar Convenors

Ann-Christine Link, Heidelberg University & UNU-EHS

Dr. Megan A. Carney, University of Arizona

Dr. David Wrathall, Oregon State University

Week 3

Lecturers

Dr. Lily Yumagulova, Preparing Our Home

Dr. Hanne Wiegel, RESAMA

Dr. Veronika Triariyani Kanem, Univeristy of Auckland & UnionAID

Seminar Convenors

Ropate Kama, Fijian artist

Daniella Otte, BCC

Daniela Alba, Politics4Her & SJES

Dr Mimi Sheller, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Week 4

Lecturers

Atle Solberg, Platform on Disaster Displacement

Dr. Camila Bustos, Pace University

Seminar Convenors

Yumna Kamel, Earth Refuge

Linda T Gordon, Human Rights Center, UC Berkeley

Dr. Gabriela Nalvia Melilo BCC (CLIP), Covington & Burling,

Week 5

Lecturers

Dr Alice Baillat Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)

Nnimmo Bassey, Health of Mother Earth Foundation

Innocent Musore, GER-Rwanda

Seminar Convenors

Erin Thomas, ICAAD

Dr. Jasmin Lilian Diab, Lebanese American Université

Prof Zeinab Shuker, Sam Houston State University

Week 6

Lecturers

Dr. Jola Ajibade, Emory University

Harjeet Singh, Satat Sampada Climate Foundation

Dr. Jessica Brunacini, Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve

Seminar Convenors

Hafij Khan, Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism (WM)

Dr. Yvonne Su York University

Dr. Annah Piggat-McKellar Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

2026 ISCM Programme.

Speaker Institutions: Highlights

Universities & Research Institutes

- Center for Regional Food Studies, University of Arizona
- Elisabeth Haub School of Law, Pace University
- Emory University
- Environmental Policy Group (ENP), Wageningen University
- Human Rights Center, UC Berkeley
- Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University
- Institute for Migration Studies, Lebanese American University
- Oregon State University
- Othering & Belonging Institute (OBI), UC Berkeley
- Queensland University of Technology (QUT) South American Network for Environmental Migration (RESAMA)
- Sam Houston State University, Texas
- The Global School, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- University of Auckland
- University of Exeter
- UNU-EHS: The Environment and Migration: Interactions and Choices (EMIC) Division
- Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve

Civil Society & International Organisations

- Taproot Earth
- Earth Refuge
- Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism (WM)
- Human Right's Watch
- ICAAD (International Center for Advocates Against Discrimination)
- Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)
- GER-Rwanda
- Health of Mother Earth Foundation
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Preparing Our Home
- Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD)
- Politics4Her
- Satat Sampada Climate Foundation
- UNHCHR
- Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)
- UnionAID

2026 Feedback Results.

Collection of Results



2026 Feedback Evaluation Survey

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When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

Thank you for participating at the ISCM this year!



We believe that - thanks to all of you! - the ISCM provided an enriching forum for scholastic debate, dialogue and critical engagement this year. We have tremendously enjoyed learning from and alongside each of you over the past seven-weeks and want to thank you for your time and curiosity, as well as your devotion to the cause, the planet and her people. We sincerely hope you have enjoyed the course, too!

In order to ensure the ISCM maintains a high standard of integrity, rigor and engagement, we greatly appreciate your feedback. Your feedback and reflections shared on this form help us to shape, strengthen and evolve the ISCM to be the most enriching program it can be in the future. Please respond to each of the prompts provided in the survey with your honest reflections and to the best of your ability. We appreciate your time, insights and recommendations in advance.

As educational spaces on climate-related (im)mobilities are limited, we want to flag that your feedback is useful to our team at Beyond Climate Collaborative, serving as guidance for our educational programming within the Climate Mobility Justice Academy (CMJA), as well as our network-building initiatives. This is your chance to let us know your thoughts, wishes and visions as a future leader and change-maker in this space. Your voice matters in shaping the future of our programming and the landscape of opportunities we offer in the climate mobility and environmental justice space.

A form was shared with all participants of the 2026 ISCM program.

Participants were encouraged to share their feedback as a condition for receiving a Certificate of Completion for the course. The survey collected feedback regarding each participants' overall experience, learning and engaging throughout the summer school, and demographic data and visions for future iterations of the ISCM.

