

Exodus

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As I have noted in this morning's video, there are very many dimensions to the climate change crisis that many people seem keen to ignore, contrary to absolutely anything that might approximate to common sense. Amongst these issues is one to which I refer quite often, which is that of climate migration.

The Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley, who has been an enormously effective advocate for emerging economies on the importance of the developed nations of the world providing appropriate funding to those emerging economies so that they might tackle climate change issues, [said after the deeply disappointing close of the COP 29 negotiations](#):

If I can't live because I can't farm because I don't have access to water ... I'm going to shift where I'm living from. So the volume of climate migration will wake up those who have been slow to see that this must be a win-win.

Mia Mottley's logic is very obviously correct. A person without water, either for themselves or to sustain the farming on which they are dependent, cannot remain where they are in the world and will have to move if they are to survive. Why so many in the world appear to be in denial about this when, simultaneously, they are obsessed about the current quite low levels of refugee migration that is taking place worldwide is extremely hard to fathom.

This issue has recently been commented upon by my Green New Deal colleague, Colin Hines, and an old mutual friend of ours, Jonathan Porritt. Jonathan was one of the founders of Friends of the Earth and the Green Party, a number of decades ago now. They have both shared concerns over population issues and the threat that this has presented to sustainability for a long time.

I have not always shared all their opinions, and there is absolutely no reason why that should be the case. However, they are seeking to draw attention to this issue in this paper, and because it may be of interest to some people here, I thought it appropriate to share it to broaden the discussion on this massively important issue which our

politicians do, at present, seem all too eager to ignore.



The file can be [downloaded from here](#).