

# planning for climate change-induced resettlement

Sinking small island nations across the Pacific present one of the most dramatic scenarios caused by climate change. As the entire population of Kiribati anticipates mass migration, sea level rise is expected to further inundate communities across the globe. How can we learn from these small island nations to plan for climate change-induced resettlement in the future?



“migration with dignity”

“this is our last resort, there’s no way out of this one. our people will have to move as the tides have reached our homes and villages” - anote tong, president of kiribati

## an adaptive governance framework

one

Allocate authority and resources to levels of governance according to their levels of effectiveness.



two

Simultaneously utilize adaptation measures to “buy time”.



An adaptive governance framework provides institutions with the tools to respond dynamically to environmental changes.

three

Develop a community-based socio-ecological monitoring and assessment process.



Community-based socio-ecological monitoring engages residents in collaborative decision-making to determine when to relocate.

four

Form detailed land use plans.



Determine the location and design of new housing.

five

Provide job training according to the economic needs of resettlement location.



six

Maintain a sacred regard for community and sense of place to preserve existing social geometries.



## timeline

