



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE



Centering the AA and NHPI Community in the Climate Change Debate

Extreme weather and climate change are realities that NCAPA can no longer ignore, and while debates continue on the American mainland, the very real environmental impact is already being felt by communities in the Asia Pacific region. As America confronts the truth of climate change, NCAPA believes that its community's voice should be heard, and families' experiences be made visible.

Take Action to Confront the Root Causes of Climate Migration

As climate change intensifies, the global community must confront the potential future displacement of millions of people. NCAPA supports comprehensive approaches to reduce carbon emissions, and the creation of programs that support current and future refugees who have been displaced due to climate change.

Recommendations

- Equitable efforts that reduces carbon and other pollution and centers AA and NHPIs in solutions that prepare for the impact of climate change and climate migration.
- Create a refugee program for refugees displaced due to the impact of weather-related disasters, i.e. drought, famine, and rising sea levels.
- Permanently authorize the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR Program), which would provide long-term rebuilding resources, and strengthen administration of the program to ensure that low-income households, children, people with disabilities, and others affected by disasters are not left behind. After a national disaster is declared, it would fund construction or rehabilitation projects, recovery planning and administration, and pre-disaster mitigation activities.