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ASAP to Launch Workshop+Accelerator to Prepare Communities to Receive Climate Migrants

Three to five teams will develop models for predicting climate-induced migration to and throughout NY State.

The American Society of Adaptation Professionals (ASAP) is **launching the Climate Informed Demography Workshop and the New York State Climate Migration Modeling Accelerator** as part of their Climate Migration Project. The Accelerator, organized with support from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), seeks to act on the responsibility and opportunity to establish the foundation for socially just and environmentally sound growth in climate receiving regions. As stated by Beth Gibbons, ASAP's Executive Director, "In-migration seems to pose a tantalizing opportunity, but should this growth occur without intentional and compassionate planning it will exacerbate existing structural inequalities and further weaken social cohesion across our region. In order for communities to benefit from economic and demographic growth, it is necessary to address ongoing structural racism and injustice. ASAP is focused on accelerating interdisciplinary and applied research on climate migration to tackle these very issues."

The **New York State Climate Migration Modeling Accelerator** will support three to five multidisciplinary teams in developing models for predicting climate-induced migration to, and throughout, New York State at a variety of scales. New York is a unique jurisdiction which includes both major population centers with high climate vulnerability, and significant areas that are well positioned to be population-receiving communities under future climate conditions.

According to Rachel Jacobson, ASAP's Deputy Director, "The Accelerator will bring together expertise in climate, demography, and end-user needs to advance critical applied research. Participants will benefit from structured opportunities to share and learn across teams and from climate and demography experts. This represents a unique opportunity to highlight their work." The Accelerator will provide participants who demonstrate need with stipends of up to \$600 per individual. Applications must be submitted by a team of three to five individuals representing expertise in demography, climate impacts, and end use applications. The deadline to [apply](#) is December 10.

To kick-off these efforts ASAP will host a virtual **Climate Informed Demography Workshop** on December 3 and December 8. During this workshop, participants will convene with leading academics and practitioners working on the cutting edge of climate and demography. Workshop attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the state of interdisciplinary research on this important topic and how New York State will be impacted by climate driven population changes.

The Climate Informed Demography Workshop and the New York State Climate Migration Modeling Accelerator are part of ASAP's Climate Migration Project, an effort created to help prepare communities that will receive climate migrants by building foundational knowledge on the topic of in-migration, creating new tools that can be applied in climate-receiving regions, catalyzing additional investment and research into this

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critical area of adaptation and resilience work, and cultivating a narrative around the importance of preparing for climate-related opportunities in addition to climate risks. According to Rachel Jacobson, “Although climate migration is gaining a lot of necessary attention, preparing receiving communities is an underserved area in this field, and it needs attention, research, and action.”

About The American Society of Adaptation Professionals (ASAP)

The American Society of Adaptation Professionals (ASAP) is a nonprofit organization that supports and connects climate adaptation professionals to advance innovation in the field of practice. ASAP’s work started in 2011 with the vision of building a space for people working on climate change adaptation where they could connect with each other, share information, and build on successes while moving away from approaches that aren't working. ASAP was created as a professional society that could help bridge the geographic and sectoral gaps that naturally develop in any field-and especially in the diverse, dynamic, and emerging field of climate adaptation.

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