76 responses were collected.

2026 Feedback Results.

Average rating on overall experience



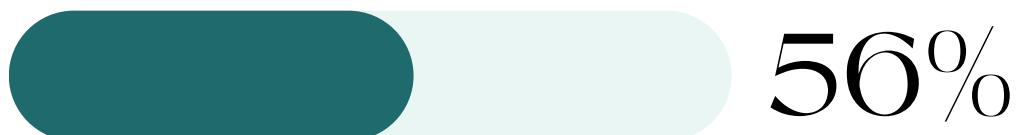
Average rating on overall accessibility of the ISCM



Average rating of likeliness to recommend the ISCM to others



Average rating of prior understanding of climate mobility



Average rating of understanding of climate mobility after the ISCM

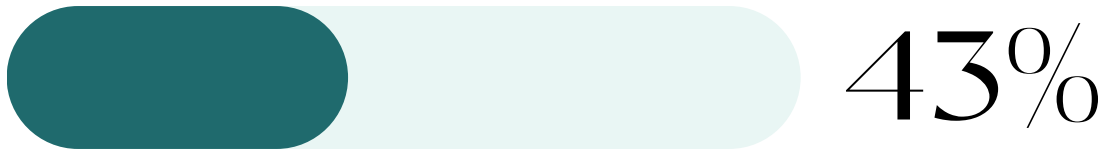


Our Applicants.

Enrollement Data

We welcomed **111 participants** this year at the ISCM, after receiving **261 applications**.

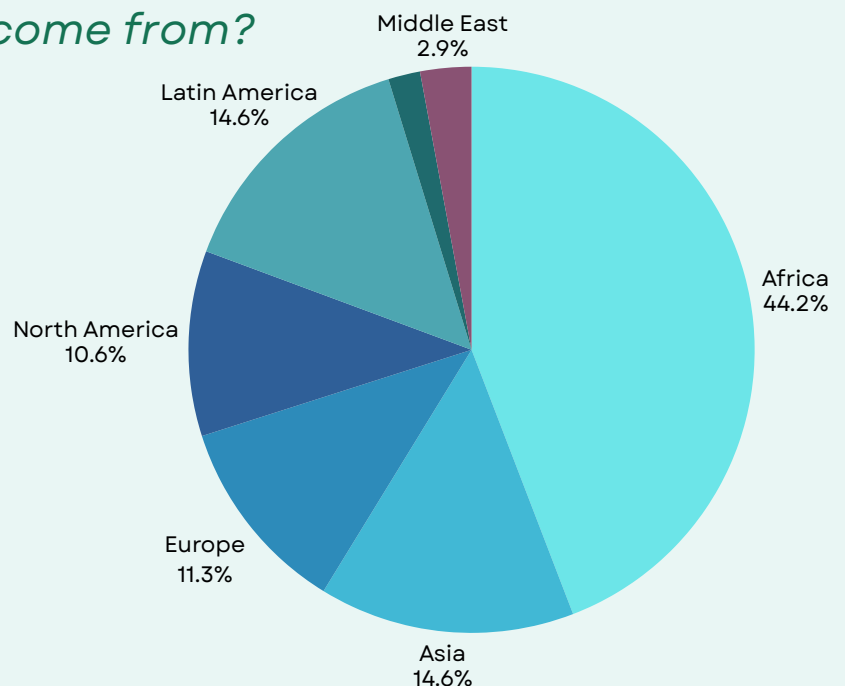
Our 2026 Acceptance Rate



Where do our applicants come from?

Our applicants come from a range of countries, disciplines and professions.

Out of our 260+ applicants, the three most represented countries of origin were USA, Kenya, and India, with 26, 25, and 21 applicants, respectively. Other countries strongly represented in the applicant pool included Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Somalia and Brazil



Top academic disciplines of our applicants



1. Law
2. Development studies & development practice
3. Public health
4. Community-based practice & community development
5. Environmental science & environmental studies
6. Public policy & governance
7. Humanitarian action & protection practice
8. Disaster risk reduction & disaster management
9. Urban & regional planning
10. Geospatial analysis, GIS & remote sensing
11. Agriculture
12. Political science & political sociology
13. Migration studies
14. Anthropology

Participant Data.

