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Climate Migration's Untapped Potential in the Great Lakes Region

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ROAD MAP:

- What is Climate Migration?
 - What we know and what we don't know
 - Climate Justice lens
 - The numbers ?!
- What impacts and opportunities will we see in the Great Lakes?













Climate Mitigation

Vs.

Climate Adaptation



Continuum of Climate Mobility

1. Migration – predominantly voluntary (within and across borders)
2. Displacement – predominantly forced movement (within and across borders)
3. Planned relocation – origin side to a destination, initiated by a state or community
4. Immobile people in face of climate change – trapped populations or immobile or unwilling to move.

Climate Migration: What we know

- Internal movement vs cross-border
- No Causal linkages
- Climate Justice lens
- Preventable

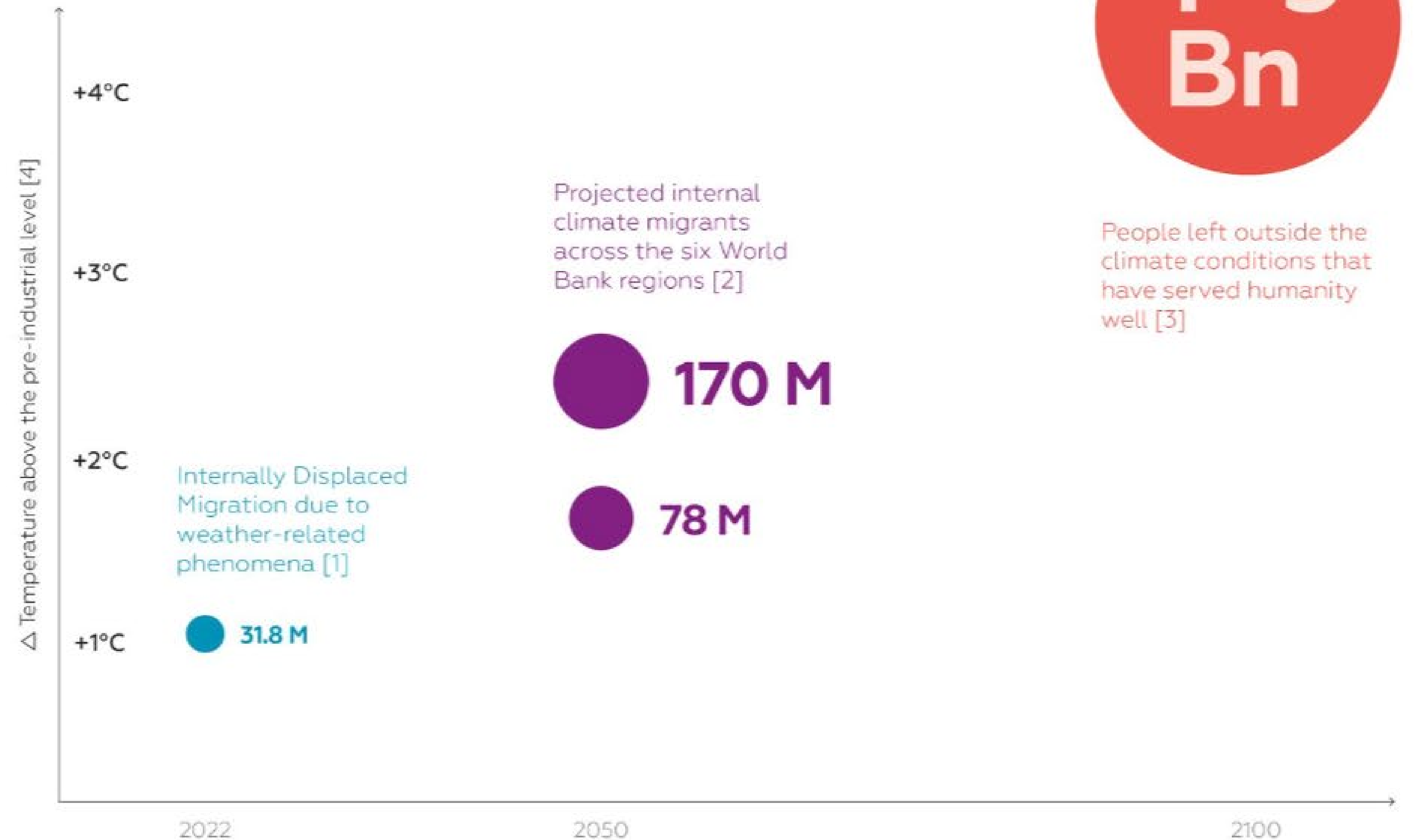
Climate Migration: What we don't know





Climate Migration – the numbers

Population Distribution in the Climate Crisis



Climate Migration: The Numbers

- Human Climate Niche
- The role of human decision making
- The numbers vary so much that the imprecision is evident
- Lack of causal relationship

Source: Climate Migration
Compendium , available at
climatemigrationcouncil.org

Proposed framing of solutions

- Help people stay – eg adapt at home and prevent displacement
- Support disaster affected people who want to or must remain in place
- Enhance mobility pathways
- Protect the rights of people who are displaced in the context of climate change
- Take Action on Global Finance Climate Policy

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The context in the Great Lakes

- Climate change will affect the Great Lakes but the region benefits from strategic advantages
- Cities, Cities, Cities.
- Labor and skills shortages are already delaying the green transition, fueling inflation, and costing businesses in lost economic output
- The economic benefits of migration are increasingly documented, yet migrants continue to face barriers to accessing decent employment – including good, green jobs.



The opportunities in the Great Lakes

- Locally-led policies / urban focus
- Transition to Green Economy
- Habitability
- Supporting migrants on the state and local level
- Climate Justice lens



Green Transition



“This time like all times is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson