

Preface

In recent decades much research has been done about environment and migration by separate communities of scholars. Over the past 5 years, however, there has been increasing collaboration between the experts, so that a more integrated view of the linkages between environmental change and migration is becoming available. This book, consisting of a set of papers presented at the Environmental Change, Forced Migration, and Social Vulnerability (EFMSV) Conference, held in Bonn in October 2008, illustrates some of the results of recent research.

The chapters in this book were selected on the basis of a peer-review process carried out by the Scientific Committee of the conference. A further selection of papers will be published in a special edition of the peer-reviewed journal *International Migration* focusing on migration and the environment.

We have divided the chapters of the book into five parts, although the reader will quickly note that most papers would be relevant for more than one of the topics. Overall, the chapters demonstrate the current state of the art in the study of the complex relationships between environmental change and migration, the implications of some of the issues of definitions, and the policy responses that are called for.

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