Migration.

Many migration policies focus on stability, regularity and control. But the experiences of migrants themselves are more uncertain, unpredictable and variable.

Migration flows are complex and multi-directional. They don’t just go one way.

People migrate for lots of reasons, and simple ‘push’ and ‘pull’ factors often don’t apply.

Focusing on migration as a ‘crisis’ ignores all the unpredictable, everyday movements that people make.

Pastoralists also view migration as a way to create reliability out of uncertainty.

Their rhythms and routes can involve multiple stops and pausing...

Loops and flows

...good networks and communications are crucial.

For pastoralists, mobility isn’t just about responding to a crisis either.

They might see an opportunity for better grazing, or have a seasonal routine of movements that can be adapted.

Migrant policies must acknowledge the real experiences of people on the move. Variability and complexity with many reasons for movement.

Living in today’s uncertain world requires movement.

Learning from those who move: food security is essential.