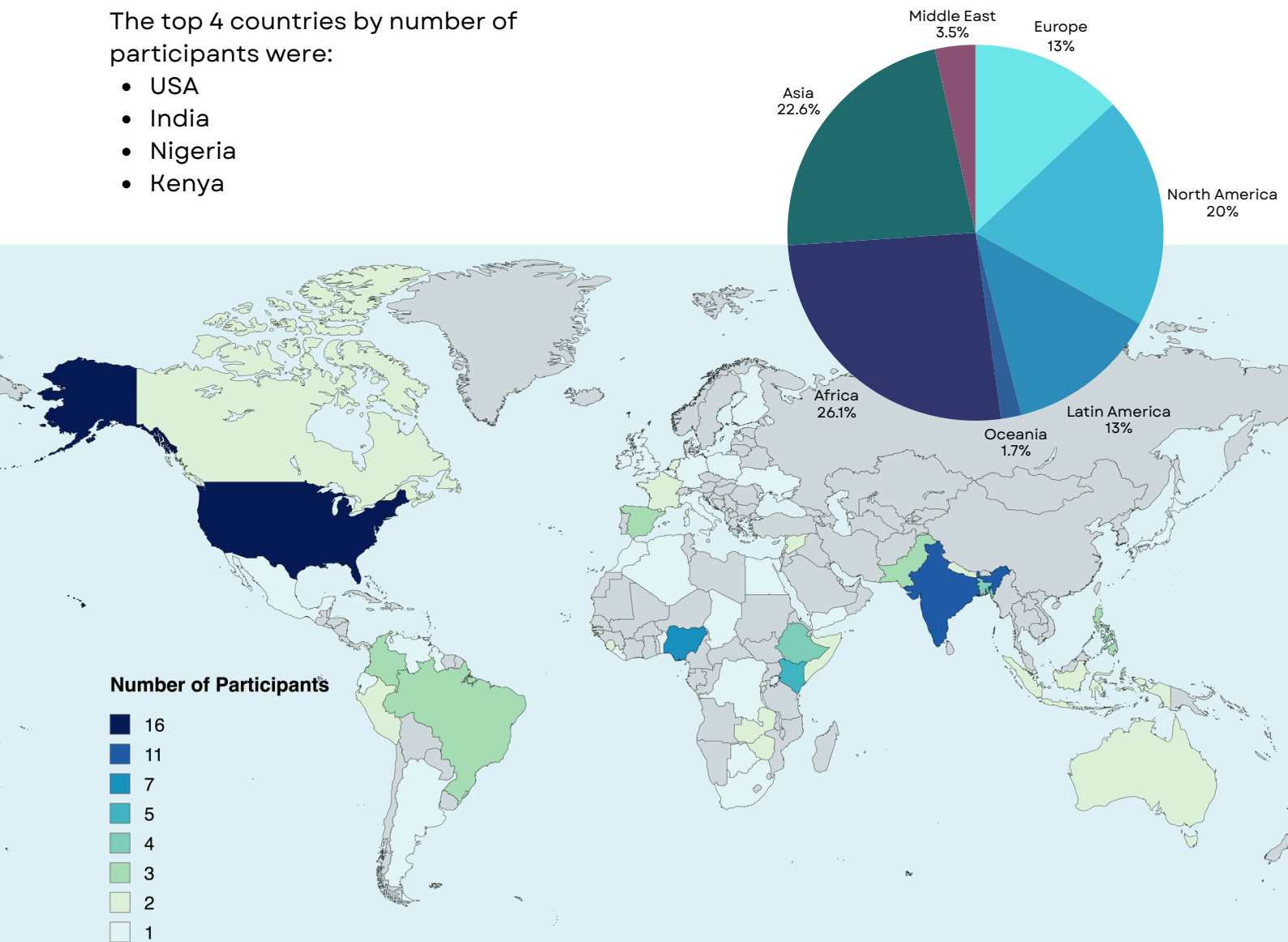
Meet our participants!

In 2026, our participants came from **51 countries**.

While ISCM Participants joined lecture and seminar session from around the world, Individuals located in **Africa, Asia and North America** comprised the majority.

