

Thematic Panel at the 107th Session of the Council of the International Organization for Migration
“Opportunities for Policy Development to Address Climate Migration and Cross-Border Disaster Displacement”

Tuesday, December 6th, 17:00 – 18:00

Palais des Nations (room XVII)



Participants:

Amb. Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General, International Organization for Migration

Amb. Hans-Joachim Daerr, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations in Geneva, and Chair of the Platform on Disaster Displacement

Mr. Walter Kaelin, Adviser to the Chair of the Platform on Disaster Displacement, Professor emeritus of constitutional and international law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bern

Mr. Tord Kjellstrom, Professor, Expert of Environmental and Occupational Health

Background:

This panel will discuss key opportunities for policy development to address migration in the context of climate change and cross-border disaster displacement. It will in particular showcase the efforts supported by the Platform on Disaster Displacement towards that goal.

The Platform on Disaster Displacement was established in July 2016 by the Governments of Germany and Bangladesh, as a follow up to the work of the Nansen Initiative, and to support the implementation of the recommendations made in the Nansen Agenda for the Protection of Cross-Border Displaced Persons in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change. As a Standing Invitee to the Platform’s Steering Group, IOM supports the implementation of the Platform’s Strategic Framework and Workplan.

The panel will also reflect on some of the issues around slow-onset environmental change and its consequences on human mobility, and present a recent research on the impacts of extreme heat.