



# Climate Change **World Vision**

## **Keynote Address: Climate Change — Asia Pacific Realities.**

This keynote discusses the “multi emergency” implications of climate change in the context of the Asia Pacific Region. The presentation demonstrates that simultaneous and/or back-to-back multi emergency response operations will likely stretch relief agency capacity well into the future. As vulnerabilities and disaster drivers converge (e.g. increasing pollution, decreasing capacity of terrestrial and oceanic sinks to draw down CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere, increasing wind storm intensity, environmental degradation, mounting population pressures, more extreme weather events, rising sea levels, etc.), multi emergencies should be understood and *expected* as the “new and normal” context for strategic and operational relief and development agency engagement.

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## **Asia Pacific Realities**

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