The top 4 countries by number of participants were:

- USA
- India
- Nigeria
- Kenya



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Participant Institutions Highlights

Civil Society & International Organisations

- 805 Undocufund
- African Union
- Alliance for Climate Justice and Clean Energy (ACJCE)
- Creatives for Climate
- FAO Nepal
- Heinrich Böll Foundation
- IOM Egypt & Solomon Islands
- Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA)
- Politics4Her
- Rwanda Sustainable Environment Youth Initiative
- UNHCR Syria
- Women in Migration Network
- World Future Council
- YOUNGO

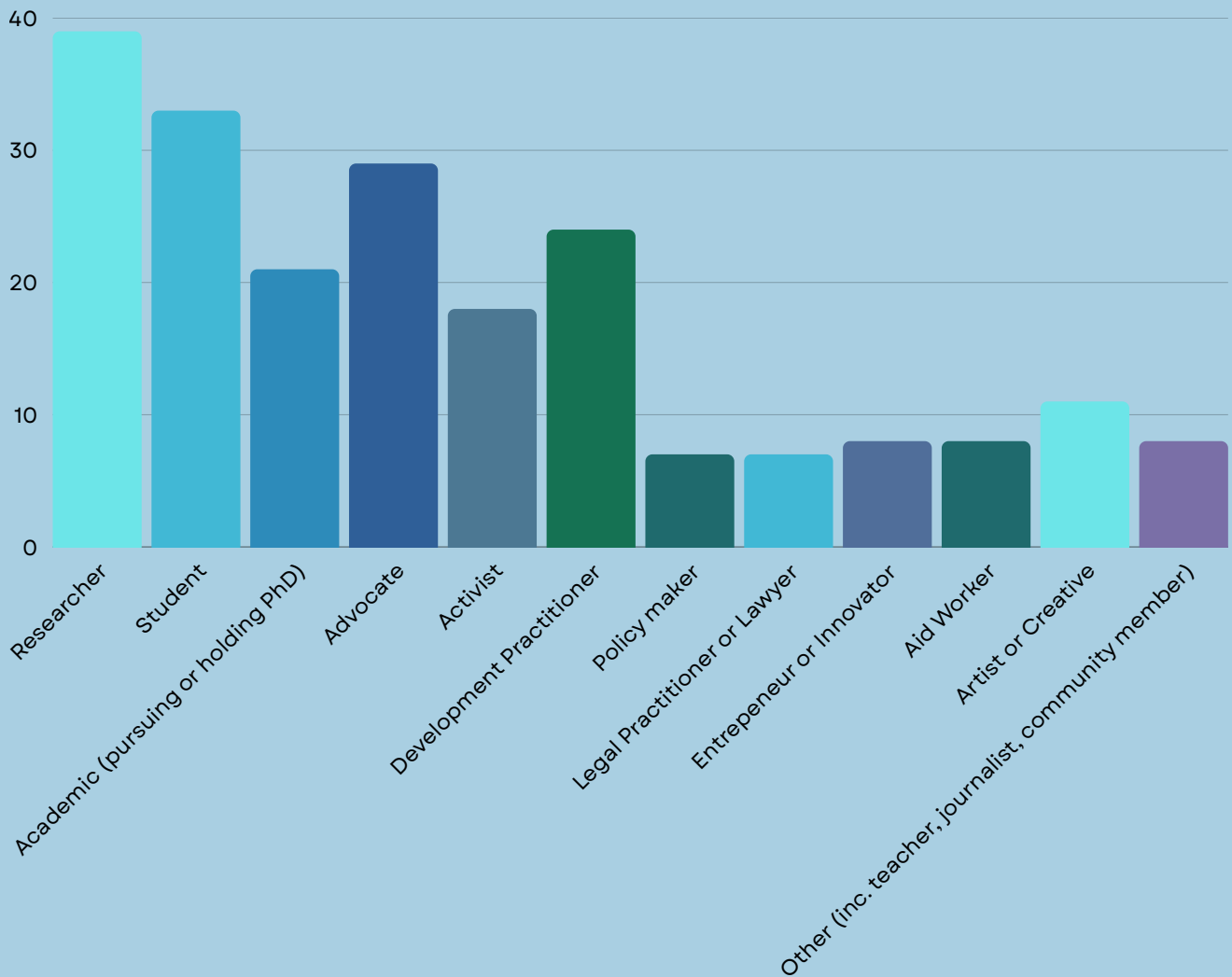
