

INVITATION

to the high-level seminar on  
**SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS OF  
MIGRATION AND GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE**

8 December 2011

European Commission, Berlaymont Building, Room Walter Hallstein  
Rue de la Loi 200, Brussels, Belgium

Dear Sir/Madam,

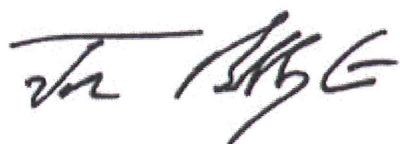
We have the pleasure of inviting you to the high-level seminar on "*Scientific Analysis of Migration and Global Environmental Change*" to be held on 8 December in Brussels. The seminar is organised jointly by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre and the UK Government Office for Science. On this occasion the UK Government Office for Science will present their recently published report on "Migration and Global Environment Change" which you can find at <http://www.bis.gov.uk/foresight/our-work/projects/current-projects/global-migration>.

The Foresight report on 'Migration and Global Environmental Change: Future Challenges and Opportunities' delivers a new understanding of migration in the face of global environmental change. International in scope, it examines potential migration patterns and the possible challenges and opportunities this will present in the future. The report identifies a wide range of issues including the management of 'trapped' populations who are unable to move; and the implications of people being as likely to move towards areas of environmental risk as they are to move away from such areas. Importantly, it concludes that migration, in certain circumstances, can assist adaptation to environmental change by enabling improvements in long-term resilience.

This seminar will present scientific analysis, from the Foresight report authors and other European/international experts, of migration and environmental change and impacts upon climate change adaptation, urbanisation, development assistance and humanitarian issues. An objective is to develop understanding at the European Commission and stakeholder level of the evidence base in relation to particular challenges for policy makers. This will provide a foundation for a further objective of the day to identify the solutions at European and international levels, and the part that science and technology will play.

We hope that you can attend the seminar and contribute to the discussions. An outline programme for the seminar is attached. Should you wish to attend, we would be grateful if you could respond directly to Ms Cynthia Dennis by 1 December 2011 at [cynthia.dennis@ec.europa.eu](mailto:cynthia.dennis@ec.europa.eu).

Yours faithfully,



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