Universities & Research Institutes

- CERDA (Center of Expertise on the Physical Health and Well-Being of Refugees and Asylum Seekers)
- Chatham House
- Emory University
- Environment & Climate Mobilities Network (ECMN)
- International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD)
- Middle East Research Network on Internal Displacement (MERNID)
- SOAS University of London
- UC Berkeley
- Universidad de los Andes
- University of Cambridge

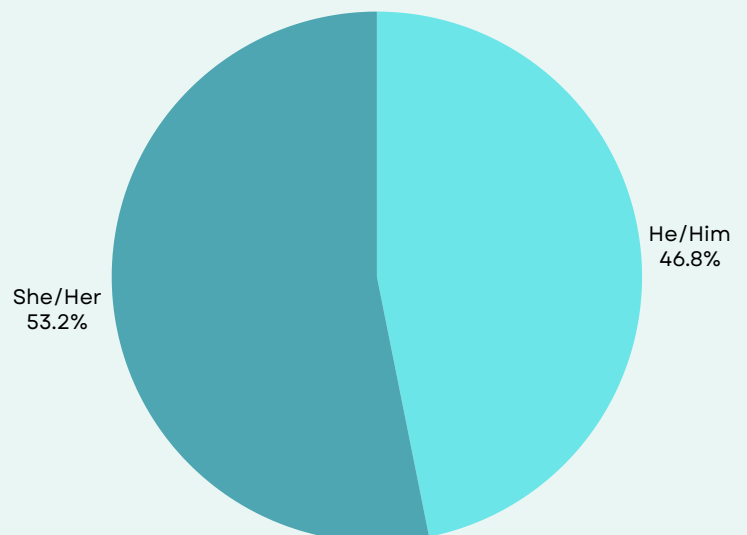
Participant Data.

Demographics

Occupational Profile



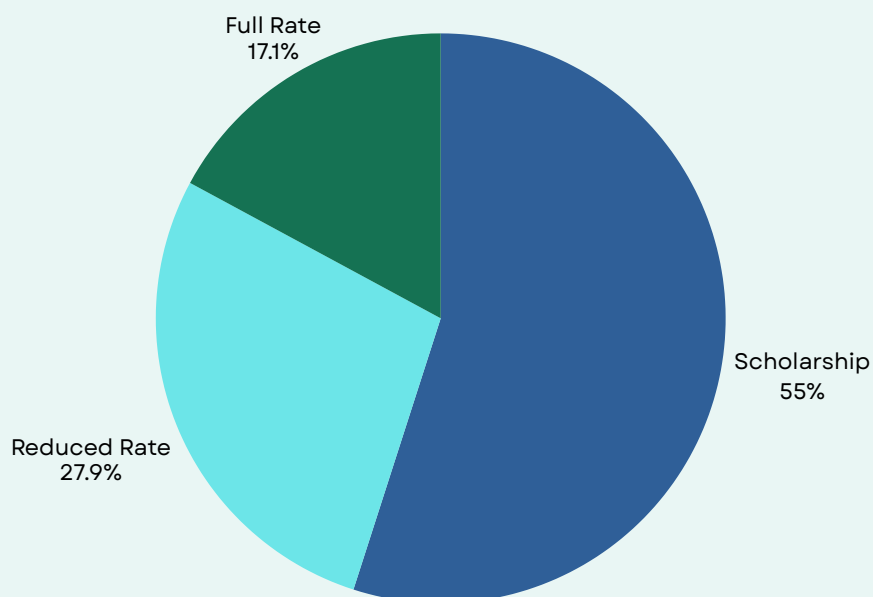
Pronouns and Gender Identity



Participant Data.

Sponsorship Data

Fee Profiles

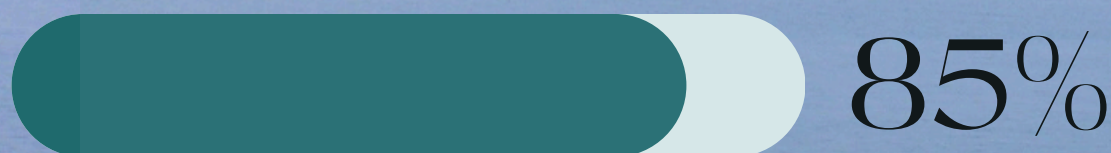


The ISCM 2026 sponsorship data reflects our commitment to accessibility and inclusivity. This year, **92 sponsorships (83%) were awarded** across two categories: Full Scholarships (Full fee waived) and Reduced Rates, ensuring that financial constraints are not a barrier to participation.

85% of applicants requested fee assistance. This underscores the crucial role of the sponsorship program in promoting an international and diverse attendee base, supporting emerging voices from a broad range of socioeconomic backgrounds.

To ensure the long-term sustainability of this impact, continued external funding and sponsorships will be essential.

Financial Support Requests Supported



of the requests for aid out of 261 applications



Motivations for participating.

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The ISCM has been one of the most enriching learning experiences of my career. Coming from a climate-vulnerable fishing community in Kerala and working on climate mobility research, the program helped me connect my lived experience with global perspectives, interdisciplinary scholarship, and policy debates. I particularly valued learning from experts and participants from diverse regions, which challenged my thinking and expanded my understanding of climate mobility justice. The course strengthened my research, introduced me to new ideas and networks, and reinforced my commitment to producing community-centered, policy-relevant research that supports climate-affected populations.

-Job Rajayyan, India

All of the 111 participants who attended the ISCM in 2026 demonstrated a profound understanding of and deep curiosity towards the crucial role that knowledge - the need for its co-production, exchange and evolution - plays in shaping how we unpack climate related (im) mobilities in the 21st century.

The most common motivations for participation were:



Knowledge exchange for the planet & her people

Desire to advance, co-produce and exchange knowledge through diverse, intersectional, cross-sectoral and multidisciplinary approaches to the nuances of (im)mobility in the context of climate change; keen to understand research gaps and pathways for shaping effective policy, advocacy and solutions-oriented measures in furtherance of mitigating risks, protection, sustainable development and environmental justice



Lived-experiences of climate-related loss

Desire to embolden knowledge and become equipped with skills to understand and respond to environmental and related crises as they are impacting and altering the social, cultural, economic and political fabrics of participants' homes, families, communities and countries



Professional development for current & future work

Keenness to participate in order to advance current or intended research activities, practical streams of work, advocacy and activism on related topics; desire to develop knowledge and skills that align with career trajectories; aims to incorporate climate mobility within curriculum, research projects and the workplans and programmes of participant affiliations; interest to locate new pathways to become involved in or delve deeper into work on climate mobility; eagerness to advance contributions to research publications on climate mobility and to influence policy developments on the topic



Network-building for collaboration

Eagerness to build relationships with other scholars, advocates and practitioners working on the issue of climate mobility in order to engage in collaborative work, forge partnerships and inspire dynamic, creative solutions; desire to feel connected with like-minded change-makers



Transformational change for large-scale impact

Concerns about the dire and burgeoning challenges that climate change is posing around the world, and particularly, their uneven effects; frustrations around the shortcomings of law and policy frameworks across scales and geographies to adequately address the challenges and opportunities of climate mobility through the lenses of justice; desire to transform research and praxis to better serve humanity and the planet



Visions for a more just & sustainable future for all

Energized and change-charged passion to contribute to making the world a more just, equitable and sustainable place for all; the future of all life on earth, in dignity

Impact.

Through written responses on the Feedback Evaluation Survey and verbal reflections shared during an optional end-of-school round-table event where participants had the opportunity to provide feedback, many expressed how participation at the ISCM has benefitted them.

The most common impacts mentioned were:



Expanding diverse networks & growing the climate mobility community

Gratitude for the rich, diverse, multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral network of students, recent graduates, academics, practitioners and advocates that was formed through programme participation



Inspiring career development & pathways on climate mobility

Inspirations for new and developing career trajectories which place particular focus on climate mobility and introduce the topic within existing streams of work



Advancing climate mobility research

Intentions to incorporate knowledge exchanged, perspectives and approaches shared at the ISCM within current and future research projects, including postgraduate dissertations and doctoral research



Developing new curriculum and educational opportunities on climate mobility

Aims to introduce climate mobility into respective teaching engagements, including new courses on the topic within participant universities and institutions



Forging collaborations in the climate mobility sector

Plans to collaborate with fellow participants, visiting experts and their affiliations on research projects, joint-publications and advocacy work on climate mobility

ISCM was a wonderful learning experience. Weekly lectures and seminars were an absolute joy to learn from my fellowmates of ISCM. Different perspectives, lived realities from different parts of the globe, and heated discussions around everything related to climate mobilities together made this course a worthy platform to learn, unlearn and relearn many things. Listening and learning from experts during the seminars, weekly assignments and discussions during the seminar together made this course both interactive and self-reflexive. Being in the field, collecting data alone, for me, ISCM's weekly meetings were so precious, as it was the only option where I met people outside my field and could interact. Beyond learning and meaningful engagements, ISCM was a perfect companion for my solitude here.

-Manjusha A

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Testimonials.



The ISCM experience surprised me, but it turned out to be exactly what I needed. It gave me a completely new perspective on climate mobility while also prompting a broader reflection on my own place within the community of sustainability professionals. What I appreciated most was the approach of critical learning through art, which encouraged us to explore climate mobility beyond intellectual level. Bringing together insights from diverse fields challenged my assumptions, broadened my thinking, and showed me the value of interdisciplinary dialogue in addressing complex sustainability issues. It was both intellectually stimulating and personally transformative.-

-Anonymous Participant

For me, ISCM wasn't just about understanding climate (im)mobility, it was about becoming a more reflective practitioner. The programme reminded me that environmental challenges rarely have simple explanations, and that meaningful practice begins with curiosity, humility, and a willingness to embrace complexity. I leave not with all the answers, but with better questions, and I think that's one of the most valuable outcomes I could have hoped for.

-Muhammad Muakhkhir Putra, Indonesia

Thank you again to all the organizing team, these past few weeks have been life changing to say the least. Every session has given me hope and wanting to collaborate with actors from all around the world as to make real changes in today's society.

-Anonymous Participant

ISCM has been an enlightening and deeply affirming experience. I am grateful to have been part of the 2026 cohort and a community committed to climate mobility justice. After experiencing spaces where my voice was dismissed, I began to lose confidence in my ability to contribute beyond teaching. ISCM reminded me that my knowledge, experiences, and voice have value. It strengthened my commitment to advocate alongside communities whose lived experiences are often overlooked in decision-making. I now feel inspired to bridge education and advocacy, helping others speak up, participate, and be seen, heard, and acknowledged.

-Neysa Foy Gabriel, Atlanta USA

ISCM opened my eyes to issues I was not even aware of before. It made me realize how important peoples' agency are in climate mobility, and how this topic is under-reported or shrugged off in our community. It made me ask more questions as time passed by and changed my perspective on how to appreciate climate mobility or immobility.

-Anonymous Participant

The journey with ISCM has been both amazing and inspiring. I've learned a great deal about climate mobilities and immobilities around the world. As we wrapped up the program, I realised how little I knew about the topic. Throughout the program, I explored many dimensions of climate mobility; some were heavy on the heart, while others offered hope. I also unlearned a lot along the way. I am especially glad that I had the opportunity to share some stories from India, drawn from the communities I have engaged with. These stories deserved an audience, and they couldn't have asked for a better one than the passionate cohort brought together by ISCM.

-Meet Kumar, India

I had a wonderful time with the ISCM! The lectures, readings, and seminars expanded my worldview and gave me whole new bodies of literature to dive into. I really appreciate how ISCM felt like an opening of a grand door to many worlds, and feel I am more prepared than I was before the dive into the work of climate migration.

-Anonymous participant



TEAM

The ISCM is made possible by the hard work and devotion of several members of the Beyond Climate Collaborative team. The programme is founded by [Lauren Grant](#), who currently serves as Academic Director and Lead Instructor, and Programme Director [Daniella Otte](#).

GET IN TOUCH

Want to learn more about the ISCM or discuss opportunities to get involved? Kindly get in touch.

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